



# **Sustainability Appraisal**

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

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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 Hierard	hy (Part A)	Policy Options		
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			?	?	?
	1. Healthy	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.	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.	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.
	Communities	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 NPPF promotes sustainable development and access to services and facilities. However, without a locally specific settlement hierarchy that ranks settlements based on range of existing services and facilities it is unclear if this option would locate	This option directs development towards the Market towns and larger villages containing a range of services and facilities, helping to improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	this policy option will direct development to the larger settlements but will not take into account the full range of existing services and facilities. Meaning development may not always be located in settlements with accessible services and facilities.

Policy LP1:	: Settlement Hierard	chy (Part A)	Policy Options		
SA Framew	/ork		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			?	+	?
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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.	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	The settlement hierarchy helps to ensure that housing is provided in	It is unclear at this stage what impact this policy option will have on

Policy LP1:	P1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A) Policy Options			Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork	•	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	supporting investment in people and places.	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.	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.	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.	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>₫</b>	3. Transport	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 hierarch, could result in development being	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	+/- 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,	

Policy LP1:	Settlement Hierard	hy (Part A)	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			located in smaller villages with limited services and facilities therefore increasing the need to travel by car	by car. However, some medium and smaller villages don't have regular bus services therefore increasing the use of the car.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			-	+	+
	4 Horitogo	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	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	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. Heritage,	4.2 Create places, spaces	~	~	~
	Place Making and Landscape	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	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	The settlement hierarchy directs development to larger settlements first and limited development in smaller villages, therefore helping to protect and	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 Hierard	chy (Part A)	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1 Option 2 Option 3		
			place at an inappropriate scale that could negatively impact on the character of smaller settlements	enhance the character of the villages	character of the villages
		5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~	~
	5. Resilience	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	to Climate	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~
Change and Flood Risk	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	
			?	?	?
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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.	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.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~	~

	: Settlement Hierard	chy (Part A)	Policy Options		
SA Framev	vork		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	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	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. Water	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	Resources	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	0. D. II. (i.e.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	8. Pollution and Waste	8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land 8.3 Support and enhance	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
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
<u></u>	9. Sustainable	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and	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 LP1: Settlement Hierarchy (Part A)		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	Resources	low carbon energy sources			
		9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~
		sourced building materials	This policy option is not	This policy option is not	This policy option is not
		and encourage those that	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective
		are of a sustainable form and			
		allow for re-use			

#### 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

		archy (Part B - Settlement		
Boundari SA Frame			Option 1	Option 2
OA I Idillo	- The state of the	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	
		1.2 Improve the quality,	-	+
	1. Healthy Communities	range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities):	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.	A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help ensure access to a range of local 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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
		1.4 Encourage healthy	~	~

Policy LP Boundari		archy (Part B - Settlement		
SA Frame			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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
	and Housing	,	+/-	+
	and modeling	2.3 Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	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 equirement to provide affordable housing will not be applied. Therefore this option is unlikely to provide housing that is suitable for everyone.	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
		3.1 Reduce the reliance	<u>-</u>	+
<b>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking,	Development could be located in smaller villages with limited services and facilities, therefore increasing the need to travel by car.	This policy will ensure that development is directed to existing settlements and more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities.

Policy LP Boundari		archy (Part B - Settlement		
SA Frame			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.	This policy will ensure that development is directed to existing settlements and more sustainable locations that contain a range of services and facilities.
			-	+
		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.	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.
		4.2 Create places,	-	+
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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.	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.
			-	+
		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	A policy that defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape.
	5. Resilience	5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~
	to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and	~	~

Policy LP Boundari		archy (Part B - Settlement		
SA Frame	ework		Option 1	Option 2
	Flood Risk	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
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high-grade agricultural land	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.	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
			-	+
	sites for re-development in appropriate is likely to result in more development of villages and on greenfield sites	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.	A policy which defines settlement boundaries and restricts development in the countryside will help to utilise brownfield sites for re-development.	
	6. Land Use	where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	-	+
	6. Land Use and Wildlife		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.	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.
		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.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective

	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
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 option is not relevant to 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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective  Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective  Policy option is not relevant to this objective
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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective  Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective  Policy option is not relevant to this objective
	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)  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 low carbon energy sources  9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage	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)  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 low carbon energy sources  9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and

#### **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: Developme		chy (Part C: Frontage Infill	Policy Options			
SA Framew	ork .		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
	1. Healthy Communities	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.	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.	
		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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	

Policy LP1 Developme		chy (Part C: Frontage Infill	Policy Options			
SA Framev	vork		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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		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.	Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	
		2.2 Support investment in	~	~	~	
	2 John	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.	Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	
	*		+	+/-	+/-	
	Education and Housing	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.	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	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	+	-/+	-	
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	Development on infill sites leading out of a settlement, may result in development	

Policy LP1: Developme		hy (Part C: Frontage Infill	Policy Options			
SA Framew	/ork		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.	some distance from the centre of the settlement and the local services and facilities.	
		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.	Policy option is not relevant to this objective.	
			+	-		
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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.	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	
		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	A policy that allows development outside the defined settlement boundaries is likely to result in more development on edge of villages and on greenfield	

Policy LP1 Developme		hy (Part C: Frontage Infill	Policy Options			
SA Framev			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	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.	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~	~	
	5. Resilience	vulnerability to the effects of	Policy option is not relevant	Policy option is not relevant	Policy option is not	
		climate change	to this objective	to this objective	relevant to this objective	
	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
			+	-	<u>-</u> -	
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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.	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	

Policy LP1: Settlement Hierard Development)	chy (Part C: Frontage Infill	Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		Эрлен н	G p iio ii	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 redevelopment	A policy that allows infill development on the edge of settlement within defined areas	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.	
		+	-		
	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	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.	
	6.4 Achieve net gains in	+	+	+	

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		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.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.	
	7. Water	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
	Resources	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	~	
		other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, od vibration and light)	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~	
	and Waste	pollution to the environment from contaminated land	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	Policy is not relevant to this objective	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~	
	9.	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	
<b>  1</b>	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~	
UT	Resources	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	Policy option is not relevant to this objective	

## 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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		1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, wellbeing, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	Health and wellbeing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns.  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.  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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.
	1. Healthy Communities	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	Existing services and other facilities and infrastructure are generally located in the market towns.  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.  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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.
		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	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	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	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	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	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	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

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	wild places		biodiversity net gain.	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.	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.	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.	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.
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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.	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.	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,	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option directs most new	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option concentrates new	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. Through concentrating	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. Through concentrating growth	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure Dispersing growth could help	All new development will be required to contribute to the delivery of infrastructure. The option directs growth to
		communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	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	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	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.	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.	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	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.	market towns. However, concentrating growth in the market towns may lead to a lack of investment across the rural area.			enable the delivery of new or expanded infrastructure.	
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	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.	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.  "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.
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3. Transport	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	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.	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 cardependent. 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.
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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 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 cardependent. However, large and medium villages offer some local services and some public transport services.	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.	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.
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	4. Heritage, Place	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.	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.	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.
رس	Making and	4.2 Create places,	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Landscape	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	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.  ? The effects on the landscape	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.  ? The effects on the landscape	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.  ? The effects on the landscape	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.  ? The effects on the landscape	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.  ? The effects on the landscape	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.  ? The effects on the landscape
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		5.1 Limit or reduce	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.	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.
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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.	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.	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	Penland 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.	Penland 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.	Penland 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.	Penland 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.	Penland 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.
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	? Fenland benefits from extensive high-quality agricultural land and the majority of the district's land area is in agricultural use.	? 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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	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.	The Environment Act will require all new development to achieve a net gain in biodiversity.			
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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.	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.	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.	? 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.	? 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.	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.	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.
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		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	team maintains records of potentially contaminated land. The risk of pollution from contaminated land will vary depending on the specific sites identified for development.	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	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable	~ The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable
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	9. Sustainable Resources	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.	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.	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.	
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		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.	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.	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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		1.1 Provide for an	The option provides	Health and wellbeing	The option directs the	The option directs the	Through
			a baseline of sites	services are generally	majority of growth to	majority of growth to the	concentrating
		ageing population; and	with extant planning	located in the market	the market towns,	market towns, which are	strategic-scale growth
		redress inequalities	permission only and	towns (and some large	which are best served	best served by facilities,	at the villages of
	1. Healthy Communities	related to health, well-	does not allocate	villages). The option	by facilities, and is	and is therefore given a	Eastrea, Coates and
	Communities	being, age, gender,	new sites. The option	concentrates growth in the	therefore given a	positive score.	Wimblington, the
		disability, race, faith,		market towns, with limited	positive score.		option provides
		location and income.	· ·	growth in the rural area.		However, the option	opportunity to design
		nocation and income.	the objective.	Therefore, new	However, the option	directs a greater	and coordinate the
				development will have best	directs a greater	proportion of growth	delivery of new health
				possible access to health	proportion of growth	(than GO2) to the rural	and well-being

		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	more dependent on private vehicle travel. This may limit opportunities for those	rural area have fewer services and are more dependent on private vehicle travel. This may limit opportunities for those experiencing isolation or deprivation,	services and other facilities and infrastructure as an integrated part of the development.
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1.2 Improve the quality,	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	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	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	Through
1.3 Create and enhance	~	++	+	+	++
multifunctional open space that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network	with extant planning permission only and does not allocate	be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and support the delivery of green infrastructure in	will be required to contribute to and make provision for open space and	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	open space and

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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	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.  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.	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.	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 the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington, the option provides opportunity to design and coordinate local food production (such

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		new development at the market towns, which are	The option directs most new	market towns, which are	Through concentrating
		best served by	development to the	best served by	strategic-scale growth
		infrastructure and facilities.	market towns, which	-	at Eastrea, Coates and
2.2 Support investment		This could ensure efficient	are best served by	facilities. This could	Wimblington, the
2.2 Support investment		use of existing services and		ensure efficient use of	option provides
in people, places,		infrastructure and provide	facilities. This could	existing services and	opportunity to design
communications and		footfall and investment to	ensure efficient use of	infrastructure.	and coordinate the
other infrastructure to		maintain facilities and	existing services and		delivery of new
improve the efficiency,		services in the market	infrastructure.	By providing growth	infrastructure as an
competitiveness, vitality		towns.		across most settlements	integrated part of the
and adaptability of the			By providing growth	could help provide	development.
local economy		However, concentrating	across most	footfall and investment	
		growth in the market towns	settlements could help		In other settlements
		may lead to a lack of	provide footfall and	and viability of facilities	(outside of Eastrea/
		investment within rural	• •	and services across the	Coates and
		communities.	the vitality and	district, which have in	Wimblington) GO4
			viability of facilities	the past generally	includes the same
			and services across	suffered a lack of	sites as GO3. By
			many rural	investment. Providing	providing
			communities, which have in the past	opportunity for growth in more settlements	proportionate growth
			generally suffered a	could provide choice and	across most
			lack of investment.	competition in the	provide footfall and
			Providing opportunity	market for land.	investment to support
			for growth in more	market for fulla.	the vitality and

			settlements could provide choice and competition in the market for land.		viability of facilities and services across the district, which have in the past generally suffered a lack of investment.
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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 housing requirement with an appropriate buffer.  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.  "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, may enable the delivery of a large number of homes including the provision of affordable homes. However, strategic-	allocating sites in most settlements in the district, 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.  "The supply of large numbers of new homes can often be best achieved through	in sites. Greater	The option concentrates growth in the villages of Eastrea, Coates and Wimblington at strategic-scale allocations.  "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.

	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.	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.  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.  The option also directs growth away from Wisbech, reflecting the Viability Assessment's findings of poor viability north of the A47.	+	++
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	V	vehicles and encourage	The option provides a baseline of sites	The market towns provide main locations for employment, education,	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns.	The option directs the majority of growth to the market towns. However,	Through concentrating strategic growth at the
	t a	ransport modes such as walking, cycling and	with extant planning permission only and does not allocate	retail, services and facilities. They are best served by	However, the option directs a greater	the option directs a greater proportion of	villages of Eastrea, Coates and
	Ċ	oublic transport and contribute to the safety of all highway users.	new sites.	public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure. The option concentrates	proportion of growth (than GO2) to the rural area.	growth (than GO2) to the rural area.	Wimblington the option provides opportunity to design
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				development with best access by non-private	public transport, and offers fewer services,	offers fewer services, facilities and	National Model Design Code) and to
				motor vehicle means.	facilities and employment. Therefore, new	employment. Therefore, new development in the rural area is likely to be	coordinate sustainable transport infrastructure as an
					development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent.	car-dependent.	integrated part of the development.
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and	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.	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 sitespecific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	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.	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 sitespecific requirements set out I the corresponding site allocations policy.	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	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.	H 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.		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.
	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	Other Local Plan policies require new developments to conserve landscapes and townscapes. In assessing the suitability of sites,	Other Local Plan policies require new developments to conserve landscapes and townscapes. In assessing the suitability of sites, effects on the	involves strategic growth at Eastrea/Coates and

			requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	effects on the landscape/townscape were taken into consideration, with site-specific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	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	The option provides	The greatest threat from	The greatest threat	The greatest threat from	The greatest threat
	effects of climate	a baseline of sites		from climate change	climate change to	from climate change
	change	with extant planning	is vulnerability to flooding.	to Fenland is	Fenland is vulnerability	to Fenland is
		permission only and	Extensive areas of Fenland	vulnerability to	to flooding. Extensive	vulnerability to
		does not allocate	are at risk from flooding.	flooding. Extensive	areas of Fenland are at	flooding. Extensive
		new sites.	However, there remains	areas of Fenland are at	risk from flooding.	areas of Fenland are at
			available sites in existing	risk from flooding.	However, there remains	risk from flooding.
			settlements in areas at least		available sites in existing	However, there
			risk from flooding.	remains available sites	settlements in areas at	remains available sites
				in existing settlements	least risk from flooding.	in existing settlements
			·	in areas at least risk	Therefore the extent to	in areas at least risk
				from flooding.	which new development	from flooding.
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				sequential approach	specific flood risk issues	sequential approach
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5.2 Minimise and	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 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	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	The greatest threat from climate change to Fenland is vulnerability to flooding. Extensive areas of Fenland are a 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

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					flooding, depends on		flooding, depends on
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				applied where required by	has been taken which	have been assessed	has been taken which
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				the corresponding site	been assessed through	be applied where	been assessed
				allocations policy. Strategic	the SFRA Level 1 and	required by national	through the SFRA
				policy LP32 also sets	Level 2 assessment.	policy. Where a site	Level 1 and Level 2
				requirements for new	The Exception Test will	allocation requires FRA,	assessment. The
				development to address	be applied where	this requirement is set in	Exception Test will be
				flooding issues, with further	required by national	the corresponding site	applied where
				guidance set out in the	policy. Where a site	allocations policy.	required by national
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					is set in the	for new development to	FRA, this requirement
					corresponding site	address flooding issues,	is set in the
					allocations policy.	with further guidance set	corresponding site
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					also sets requirements	and Water SPD.	Strategic policy LP32
					for new development		also sets requirements
					to address flooding		for new development
					issues, with further		to address flooding
					guidance set out in the		issues, with further
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					Water SPD.		the Cambs Flood and
							Water SPD.
6	Land Use	6.1 Minimise the	~	_	-	-	_
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and Wildlife	irreversible loss of	The option provides	Fenland has a limited	Fenland has a limited	Fenland has a limited	A key characteristic of
and wilding	undeveloped land,	a baseline of sites		supply of brownfield	supply of brownfield	this option is the
	particularly high grade	with extant planning		sites. To meet the	sites. To meet the area's	provision of strategic
	,. , , , ,	, ,		area's development		growth of the villages
	agricultural land	does not allocate	1	needs, the option	option involves the	of Eastrea and Coates,
		new sites.	1 .	involves the	development of	and Wimblington.
		new sites.	·	development of	predominantly	Each of those villages
				predominantly	greenfield land.	is surrounded by
				greenfield land.	greeniicia iana.	greenfield, high-
			High quality agricultural	greenneia iana.	High quality agricultural	quality agricultural
				High quality	land is widespread	land.
			·	agricultural land is	across the district, both	idiid.
				widespread across the	in areas surrounding	It is therefore clear
				district, both in areas	market towns and across	
				surrounding market	the rural area.	effect of the option is
			was taken into	towns and across the	Agricultural land quality	an irreversible loss of
					was taken into	undeveloped land,
			1	land quality was taken	consideration in	including high quality
			priority given to sites which		assessing the suitability	agricultural land.
				assessing the	of sites, with priority	agricultural laria.
				suitability of sites, with		
			_	priority given to sites	not high quality	
				which are not high	agricultural land.	
			loss of agricultural land is a		agi i cai cai ai i ai cai	
			_	land.	Therefore, to some	
			between sites. However,		extent loss of agricultural	
			due to the widespread	Therefore, to some	land is a 'site-specific'	
			nature of high quality	extent loss of	issue, varying between	
				agricultural land is a	sites. However, due to	
			that the cumulative effect	'site-specific' issue,	the widespread nature of	
			of the option is an	varying between sites.	high quality agricultural	
			irreversible loss of	However, due to the	land, it is clear that the	
			undeveloped land,	widespread nature of	cumulative effect of the	
			including high quality	high quality	option is an irreversible	
			agricultural land.	agricultural land, it is	loss of undeveloped	
				clear that the	land, including high	
				cumulative effect of	quality agricultural land.	
				the option is an		
				irreversible loss of		
				undeveloped land,		
				including high quality		
				agricultural land.		

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		with extant planning		brownfield sites. Most	brownfield sites. Most	brownfield sites. Most
	tes for re-development	permission only and	brownfield land is located	brownfield land is	brownfield land is	brownfield land is
		does not allocate		located in the market	located in the market	located in the market
cir	rcumstances	new sites.	•	towns. The option	towns. The option	towns. The option
				includes site	includes site allocations	includes site
			towns.	allocations in market	in market towns.	allocations in market
				towns.		towns.
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		The option provides	There are numerous	There are numerous	There are numerous	There are numerous
		a baseline of sites	designated habitats within	designated habitats	designated habitats	designated habitats
		with extant planning				within or in proximity
		permission only and	•	of Fenland, and	Fenland, and evidence of	3
		does not allocate	·	evidence of protected	•	evidence of protected
		new sites.		species across the	the district. New	species across the
			affect habitats in a range of			district. New
			,	-	habitats in a range of	development can
				affect habitats in a	ways, such as:	affect habitats in a
6:	3 Minimise and avoid			range of ways, such as:		range of ways, such as:
	here possible impacts		fragmentation		Habitat loss/	
	biodiversity and		(including loss of	Habitat loss/	fragmentation	Habitat loss/
	eodiversity, both within		functionally linked	fragmentation	(including loss of	fragmentation
	nd beyond designated		land) and effects on	(including loss of	functionally linked	(including loss of
	tes of international,		species away from	functionally linked	land) and effects on	functionally linked land) and effects
	ational or local		European Sites	land) and effects	species away from	•
	gnificance, and on		<ul> <li>Public access and disturbance: recreation</li> </ul>	on species away from European	<ul><li>European Sites</li><li>Public access and</li></ul>	on species away from European
	otected species		and visitor pressure	Sites	disturbance:	Sites
	otected species		Disturbance:	Public access and	recreation and	<ul><li>Public access and</li></ul>
			urbanisation effects	disturbance:	visitor pressure	disturbance:
			<ul> <li>Hydrological: Changes</li> </ul>	recreation and	Disturbance:	recreation and
			in water levels and	visitor pressure	urbanisation effects	visitor pressure
			flows	Disturbance:	Hydrological:	Disturbance:
			<ul> <li>Hydrological: Changes</li> </ul>	urbanisation	Changes in water	urbanisation
			in water quality	effects	levels and flows	effects
			Air pollution	Hydrological:	Hydrological:	Hydrological:
				Changes in water	Changes in water	Changes in water
			Spatial distribution of	levels and flows	quality	levels and flows
			growth is highly significant		Air pollution	Hydrological:

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				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'.		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.		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.	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. Water Resources	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.	? The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.  The effects of the option on the water environment in the context of WFD objectives have been assessed through the	? 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.

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on receiving WRCs,
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Anglian Water and the
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				emerging Local Plan.		
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		The option provides	The option concentrates	The option directs the	The option directs the	Through
		a baseline of sites	growth in the market towns		majority of growth to the	concentrating
		with extant planning	which are best served by	the market towns.	market towns. However,	strategic growth at
		permission only and	transport infrastructure,	However, the option	the option directs a	Eastrea/Coates and
		does not allocate	such as highways,	directs a greater	greater proportion of	Wimblington, the
		new sites.	footways/cycleways and	proportion of growth	growth (than GO2) to	option provides
			have greatest access to	(than GO2) to the rural	the rural area.	opportunity to design
			public transport.	area.		a scheme to be
					The rural area general	walkable (reflecting
			The market towns offer	The rural area general	has limited access to	good practice in the
			employment, education,	has limited access to	public transport, and	National Model
			leisure and shopping	public transport, and	offers fewer services,	Design Code) and to
			facilities, thereby reducing	offers fewer services,	facilities and	coordinate sustainable
	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants		the need to travel and	facilities and	employment. Therefore,	transport
			therefore have the	employment.	new development in the	infrastructure as an
8. Pollution			potential to reduce	Therefore, new	rural area is likely to be	integrated part of the
	(including air, water,		greenhouse gas emissions	development in the	car-dependent, with	development and
and Waste	soil, noise, odour,		from transport.	rural area is likely to	fewer opportunities to	therefore have the
	vibration and light)			be car-dependent,	reduce emissions	potential to reduce
	Theration and light,		Other sources of emissions	with fewer	associated with travel,	greenhouse gas
			and pollution from new	opportunities to	and may increase	emissions from
			development, such as	reduce emissions	congestion.	transport.
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			new homes, are	and may increase	Other sources of	Other sources of emissions and
			determined by building	congestion.	emissions and pollution	
			regulations.	Other sources of	from new development, such as energy	pollution from new development, such as
				emissions and	consumption of new	energy consumption
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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.	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.	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.
		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.	is not likely to have	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.	The distribution of growth is not likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.
<b>1</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	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.	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 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	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

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		therefore have the	shopping facilities,	need to travel and	transport
		potential to reduce energy	thereby reducing the	providing best	infrastructure as an
		consumption from	need to travel and	opportunity to utilise	integrated part of the
		transport.	providing best	sustainable transport	development and
		Energy consumption for	opportunity to utilise	modes – and therefore	therefore have the
		new buildings is set	sustainable transport	have the potential to	potential to reduce
		through building	modes – and therefore	reduce energy	energy consumption
		regulations.	have the potential to	consumption associated	from transport.
			reduce energy	with transport and travel.	
			consumption		Energy consumption
			associated with	However, a greater	for new buildings is
			transport and travel.	proportion of growth is	set through building
				distributed to the rural	regulations.
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			rural area (than GO2).	new buildings is set	
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	The option provides	Fenland is rich in minerals	Fenland is rich in	Fenland is rich in	Fenland is rich in
	a baseline of sites	resources associated with	minerals resources	minerals resources	minerals resources
9.2 Support the use of	with extant planning	construction. The effects on		associated with	associated with
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materials and	does not allocate	resources will depend on	effects on such	on such available local	effects on such
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## 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 Fram	SA Framework		EO1: Sites with extant permission (do Nothing)	EO2: Market Town Led	EO2A: Delivery and Supply	
•	1. Healthy Communities	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.	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.  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.	

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		The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	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	The option directs the majority of employment growth to the market towns which are best served by facilities.  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.
	1.3 Create and enhance	~	~	~
	•	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	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
	1.4 Encourage healthy	~	~	~
	choices and opportunities for the consumption of locally	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.	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.
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		The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	The option includes large and strategic-	The market towns provide the main locations for employment, education and training opportunities. The option directs the majority of employemnt growth in the market towns and therefore provides most new development

			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.	with best access to such opportunities.  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.
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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.	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.  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.
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	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.	The option identifies available sites with sufficient capacity to meet the employment requirement with an appropriate buffer.

		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.	a greater proportion of growth (than EO2) to the rural area.  The rural area general has limited access to public transport, and offers fewer services, facilities and employment. Therefore, new
<b>₽</b>		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.	development in the rural area is likely to be car-dependent.  + The option directs the majority of employment growth to the market towns. However, the option directs a greater proportion of growth (than EO2) 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.
	Ti i i oi itago,	4.1 Conserve and 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.	~  The Local Plan will require new developments to deliver high quality design, in accordance with national and strategic policies, and conserve landscapes and

			In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with sitespecific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	In assessing the suitability of individual sites, effects on the historic environment were taken into consideration, with sitespecific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.
	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.	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.
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	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 sitespecific requirements set out in the corresponding site allocations policy.	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.
	5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~	~
5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	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

		process.  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.	rather than the policy option to distribute growth. Each site submission has itself been subject to the SA process.  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.
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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	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 process.  In selecting site allocations, a sequential approach has been taken which prioritise	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

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			The option provides a baseline of sites with extant planning	Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's development	Fenland has a limited supply of brownfield sites. To meet the area's
			permission only and does not	needs, the option involves the development	development needs, the option
			allocate new sites.	of predominantly greenfield land.	involves the development of
					predominantly greenfield land.
				High quality agricultural land is widespread	
				across the district, both in areas	High quality agricultural land is
				surrounding market towns and across the	widespread across the district, both
	0 1 1 11	6.1 Minimise the irreversible		rural area. Agricultural land quality was taken into consideration in assessing the	in areas surrounding market towns and across the rural area.
	6. Land Use	loss of undeveloped land,		suitability of sites, with priority given to	Agricultural land quality was taken
<u> </u>	and Wildlife	particularly high grade		sites which are not high quality agricultural	into consideration in assessing the
		agricultural land		land.	suitability of sites, with priority
					given to sites which are not high
				Therefore, to some extent loss of	quality agricultural land.
				agricultural land is a 'site-specific' issue,	Therefore to some system land of
				varying between sites. However, due to the widespread nature of high quality	Therefore, to some extent loss of agricultural land is a 'site-specific'
				agricultural land, it is clear that the	issue, varying between sites.
				cumulative effect of the option is an	However, due to the widespread
				irreversible loss of undeveloped land,	nature of high quality agricultural
				including high quality agricultural land.	land, it is clear that the cumulative

				effect of the option is an irreversible loss of undeveloped land, including high quality agricultural land.
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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.	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	There are numerous designated habitats within or in proximity of Fenland, and evidence of protected species across the district. New development can affect habitats
	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.	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.	Water consumption rates are set through building regulations and unlikely to be affected by the distribution of development.
7. Water		~	?	?
	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.	The Water Framework Directive (as transposed into UK law) legislates against the deterioration of water bodies.
A B 11 41	8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	~
8. Pollution and Waste	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	Land contamination was considered through the site assessment process. Priority was given to sites

		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.	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.
		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.	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.
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	likely to have measurable effects on opportunities for the	The distribution of employment 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.
<u></u>	9. Sustainable	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	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

		consumption from transport. Energy consumption for new buildings is set through building regulations.	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.
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sourced building materials	of sites with extant planning permission only and does not allocate new sites.	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 &	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.

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## 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.

Policy LP4	Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
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	1. Healthy	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 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: 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.	
	Communities		~	~	~	
		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 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	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.	

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
			policies.		
			~	~	~
		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 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: 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.
		1.4 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 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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	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	2.1 Help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	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	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.

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future		Policy Options			
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	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: 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	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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<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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.	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.	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	~/+	~/+	~

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
SA Framew	VOTK	new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	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.	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	Policy option will have neutral effect on this objective.
			The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.	alone may be limited, hence mixed score.	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	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.	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.	This policy option has a negligible effect 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	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,	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	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	
		townscape character	though positive outcomes are more likely and certain in combination with other relevant Local Plan policies.	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	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.  The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.	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.  The impact of this policy alone may be limited, hence mixed score.	Policy option will have neutral effect on this objective.
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	~	~
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	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.  Score is not significant positive, as this policy alone is not likely to	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.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
			deliver significant outcomes: significant outcomes are likely in combination with the Local Plan policies listed in the policy.		
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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	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.	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.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
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•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	6.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	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	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	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.

A Framework    Option 1	Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future		Policy Options		
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6.4 Achieve net gains in ~/+ ~/+ ~		where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity, both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and on protected species	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.	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.	

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future			Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		biodiversity and create and	Policy embeds sustainable	Policy embeds sustainable	This policy option has no
		enhance an ecological	development principles	development principles into	effect upon this objective.
		network that is resilient to the	into Local policy. The	Local policy. The	
		effects of climate change	environmental	environmental sustainability	
			sustainability objective is	objective is likely to have	
			likely to have positive	positive effects in relation to	
			effects in relation to the	the protection and/or	
			protection and/or	enhancement of habitats and	
			enhancement of habitats	species. Mixed score as this	
			and species. Mixed score	policy alone is not likely to	
			as this policy alone is not	deliver positive outcomes:	
			likely to deliver positive	positive outcomes are likely	
			outcomes: positive	in combination with other	
			outcomes are likely in	Local Plan policies.	
			combination with other		
			Local Plan policies.		
			~/+	~	~
			Adaptation measures may	This policy option has no	This policy option has no
			minimise water	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.
		7.1 Minimise water	consumption. Mixed score		
		consumption and encourage	as extent to which policy		
		re-use	will deliver positive		
	7. Water	10 400	benefits on its own is		
			uncertain: positive		
	Resources		outcomes more likely and		
			certain in combination with		
			other Local Plan policies.		
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and	~	~	~
		seek opportunities to	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no
		enhance water quality in	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.
		rivers and other water bodies			
	8. Pollution	8.1 Reduce emissions of	+	~	~

Policy LP4: Securing Fenland's Future		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	and Waste	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	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.  Score is not significant positive, as this policy alone is not likely to deliver significant outcomes: significant outcomes: significant outcomes are likely in combination with the Local Plan policies listed in the policy.	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	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	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>1</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	+ Policy requires minimisation, mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change: policy	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
	supports increase in		
	renewable energy		
	generation, improvements		
	in energy efficiency, and		
	reductions in emissions.		
	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.		
9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~
sourced building materials	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no
and encourage those that	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.
are of a sustainable form and			
allow for re-use			

## 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	
		1.1 Provide for an ageing	The proposed policy includes the requirement to ensure that housing	++ A health and wellbeing policy will score significant positive effects for an ageing	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	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	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.	
	1. Healthy Communities	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 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	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 Wellbe	ing		Policy Options	
SA Framew	vork		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	+ The proposed policy includes requirements for the provision of open space and green infrastructure resulting in	+ A health and wellbeing policy will result in positive effects Create and enhance multifunctional open space that is accessible. Larger	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	positive effects.	schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.	
		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 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	+/?  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. Jobs,	2.1 Help people gain access	The proposed policy scores positive effects by	A health and wellbeing policy could include requirements	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	Education and Housing	to a range of employment, education and training opportunities	helping people gain access to a range of employment opportunities as the policy includes requirements about creating opportunities for	to help people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health	

Policy LP5	: Health and Wellbe	ing		Policy Options	
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			employment in accessible locations	requirements.	
		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	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	The proposed policy includes requirements to creating sufficient homes, in the right location, and of the right mix to meet people's needs	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>₹</b>	3. Transport	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 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	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	The proposed policy includes requirements for the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure	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 Wellbe	ing	Policy Options				
SA Framew			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
				permeability. Larger schemes will be specifically assessed against health requirements.			
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and	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		
	Flood Risk	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~		
	i ioou ixisk	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~		
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Policy LP5	: Health and Wellbe	eing		Policy Options	
SA Framev			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	and Wildlife	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			~	~	~
		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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	~
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP5	: Health and Wellbe	ing	Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~	
	9.	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
<b>  1</b> /	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~	
	Resources	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	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 <u>does not</u> 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 <u>does</u> 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 <u>does not</u> 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 <u>does</u> 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 ow 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.
  - o 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 L Infrastru	P6: Renewable ar	nd Low Carbon	Policy Options				
SA Fram	nework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	1. Healthy	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, wellbeing, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
	Communities	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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	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			Policy Options		
Infrastructure	0 0 1	0.00	0 ( 0	0 0 1	0 " 5
SA Framework	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
ensure all grou	ıps				
thrive in safe					
environments					
1.3 Create and		~	~	~	~
enhance	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no
multifunctional	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this
open space that	at is objective	objective	objective	objective	objective
accessible, linl	ks .				
with a high qua	ality				
green					
infrastructure					
network and					
improves					
opportunities for	or				
people to acce					
and appreciate					
wildlife and wil					
places					
1.4 Encourage	~	~	~	~	~
healthy choice	s This policy has no	This policy has no			
and opportunit	ies effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this
for the	objective	objective	objective	objective	objective
consumption of	f			,	
locally produce					
food by					
maintaining an	d				
enhancing the					
provision of					
allotments,					
community					
orchards and					

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

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Infrastru								
SA Fram	nework		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.	such development will result in benefits to the local economy.	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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	
		3.1 Reduce the	~	~	~	~	~	
<b>₹</b>	3. Transport	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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	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	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	

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Infrastru SA Fram			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	effect upon this objective	effect upon this objective	effect upon this objective	effect upon this objective		
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, 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 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, 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, 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.	h / -  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		

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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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	

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SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	
	and local distinctiveness of townscape character	++ Policy approach includes a	++ Policy approach includes a	++ Policy approach includes a	++ Policy approach includes a	+ National policy (para 174) affords	
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	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.	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.	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.	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.	protection to the natural environment and valued landscapes.	
5.	5.1 Limit or reduce	+/++	++	+/++	++	-/+/?	

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Infrastructure		On the section	01:0	0 = 1 = = 0	On the section	Ontinu 5	
SA Framework	1 1 1111 1 11	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	
Resilience	vulnerability to the	The positive policy	The positive	The positive policy	The positive policy	A policy approach	
to Climate	effects of climate	approach to	policy approach	approach to	approach to	whereby there is	
Change	change	renewable energy	to renewable	renewable energy	renewable energy	no specific local	
		development	energy	development	development	policy on wind	
and Flood		supports shift away	development	supports shift away	supports shift away	turbine	
Risk		from reliance on	supports shift	from reliance on	from reliance on	development, and	
		fossil fuels,	away from	fossil fuels,	fossil fuels,	specifically no	
		minimisation of	reliance on fossil	minimisation of	minimisation of	identification of	
		greenhouse gas	fuels,	greenhouse gas	greenhouse gas	sites/ broad areas	
		emissions and	minimisation of	emissions and	emissions and	suitable/	
		encourages the production of	greenhouse gas	encourages the	encourages the	potentially suitable	
			emissions and	production of	production of	for wind turbine	
			encourages the	renewable forms of	renewable forms of	development	
		energy. Positive	production of	energy. Positive	energy. Therefore	means that no	
		benefits are	renewable forms	benefits are	major positive	wind turbine	
		expected in	of energy.	expected in	benefits are	development	
		relation to this	Therefore major	relation to this	expected on this	(requiring	
		objective, though	positive benefits	objective, though	objective.	planning	
		lack of wind turbine	are expected on	lack of wind turbine		permission) can	
		sites/ areas may	this objective.	sites/ areas may	Safeguarding	take place ( <i>unless</i>	
		mean that effects		mean that effects	existing/ approved	sites are allocated	
		are not as	Safeguarding	are not as	renewable energy	via a	
		significant as they	existing/	significant as they	infrastructure, in	neighbourhood	
		could be.	approved	could be.	terms of its	plan, and currently	
			renewable energy		technical	here are no	
		Safeguarding	infrastructure, in	Safeguarding	performance,	neighbourhood	
		existing/ approved	terms of its	existing/ approved	potential for	plans in Fenland	
		renewable energy	technical	renewable energy	optimisation and	that do so). This	
		infrastructure, in	performance,	infrastructure, in	availability of	will result in	
		terms of its	potential for	terms of its	resource, supports	continued reliance	
		technical	optimisation and	technical	reduced reliance	on fossil fuels.	

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

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Infrastru							
SA Fram	ework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
							reliance on fossil
							fuels continues.
			+	+	+	+	~
			Policy approach	Policy approach	Policy approach	Policy approach	The NPPF (para
			includes specific	includes specific	includes specific	includes specific	152) requires that
			criteria to ensure	criteria to ensure	criteria to ensure	criteria to ensure	the planning
		5.2 Minimise and	that the impacts	that the impacts	that the impacts	that the impacts	system take 'full
			(direct, indirect,	(direct, indirect,	(direct, indirect,	(direct, indirect,	account of flood
		wherever possible remove the	individual, and	individual, and	individual, and	individual, and	risk' and para 159
		vulnerability of	cumulative) of a	cumulative) of a	cumulative) of a	cumulative) of a	provides that
		•	proposal on areas	proposal on areas	proposal on areas	proposal on areas	inappropriate
		people, places and	at risk of flooding	development in			
		property to the risk	are or can be	areas at risk of			
		of flooding from all	made acceptable.	made acceptable.	made acceptable.	made acceptable.	flooding should be
		sources					avoided by
							directing
							development
							away from areas
							at highest risk.
			++	++	+	+	+
			Additional policy	Additional policy	Local Plan policy	Local Plan policy	NPPF para 174
			criteria in relation	criteria in relation	Development in	Development in	requires the
		6.1 Minimise the	to solar	to solar	the Countryside	the Countryside	recognition of the
		irreversible loss of	development	development	would apply and	would apply and	benefits of the
	6. Land Use	undeveloped land,	seeks to protect	seeks to protect	afford protection to	afford protection to	best and most
T	and Wildlife	particularly high	the best and most	versatile			
		grade agricultural	versatile	versatile	versatile	versatile	agricultural land.
		land	agricultural land.	agricultural land.	agricultural land.	agricultural land.	
			This will help to	This will help to			
			minimise the loss	minimise the loss	Criteria in relation	Criteria in relation	
			of agricultural land	of agricultural	to	to	

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Infrastructure			1 oney 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.	land 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.	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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	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,	Policy approach includes a requirement for impacts (direct, indirect, individual and cumulative) of development upon biodiversity	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, 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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Infrastructure						
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	on protected	or to be made,	and geodiversity	or to be made,	or to be made,	
	species	acceptable. Mixed	to be, or to be	acceptable. Mixed	acceptable. Mixed	
		minor positive	made, acceptable.	minor positive	minor positive	
		major positive	Mixed minor	major positive	major positive	
		effects are	positive major	effects are	effects are	
		predicted, as the	positive effects	predicted, as the	predicted, as the	
		policy is not	are predicted, as	policy is not	policy is not	
		requiring net gain,	the policy is not	requiring net gain,	requiring net gain,	
		rather the	requiring net gain,	rather the	rather the	
		protection of	rather the	protection of	protection of	
		existing	protection of	existing	existing	
		biodiversity and	existing	biodiversity and	biodiversity and	
		geodiversity.	biodiversity and	geodiversity.	geodiversity.	
		However, in	geodiversity.	However, in	However, in	
		making the	However, in	making the	making the	
		impacts of a	making the	impacts of a	impacts of a	
		proposal	impacts of a	proposal	proposal	
		acceptable, there	proposal	acceptable, there	acceptable, there	
		is potential for	acceptable, there	is potential for	is potential for	
		some net gain.	is potential for	some net gain.	some net gain.	
			some net gain.			
		Decommissioning		Decommissioning	Decommissioning	
		element of policy	Decommissioning	element of policy	element of policy	
		requires	element of policy	requires	requires	
		consideration of	requires	consideration of	consideration of	
		biodiversity net	consideration of	biodiversity net	biodiversity net	
		gain so would also	biodiversity net	gain so would also	gain so would also	
		result in positive	gain so would	result in positive	result in positive	
		impact.	also result in	impact.	impact.	
			positive impact.			
	6.4 Achieve net	~/+/?	~/+/?	~/+/?	~/+/?	~/+/?

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

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Infrastructure				Tolloy 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	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective	This policy has no effect upon this objective
		~ / + / ++	~ / ++	~ / + / ++	~ / ++	+
8. Pollution and Waste	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,	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	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,	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 unless sites are allocated via a neighbourhood
		however the lack	plan period.	however the lack	pian penou.	plan, and currently

Policy LP6: Renewable and Low Carbon			Policy Options		
Infrastructure	0 " 1	0.410	0 ( 0		0 " 5
SA Framework	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
	of sites/ areas		of sites/ areas	Mixed score as no	here are no
	identified for wind	Mixed score as no	identified for wind	certainty that such	neighbourhood
	turbine	certainty that	turbine	development will	plans in Fenland
	development may	such development	development may	take place.	that do so).
	limit the benefits,	will take place.	limit the benefits,		However, policy
	hence mixed		hence mixed		approach would
	score.		score.		not preclude the
					development of
	Mixed score as no		Mixed score as no		other forms of
	certainty that such		certainty that such		renewable energy
	development will		development will		technology, hence
	take place.		take place.		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.
8.2. Reduce the	~	~	~	~	~
risk of pollution to	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no
the environment	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this
from contaminated	objective	objective	objective	objective	objective

Policy L	P6: Renewable ar	nd Low Carbon			Policy Options		
SA Fram			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
OA I I all	lowork	land	Ορασί 1	Option 2	Ορασί σ	Ορασί 1	Option o
		8.3 Support and	~	~	~	~	~
		enhance	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no	This policy has no
		opportunities for	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this	effect upon this
		the reduction,	objective	objective	objective	objective	objective
		reuse and	,				
		recycling of waste					
			~/+/++	~/++	~/+/++	~ / ++	-/+/++/?
			Positive approach	Positive approach	Positive approach	Positive approach	National policy is
			to renewable	to renewable	to renewable	to renewable	supportive of
			energy will	energy will	energy will	energy will	renewable and
			encourage and	encourage and	encourage and	encourage and	low carbon energy
			enable the	enable the	enable the	enable the	
			development of	development of	development of	development of	
			such infrastructure	such	such infrastructure	such infrastructure	development yet restricts the development of wind turbines:
		9.1 Reduce energy	and increase the	infrastructure and	and increase the	and increase the	
	0	consumption and	supply and use of	increase the	supply and use of	supply and use of	while positive
	9.	increase the use of	renewable and low	supply and use of	renewable and low	renewable and low	outcomes are
<b>  1</b>	Sustainable	renewable and low	carbon energy	renewable and	carbon energy	carbon energy	likely, the effects
<u> </u>	Resources	carbon energy	sources.	low carbon	sources.	sources.	may not be
		sources		energy sources.			significant.
		Sources	Positive benefits		Positive benefits	Safeguarding	
			are expected in	Safeguarding	are expected in	existing/ approved	Without local
			relation to this	existing/	relation to this	renewable energy	policy protecting
			objective, though	approved	objective, though	infrastructure, in	existing /
			lack of wind turbine	renewable energy	lack of wind turbine	terms of its	approved
			sites/ areas may	infrastructure, in	sites/ areas may	technical	infrastructure
			mean that effects	terms of its	mean that effects	performance,	there is risk of
			are not as	technical	are not as	potential for	negative impact
			significant as they	performance,	significant as they	optimisation and	when the material

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

Policy LP6: Renewable and Infrastructure	d Low Carbon			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	
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	1. Healthy Communities	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 Deign 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.	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.	?/~ 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	Part D of the proposed policy includes requirements to improve the accessibility of local services and facilities by a range of transport modes.	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:	Policy LP7: Design Policy Options				
SA Framew	ork		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.	Part F of the proposed Policy includes requirements to ensure access to public open space for all and maximising opportunities to delivery tress, biodiversity and green infrastructure.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
7-7	3. Transport	3.1 Reduce the reliance on	+	+	?
G <sub>N</sub> O		private motor vehicles and	National policy and	Part D of the proposed	It is unclear what effect an

Policy LP7: Design Policy Options					
SA Framew			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	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.	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	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	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
			+	+	++
	4. Heritage, Place Making	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.	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	A detailed design policy for an area could have a significant effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets.
1 11111	and	4.2 Create places, spaces	~	++	++
	Landscape	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.	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	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 on

Policy LP7	: Design		Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				local distinctiveness of townscape character	creating places, spaces and buildings that contribute to 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	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.	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	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
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+/?	+	?
	5. Resilience to Climate	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	Part E of the proposed policy includes requirements to Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	It is unclear what effects a specific design policy could have on limiting climate change.
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~
	Flood Risk	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	+/~	~
9	6. Land Use and Wildlife	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	Part C of the proposed policy includes requirements to make efficient use of land	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	Part C of the proposed policy includes requirements to make efficient use of land	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	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	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			~	++	~
	7. Water Resources	7.1 Minimise water consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	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,	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP7	: Design	Policy Options			
SA Framev			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
				dust and other sources	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	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	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>1</b>	9. Sustainable	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	Resources	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	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	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 Frame	work		Option 1	Option 2	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	1. Healthy		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Communities	1.3 Create and enhance	?	+	
	Communities	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.	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.	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision		n	Policy Options		
SA Frame	work		Option 1	Option 2	
		community orchards and			
		farmers' shops and markets			
		2.1 Help people gain	~	~	
		access to a range of	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
		employment, education	objective	objective	
		and training opportunities			
		2.2 Support investment in	~	~	
	2. Jobs,	people, places,	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
	Education	communications and other	objective	objective	
(B)		infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness,			
	and Housing	vitality and adaptability of			
		the local economy			
		2.3 Help provide decent			
		and affordable homes that	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
		meet the various needs of	objective	objective	
		all in appropriate locations	Objective	objective .	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	~	~	
	3. Transport	private motor vehicles and	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
		encourage more	objective	objective	
		sustainable transport			
		modes such as walking,			
		cycling and public transport			
<b>₫</b>		and contribute to the safety			
		of all highway users.			
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all	~	~	
		new developments can be	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
		accessed by a variety of	objective	objective	
		transport modes and			
		provide permeability			
	4 11aultana	4.1 Conserve and where	This policy entire has no impact year this	This policy entire has no impact upon this	
	4. Heritage,	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their	This policy option has no impact upon this	This policy option has no impact upon this	
	Place Making	setting and the wider	objective	objective	
[ <del>       </del>	and	historic environment			
	Landscape	4.2 Create places, spaces	~	+/?	
	_anacoapo	and buildings that are	This policy option has no impact upon this	The preferred policy includes requirements	
<u> </u>		and buildings that are	This policy option has no impact apoin this	The preferred policy illelades requirements	

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options		
SA Frame			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  4.3 Retain the distinctive	objective	to ensure adequate amenity for living and storage needs	
		character of Fenland's landscape	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	5. Resilience	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	
	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	
		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>Y</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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP8: Amenity Provision			Policy Options		
SA Frame			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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	7. Water	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	
	Resources	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	
	O. Dallari'ara	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	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	
		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	
<u></u>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	

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

# **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 Annex	es	Policy Options	
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2
		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 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
		1.2 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1. Healthy	1.3 Create and enhance	~	~
	Communities	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
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP9: Residential Annexes			Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	vork		Option 1	Option 2	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	
		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>₽</b>	3. Transport	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	
		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	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Landscape	4.2 Create places, spaces	~	+	
	Lariacoupe	and buildings that are attractive and well designed,	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option sets out clear criteria in relation to size and design of any	

Policy LP9	: Residential Annex	es	Policy Options		
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	
		contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character		proposed development. This should result in minor positive effects	
		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	
	5. Resilience	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	
	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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 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	
•		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	
		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	

Policy LP9	: Residential Annex	es	Policy	Options
SA Framew	ork e		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	7. Water	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
	Resources	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
	8. Pollution and Waste	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
		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
		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
<u>†</u>	9. Sustainable Resources	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
		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

# 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 Framew	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	1. Healthy		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	Communities		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP1 Canopies	0: Shop Frontages,	Security Shutters and	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	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: S Canopies	Shop Frontages,	Security Shutters and	Policy Options		
SA Framework	k		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
La	andscape			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
			?	+	++
		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 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
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~	~
5.	. Resilience		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
to	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~
c		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~
6.	6. Land Use	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	nd Wildlife		~	~	~
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in			

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies			Policy Options			
SA Framev	work		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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~	
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~	
	and Waste	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	9.	9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~	

Policy LP10: Shop Frontages, Security Shutters and Canopies		Policy Options			
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Sustainable Resources	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	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	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 Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	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 policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	1. Healthy	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 policy sets out requirements to create safe environments and to prevent crime.	+	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		1.3 Create and enhance	~	~	~
Comm	Communities	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	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,	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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 Framew			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	affordable hon the various ne	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
(A)	3.1 pri en tra wa tra the use 3.2 ne acc tra	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	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	The proposed policy includes requirements to maintain and enhance permeability and connectivity of a site to aid surveillance and security.	+ The design policy includes requirements to improve permeability which could result in minor positive effects.	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP1	1: Community Safet	sy .	Policy Options				
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
	Landscape	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no		
		landscape	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective		
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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  This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		

Policy LP1	1: Community Safe	ty	Policy Options				
SA Framew	vork		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~		
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~		
	and Waste	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~		
( <del>1</del> +)	9. Sustainable	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	Resources	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~		
		sourced building materials	This policy option has no	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		impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
		are of a sustainable form and				
	allow for re-use					

#### **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: Housing	Meeting Housing N	leeds - Part A: Affordable	Policy Options				
SA Framew	ork .		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
			+	+	+		
	1. Healthy Communities	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	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	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	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		
		1.2 Improve the quality,	~	~	~		
		range and accessibility of	This policy option is not	This policy option is not	This policy option is not		
		services and facilities (e.g.	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective		
		health, transport, education,					
		training, leisure opportunities					
		and community activities);					
		and ensure all groups thrive					

Policy LP1 Housing	: Meeting Housing I	Needs - Part A: Affordable	Policy Options				
SA Framev	vork		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
		2.2 Support investment in	~	~	~		
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	Access to appropriate good quality housing is a direct determinant of health and wellbeing. Therefore, providing homes which are	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: Housing	: Meeting Housing N	leeds - Part A: Affordable	Policy Options				
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
			area will make a beneficial contribution to this objective.	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.	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>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
		4.1 Conserve and where	~	~	~		
	4 Horitage	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic	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. Heritage,	4.2 Create places, spaces	~	~	~		
	Place Making and Landscape	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	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 LP1 Housing	: Meeting Housing I	Needs - Part A: Affordable	Policy Options				
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
		character of Fenland's landscape	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. Resilience	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
		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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
	6. Land Use	6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~	~		
	and Wildlife	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
	7. Water	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~		

Policy LP1 Housing	: Meeting Housing	Needs - Part A: Affordable	Policy Options				
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
	Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	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 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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~		
	and Waste	pollution to the environment from contaminated land	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	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		
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~		
	9.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective		
<b>  1</b>	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~		
ш	Resources	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	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).

	P2: Meeting Housin ing Standards High		Policy Options						
SA Fram	ework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	
			+	?	-	+	-	+	
	1. Healthy Communities	1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.	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	? 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	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	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	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	
			longer. The provision of affordable		in unsuitable accommodation, which could	accommodation to move into accommodation	users will have to remain in unsuitable	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	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	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	

	P2: Meeting Housining Standards High		Policy Options					
SA Fram			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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		2.1 Help people	~	~	~	~	~	~
	2. Jobs,	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	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	Education	2.2 Support	~	~	~	~	~	~
	and Housing	investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency,	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

	P2: Meeting Housin		Policy Options					
SA Fram			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	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.	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	~	~	~	~	~	~
<b>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more	This policy option is not relevant to this	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

	P2: Meeting Housiring Standards High		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.	objective	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		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		4.1 Conserve	~	~	~	~	~	~
	4. Heritage,	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	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
1111		4.2 Create	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Making and Landscape	places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed, contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

	P2: Meeting Housin		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	~ This policy					
		character of Fenland's landscape	option is not relevant to this objective					
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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  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	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  This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	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
٠	and winding	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re- development in appropriate	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

	P2: Meeting Housiring Standards High		Policy Options					
	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	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	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	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
		7.1 Minimise	~	~	~	~	~	~
	7. Water	water consumption and encourage re-use	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	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	
		8.1 Reduce	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	emissions o greenhouse gasses and other polluta (including ai water, soil, noise, odou	noise, odour, vibration and	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	and Waste	risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	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	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	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	
	9.	9.1 Reduce	~	~	~	~	~	~	
<b>1</b>	Sustainable Resources	energy consumption and increase the	This policy option is not relevant to this	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	objective	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 reuse	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	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	3: Custom Build and	uild and Self Build Policy Options			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		1.1 Provide for an ageing	+ The proposed policy option	+ The proposed policy	
	population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender,	population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location	should have a positive effect on this objective by providing dwellings which are tailor made for the specific needs of individuals	option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing dwellings which are tailor made for the specific needs of individuals	
		1.2 Improve the quality,	?	?	
	1. Healthy Communities	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	It is unclear what effect this option 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP13	3: Custom Build and	d Self Build			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
			+	+	
		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	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	
			+	+	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	
			+	++	
		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	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	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	~	~	
<b>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

	3: Custom Build and	d 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective			
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective			
	4 Haultone	4.2 Create places, spaces	?	+			
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing buildings that are attractive and well designed			
		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			
	5. Resilience	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			
	to Climate	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~			
	Change and Flood Risk	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			
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~			
T							

Policy LP13	3: Custom Build and	d Self Build			
SA Framework			Option 1	Policy Options Option 2	
	and Wildlife	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	
			+	+	
		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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by providing redevelopment opportunities for custom and self-build homes	
		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	
			+	+	
		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 contributing to BNG requirements in particular circumstances	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to BNG requirements in particular circumstances	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Resources	7.2 Avoid deterioration and	~	~	
	Nesources	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	

Policy LP13	3: Custom Build an	d Self Build			
SA Framework			Option 1	Option 2	
	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	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	
		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>↑</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no	
		and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	

## 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			
<b>SA Framew</b>	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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	This option will likely assist in addressing inequalities
	1. Healthy	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	This option will likely lead to improved access to health and education facilities, greenspace and leisure activities and provide safe environments
	Communities	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP14 Showpeopl		ellers and Travelling	Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			
		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	This option will improve access to education facilities by locating sites appropriately
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	Having a criteria-based policy will likely lead to improved provision of appropriate housing	This option will likely lead to significantly improved provision of appropriate housing as it allocates sites
_		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	?	+	++
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	This option will encourage more sustainable transport modes and contribute to highway safety by locating sites appropriately including through allocated sites
		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	This option will encourage access by a variety of transport modes by locating sites appropriately including

Policy LP14 Showpeopl		vellers and Travelling		Policy Options	
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
					through allocated sites
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		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	This option will assist in retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape including through allocated sites
		5.1 Limit or reduce	?	+	++
	5. Resilience to Climate	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	This option will assist in limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by locating sites appropriately including through allocated sites
	Change and		?	+	++
	Flood Risk	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	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

Policy LP1 Showpeop		vellers and Travelling	Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	This policy option has no	~ This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
	6. Land Use	6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~	~	
	and Wildlife	where possible imposts to	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~	
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	~	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

Policy LP14: Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		Policy Options			
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		vibration and light)			
		9.2. Reduce the rick of	~	~	~
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~
9.	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
<b>  1</b> /	Sustainable Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

## **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 LP1	5: Employment		Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1 Option 2		
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for a greater range of job opportunities and income	
		1.2 Improve the quality,	+	+	
	1. Healthy Communities	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping improve the range and quality of facilities and services	
		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	
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing	

	5: Employment			Policy Options	
SA Framew	vork		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	employment opportunities in 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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing a range of employment opportunities and locations	
		2.2 Support investment in	+	+	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and 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 by providing employment and training opportunities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities	
			?	-	
₫ <sup>7</sup> 0	3. Transport	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	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	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all	?	-	
		new developments can be	It is unclear what effect	The proposed option may	

Policy LP1	5: Employment			Policy Options	
SA Framew			Option 1	Option 2	
		accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	having this policy option will have on this objective	have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging growth in areas which will not be the most sustainable in transport terms	
			+	+	
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing employment and training opportunities for conserving and enhancing heritage assets	
			+	+	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	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	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive	?	?	
		character of Fenland's landscape	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing growth in areas which may not be the most	

Policy LP1	5: Employment		Policy Options		
SA Framew			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	? It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	
		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	? It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	
			+	+	
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging redevelopment in existing employment areas	
	6. Land Use	6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~	
<u> </u>	and Wildlife	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	
		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	New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG	
	7. Water	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	

Policy LP1	5: Employment			Policy Options	
SA Framev	vork		Option 1	Option 2	
	Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	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	
		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	
		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>1</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	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	
		9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials	+ The proposed option will	+ The proposed option will	

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

## **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	3: Town Centres		Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1 Option 2		
	population; inequalities well-being, a disability, ra	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having strong a town centre first message thereby helping address inequalities	
		4. O because the annuality	+	++	
	1. Healthy Communities	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	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	
		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	
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a	

Policy LP16: Town Centres			Policy Options		
SA Framew	/ork		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	strong town centre first message thereby creating opportunities for the consumption of locally produced food	
		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 having a strong town centre first message	+ The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and 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 by ensuring new homes are provided in appropriate locations including town centres	? It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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 having a strong town centre first message	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message	
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on	

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	this objective by having a strong town centre first message where a variety of transport modes are more likely	
			+	+	
		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	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	
	4. Heritage,		+	+	
	Place Making and Landscape	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	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	
		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	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	+	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	vulnerability to the effects of climate change Climate ange and	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	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	

Policy LP	16: 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	
			+	+	
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by having a strong town centre first message where the redevelopment of sites may be most appropriate	
Y		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	
		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	
	7. Water	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	

Resources    Consumption and encourage re-use   Consumption and encourage re-use   This policy option has no impact upon this objective	Policy Options		
re-use impact upon this objective impact upon this objective  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 impact upon this objective			
seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies  8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including  This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective			
greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including  This policy option has no impact upon this objective  This policy option has no impact upon this objective			
air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)			
8. Pollution and Waste  8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land  8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land  7. This policy option has no impact upon this objective impact upon this objective			
8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste			
+ +			
9. Sustainable Resources  9. The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by prioritising town centres accessible by a range of transport modes the reby providing a reduction in the reliance on private cars and petrol consumption  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			
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 impact upon this objective			

## 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 Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities
	1. Healthy Communities	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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and 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	? 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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping create and enhance multifunctional open space
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on

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	this objective helping enhance the provision of allotments and community orchards
		2.1 Holp poople gain access	?	+	+
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for education facilities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for education facilities
		2.2 Support investment in	+	+	++
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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 a range of infrastructure facilities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in a range of infrastructure facilities	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in a range of infrastructure facilities
			+	+	+
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring new homes have access to a range of community facilities
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	+	+	+
<b>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for walking and cycling facilities
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking

Policy LP1 Facilities	7: Culture, Leisure,	Tourism and Community	Policy Options		
SA Framew	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		permeability	locate new facilitates accessible by a variety of transport modes	locate new facilitates accessible by a variety of transport modes	to locate new facilitates accessible by a variety of transport modes
		4.1 Conserve and where	?	?	?
		appropriate, enhance	It is unclear what effect	It is unclear what effect	It is unclear what effect
		heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	having no policy will have on this objective	having this policy option will have on this objective	having this policy option will have on this objective
	4 11	4.2 Create places, spaces	?	?	?
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	?	?	?
	5. Resilience	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	It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective
	to Climate	5.2 Minimise and wherever	?	+	+
	Change and Flood Risk	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 facilitates in appropriate locations	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to locate new facilitates in appropriate locations
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	7. Water	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP17: Culture, Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities		Policy Options			
SA Framev	vork		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	9. Sustainable Resources  9. Sustainable and low carbon energy sources 9.2 Support the use of locall sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form an	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

## 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 Framew	ork	-	Option 1	Option 2	
	1. Healthy Communities	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	? It is unclear what effect this policy option will 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	? It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	? It is unclear what effect this policy option will 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	? It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	? It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing a range of employment opportunities in countryside locations	
		2.2 Support investment in	+	+	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places and infrastructure	
			-	-	
		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	This policy option may have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	-	-	
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	
		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	This policy option will have a negative impact on this objective by encouraging development in unsustainable locations	
	4. Heritage,	4.1 Conserve and where	?	+	
	4. пенкауе,	appropriate, enhance	It is unclear what effect	The proposed option will	

Policy LP1	Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	Place Making and Landscape	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	having this policy option will have on this objective	have a positive effect on this objective by taking heritage qualities into account	
		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	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	? It is unclear what effect having this policy option will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by taking the open nature of the countryside into account	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	The proposed option will have a negative impact on this objective by allowing development in areas which are not the most 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	+ The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by protecting where possible	

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		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 redevelopment of existing sites	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by allowing the re-development of existing sites	
		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	
		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	New development should have a positive impact on this objective by increasing BNG	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Resources	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	
	8.1 Reduce emissions of	-	-		
	8. Pollution and Waste	B. Pollution greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including	The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing	The proposed option may have a negative impact on this objective by allowing	

Policy LP18: Development in the Countryside		Policy Options			
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	
		vibration and light)	developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption	developments in unsustainable locations thereby continuing a reliance on private cars and petrol consumption	
		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	
		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>★</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	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	
		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	

## **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			
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities
	1. Healthy	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities
	Communities	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping create and enhance multifunctional open space
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective helping enhance the provision of

Policy LP19	9: Strategic Infrastr	ucture	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork .		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			allotments and community orchards
		•	?	?	+
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure to access these opportunities
		2.2 Support investment in	-	+	++
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure investment in relevant places
			?	+	+
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing decent homes in appropriate locations
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	?	+	++
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing walking, cycling and public transport facilities away from the site
		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	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by providing for a range of transport modes
	4. Heritage.	4.1 Conserve and where	~	~	~
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Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Place Making and Landscape	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	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	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed option will have some positive effect on this objective by helping to create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping to create places, spaces (including the public realm) and buildings that are attractive and well designed
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	-	?	+
	5. Resilience to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	It is likely this option will have a negative effect on this objective	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure e.g. for sustainable modes of travel to help mitigate the effects of climate change
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and wherever	?	?	+
	Flood Risk	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	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing infrastructure in appropriate locations to realise these objectives
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	This option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	~

Policy LP19: Strategic Infrastructure		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			This option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~
	7 14/24	consumption and encourage re-use	This option has no impact upon this objective	This option has no impact upon this objective	This option has no impact upon this objective
	7. Water		?	?	+
	Resources	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option will have on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by providing for any infrastructure that will enhance water quality
			?	?	+
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	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
		8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~

Policy LP1	9: Strategic Infrastr	ucture		Policy Options	
SA Framev	vork		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			?	?	+
		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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on by providing for any infrastructure that will help realise this objective
			?	?	+
<u></u>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	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
		9.2 Support the use of locally	This policy entire has as	This policy entire has as	This policy option has as
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

# 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			
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by helping address inequalities
		1.2 Improve the quality,	+	+	++
	1. Healthy	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by improving the accessibility of services and facilities	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving the accessibility of services and facilities
	Communities	1.3 Create and enhance	+	+	+
	that is acces a high quali infrastructur improves or people to ac		The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring multifunctional open space is accessible by walking and cycling	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring multifunctional open space is accessible by walking and cycling	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

rk		Option 1	Ontion 2	Ontion
		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and 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.	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective.	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
0 lobo	2.2 Support investment in	+	+	+
Education and Housing	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure	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	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective
	3.1 Reduce the reliance on	+	?	++
3. Transport	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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
		+	+	++
	accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	have a positive effect on this objective	have a positive effect on this objective	The proposed option will have a significantly positive effect on this objective
4. Heritage.	4.1 Conserve and where	?	?	?
	and Housing	to a range of employment, education and training opportunities  2. Jobs, Education and Housing  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.  3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	2. Jobs, Education and Housing  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.  3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability  have a positive effect on this objective.  † The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure  † The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  † The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	2. Jobs, Education and training opportunities  2. Support investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy  2. Help provide decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations  3. Transport  2. Lest people gain access to a range of employment, education and training opportunities  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective.  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective by supporting investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure  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  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  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective  The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport			Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Place Making and Landscape	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 this policy option will have on this objective	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	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	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
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	?	+
	5. Resilience to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	The proposed option will have a positive effect on this objective	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~
	Flood Risk	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	~

Policy LP20: Accessibility and Transport			Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	7. Water	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	Resources	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	+	?	++
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.3 Support and enhance	~	~	~

Policy LP2	0: Accessibility and	d Transport	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1 Option 2 Option 3		Option 3
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			+	?	+
<b>↑</b>	9. Sustainable	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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
	Resources	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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	Policy LP21: Public Rights of Way		Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
		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 should have a positive effect on health and well-being by increasing access to greenspace and leisure activities	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		4.0 km man at the man life	+	?	
-	1. Healthy Communities	services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive in safe environments	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	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	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

	1: Public Rights of \	Way		Policy Options	
SA Framew	ork e		Option 1	Option 2	
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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 should have a positive effect on the local economy by providing a good network of public rights of way which will be positive assets for people and places	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
<b>₹</b>	3. Transport	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 policy should have a positive effect on encouraging more sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling by increasing access to greenspace and leisure activities	? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on ensuring that all new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and	It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	

	1: Public Rights of \	Way		Policy Options	
SA Framew	vork		Option 1		
			provide permeability		
		4.1 Conserve and where	+	?	
		appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing heritage assets and their settings	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
			+	?	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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 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	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
			+	?	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape by allowing greater access to the countryside	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	-	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	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	It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	

	1: Public Rights of	Way	Policy Options			
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		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		
			~	~		
		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		
	6 Land Hea	6.3 Minimise and avoid	~	~		
	6. Land Use and Wildlife	Lally USC	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~		
	7. Water	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	Resources	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		

Policy LP2	1: Public Rights of	Way		Policy Options	
<b>SA Framew</b>	/ork		Option 1	Option 2	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	9 Pollution	air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)			
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	
	and Waste	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	
		8.3 Support and enhance	~	~	
		opportunities for the	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
		reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	
		consumption and increase	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
	9.	the use of renewable and	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
		low carbon energy sources			
	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	
	Resources	sourced building materials	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
		and encourage those that	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
		are of a sustainable form and allow for re-use			

## **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	
	1. Healthy Communities	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 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.	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
		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	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	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 LP3	: Parking Provision		Policy Options		
SA Framev			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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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  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>₹</b>	3. Transport	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.	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 LP3:	Parking Provision		Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
			-	+	+
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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.	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.
		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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
to C	5. Resilience	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	to Climate	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~ ′	~ ′	~
	Change and Flood Risk	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

Policy LP3	Parking Provision		Policy Options		
SA Framew			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		sources			
		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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
7	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
		6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and	This policy option is not	This policy option is not	This policy option is not
		enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective	relevant to this objective
	7. Water Resources	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	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	8. Pollution	8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	++

Policy LP3:	Parking Provision		Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	and Waste	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	The policy promotes electric car usage by requiring electric charging points within new developments and new parking provision. Helping to reduce emissions.
		8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	~
		pollution to the environment from contaminated land	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	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
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~
	9.	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective
	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~
	Resources	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	This policy option is not relevant to this objective

## **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	3: Historic Environn	nent		Policy Options	
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	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,	? It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	? It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective		
		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	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	
	1. Healthy	1.3 Create and enhance	+	+	
	Communities	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on contributing to the green infrastructure network and natural environment	
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

	3: Historic Environn	nent			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1 Option 2		
		farmers' shops and markets			
		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	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	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	
		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>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		new developments can be accessed by a variety of	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	

	3: Historic Environn	nent	Policy Options		
SA Framev			Option 1	Option 2	
		transport modes and provide permeability			
		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	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	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by contributing to a high-quality public realm	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	? It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by helping protect the setting of heritage assets	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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 redevelopment	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining buildings with their embodied energy rather than allowing opportunities for redevelopment	
		5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	

Policy LP23	B: Historic Environr	nent			
SA Framew	ork		Policy Options 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	
		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	
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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 protecting trees and retaining natural areas around heritage assets	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by protecting trees and retaining natural areas around heritage assets	
		The state of the s	+	+	
		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 retaining and providing habitats for biodiversity including protected species	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining and providing habitats for biodiversity including protected species	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and	~	~	

Policy LP2	3: Historic Environr	nent	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork .		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	
		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	
		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>1</b>	9. Sustainable Resources	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to use sustainable and locally sourced materials in appropriate circumstances	

# **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	l: Natural Environm	nent	Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1 Option 2		
		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	? It is unclear what effect this option 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	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities	
	1. Healthy	1.3 Create and enhance	+	+	
	Communities	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on providing 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	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this option would have on this objective	

	4: Natural Environm	ent	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1 Option 2		
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	
		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>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	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,	The proposed policy option should have a significant positive effect on conserving and	

Policy LP2	4: Natural Environm	nent	Policy Options		
SA Framew			Option 1	Option 2	
	Landscape		their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances	enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment in particular circumstances	
		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	The proposed policy option should have a significant positive effect on this objective by contributing to a high-quality public realm	
			+	++	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by protecting and enhancing natural assets	The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by protecting and enhancing natural assets	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	+	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by protecting the amount and types of biodiversity and protected species	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by protecting the amount and types of biodiversity and protected species	
	Flood Risk	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	
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	
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Policy LP2	4: Natural Environm	ent	Policy Options		
SA Framew	/ork		Option 1 Option 2		
	and Wildlife	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	
			?	?	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	It is unclear what effect the policy option will have on this objective	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species	The proposed policy option should have a significant 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	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	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	
		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	
	7. Water		+	++	
	Resources	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	The proposed policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and	

Policy LP2	4: Natural Environi	ment	Policy Options		
SA Framev	vork		Option 1 Option 2		
				other water bodies	
	8. Pollution	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	+ The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants	
	and Waste  8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land  8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the  This part of the service of the service opportunities for the o	pollution to the environment	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
<b>1</b>	9. Sustainable	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources 9.2 Support the use of locally	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	Resources	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	

## **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	
	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 policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
	1. Healthy	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on improving the quality and range of leisure opportunities and community activities	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on improving the quality and range of leisure opportunities and community activities
	Communities	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	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	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards

	5: Biodiversity Net (	Gain	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		orchards	
	to a range of employ education and train opportunities  2. Jobs, Education and Housing  2. Jobs, Education infrastructure to imperficiency, competitivitality and adaptable local economy  2.3 Help provide deaffordable homes the the various needs of	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  ? It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  + The proposed policy should have a positive effect on investment in and improvements to the local economy	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  + 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<u>₹</u>	3. Transport	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment 4.2 Create places, spaces	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	_anacoape	and buildings that are	Having no policy will not	The proposed policy	The proposed policy should

Policy LP2	5: Biodiversity Net	Gain	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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	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	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by making more land available for nature	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by making more land available for nature
		5.1 Limit or reduce	-	+	++
	5. Resilience to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by increasing the amount and types of biodiversity
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and wherever	~	~	~
	Flood Risk	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			?	+	++
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by utilising more undeveloped land for nature	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by utilising more undeveloped land for nature
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	?	?	?

Policy LP2	5: Biodiversity Net	Gain	Policy Options				
SA Framev	vork		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	It is unclear what effect the having policy option will have on this objective	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by improving and providing nature sites and assisting protected species	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	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	7. Water		?	+	++		
	Resources	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by assisting in enhancing water quality in rivers and other water bodies	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	?	+	++		
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions	The proposed policy should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by helping reduce emissions of		

Policy LP25: Biodiversity Net Gain			Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		vibration and light)		of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~	
	9.	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
<b>  1</b> /	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~	
	Resources	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	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.

SA Framework  Option 1 Option 2 Option 3 Option 4  1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.  1. Healthy Communities  Option 1 Option 2 Option 3 Option 4  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.  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.  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.	Policy LF	Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon		Policy Options				
1.1 Provide for an ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.  1. Healthy Communities  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  1.3 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.4 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.5 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.6 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.7 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.8 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.9 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and  1.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and	Sequestration			Tolley Options				
ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, well-being, age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income.  1. Healthy Communities  2. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.  3. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.  4. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.  5. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.  6. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.  8. This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4		
transport, education, training, leisure opportunities and community activities); and ensure all groups	SA Fram	1. Healthy	ageing population; and redress inequalities related to health, wellbeing, 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);	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.	

Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon			Policy Options				
Seques							
SA Fram	ework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
		environments					
		1.3 Create and	+	+	+/?	~	
		enhance	Potential for positive	Potential for positive	Potential for positive	This policy option has no	
		multifunctional open	impacts as preservation	impacts as preservation	impacts through nature-	effect upon this objective.	
		space that is	or enhancement of peat	or enhancement of peat	based solutions which		
		accessible, links with a	soils/ carbon sinks may	soils/ carbon sinks may	may consequently result in benefits to wildlife.		
		high quality green	consequently result in benefits to wildlife.	consequently result in benefits to wildlife.	in benefits to wildlife.		
		infrastructure network	beliefits to wildlife.	benefits to wilding.	There is uncertainty due		
		and improves			to the policy offering		
		opportunities for people			'material weight in		
		to access and			favour', as opposed to		
		appreciate wildlife and			setting specific		
		wild places			requirements.		
		1.4 Encourage healthy	~	~	~	~	
		choices and	This policy option has	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
		opportunities for the	no effect upon this	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	
		consumption of locally	objective.				
		produced food by					
		maintaining and					
		enhancing the					
		provision of allotments,					
		community orchards					
		and farmers' shops and					
		markets					
		2.1 Help people gain	~	~	~	~	
		access to a range of	This policy option has	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
	2. Jobs,	employment, education	no effect upon this	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	
	Education	and training	objective.				
	and Housing	opportunities					
		2.2 Support investment	~	~	~	~	
		in people, places,	This policy option has	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	

Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon			Policy Options			
Sequest	tration			. only	o pilono	
SA Fram	ework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
		communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy  2.3 Help provide decent and affordable	no effect upon this objective.  This policy option has no effect upon this	effect upon this objective.  This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.  This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.  This policy option has no effect upon this objective.
		homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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 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.
		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 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.
	4. Heritage,	4.1 Conserve and	~	~	~	~
	Place Making and Landscape	where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting	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.

Policy LP26: Carbon S Sequestration	inks and Carbon	Policy Options			
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	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.
	4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	Policy approach will result in the protection and/ or enhancement of landscape character via protection and enhancement of peat soils / carbon sinks.	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. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	5.1 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change	+ / ++  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	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.

Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon Sequestration	Policy Options				
SA Framework	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
	will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions.  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.	positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions.  Policy effects not likely to be as significant as policy option 1, as policy approach does not include carbon sequestration considerations.	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.  There is also uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as oppose to setting specific requirements.		
	+	+	~	~	
5.2 Minimise and wherever possible remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all sources	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.	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.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	This policy option has no effect upon this objective.	
6. Land Use 6.1 Minimise the	+	+	~	~/+	
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Policy LP26: Carbon Sin Sequestration	ks and Carbon	Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
and Wildlife	irreversible loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	The policy approach seeks to protect peat soils from development in the first instance.	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 redevelopment in appropriate circumstances	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	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	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.	

Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon Sequestration	Policy Options			
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. +/? This policy approach is expected to result in	t/? This policy approach is expected to result in	+/? Nature based solutions likely to result in	+ National policy seeks to protect and enhance the
6.4 Achieve net gains in biodiversity and create and enhance an ecological network that is resilient to the effects of climate change	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.	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.	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.	natural environment (paras 174 to 188).  Therefore minor positive impacts are likely.
7. Water 7.1 Minimise water	+/-/?	+/-/?	+/?	~

Policy LP26: Carbon Sin Sequestration	ks and Carbon		Policy (	Options	
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	The impacts of this policy approach on this objective are expected to be mixed minor positive minor negative uncertain.  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.  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).	The impacts of this policy approach on this objective are expected to be mixed minor positive minor negative uncertain.  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.  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).	This policy option may result in positive impact, depending on the nature-based solution used.  Though 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.
	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities	This policy option has	~ This policy option has no	~ This policy option has no	This policy option has no
	to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	no effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.	effect upon this objective.

Policy L	Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon		Policy Options				
Seques				1 Oney	Options		
SA Fram	ework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	
	8. Pollution and Waste	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	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.  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.  Minor positive effects are predicted, increasing to major positive from the	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.  Minor positive effects are predicted, increasing to major positive from the medium term.	h/?  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.  There is uncertainty due to the policy offering 'material weight in favour', as opposed to setting specific requirements.	-//?  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).  Lack of clear, defined national policy could result in unnecessary and unmanaged release of carbon.	
			medium term.	~	~	~	
		8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	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.	
		8.3 Support and	~	~	~	~	
		enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	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.	

Policy LP26: Carbon Sinks and Carbon Sequestration			Policy Options				
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4		
	9.	9.1 Reduce energy consumption and increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy sources	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.	
<b>1</b>	Sustainable Resources	9.2 Support the use of locally sourced building materials and encourage those that are of a sustainable form and allow for reuse	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.	

### **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 Framew	amework Option 1 Option 2 C		Option 3		
		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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on redressing inequalities related to health and well being	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on redressing inequalities related to health and well being
		1.2 Improve the quality,	?	+	++
	1. Healthy	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	nge and accessibility of rvices and facilities (e.g. alth, transport, education, ining, leisure opportunities d community activities); d ensure all groups thrive	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on improving the quality of leisure opportunities and community activities	
	Communities	1.3 Create and enhance	-	+	++
	multifunctio that is acce a high quali infrastructu improves of people to ac	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	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	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	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	The proposed policy option should have a positive effect on	This policy option should have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing

Policy LP2	7: Trees and Plantin	ng	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards	the provision of allotments and community orchards
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	This policy option should improve the attractiveness of streets and open spaces and help encourage active travel	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting	Having no policy will not assist in realising this	+ This policy option should assist in conserving and	++ This policy option should significantly assist in

Policy LP27: Trees and Planting		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	and Landscape	and the wider historic environment	objective	enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	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	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	The proposed policy 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	The proposed policy 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
			?	+	+
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	It is unclear what effect the having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining and enhancing the character of the landscape	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by retaining and enhancing the character of the landscape
		5.1 Limit or reduce	-	+	+
	5. Resilience to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	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	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
	Change and	5.2 Minimise and wherever	-	+	+
	Flood Risk	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	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to sustainable drainage and the stabilisation of flood	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

Policy LP27: Trees and Planting		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
				defence infrastructure in particular circumstances	circumstances
		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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective
		6.3 Minimise and avoid	-	++	++
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity,	Having no policy will not assist in realising this objective	This policy option should have a significantly positive effect on this objective by improving and providing habitats for nature and assisting protected species	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	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	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
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		7.2 Avoid deterioration and	?	+	+

Policy LP2	7: Trees and Plantin	ng	Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	vork		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	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to the cleansing and enhancement of water bodies and water quality	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by contributing to the cleansing and enhancement of water bodies and water quality
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	?	+	+
	8. Pollution	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	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by reducing and mitigating against greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants	This policy option should have a positive effect on this objective by reducing and mitigating against greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants
	and Waste	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	It is unclear what effect this policy option will have on this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~
	9.	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>  1</b> 7+	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	~
	Resources	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	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 LP2	8: Landscape		Policy Options			
SA Framew	/ork		Option 1			
		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 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective		
	1. Healthy Communities	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 encouraging a high-quality green infrastructure network 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 having no policy will have on this objective	+ The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by seeking to retain and enhance allotments including those		

	8: Landscape				
SA Framew	ork .		Policy Options Option 1 Option 2		
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		on the edge of settlements	
		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	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging investment in appropriate places	
			?	+	
		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 policy will have a positive effect on providing decent and affordable homes in appropriate locations	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	~	~	
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	
		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	
	A Haultona	4.1 Conserve and where	?	++	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed policy will have a significantly positive effect by helping to conserve and where	

Policy LP28	8: Landscape		Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1 Option 2		
	Landscape	4.2 Create places, spaces	?	appropriate, enhance heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	
		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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by taking the local landscape character into account	
			-	++	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	This option will have a negative effect on this objective	The proposed policy will have a significantly positive effect on this objective by taking the local landscape character into account in new development proposals	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	?	+	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by retaining valued local landscapes and providing a more sustainable pattern of development	
	Flood Risk	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	
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	?	+	

Policy LP28: Landscape			Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1 Option 2			
and Wildli	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	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		
		?	+		
	6.2 Utilise brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances	It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging alternative sites for development rather than on valued local landscapes		
		?	+		
	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 having no policy will have on this objective	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		
		?	+		
	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 will have on this objective	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		
7. Water	7.1 Minimise water	~	~		

Policy LP2	8: Landscape		Policy Options		
SA Framew	/ork		Option 1 Option 2		
	Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	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	It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by controlling development close to established water courses	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	-	+	
	9 Dollution	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on this objective by controlling light pollution in rural areas	
	8. Pollution	8.2. Reduce the risk of	~	~	
	and Waste	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	
		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	
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	
	9.	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>  1</b>	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	
ب	Resources	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	

# 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 Infrastruct	ure	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1 Option 2		
	1. Healthy Communities	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 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 would have on this objective  ? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective  It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing inequalities relating to health and well being  + The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities and community activities  ++ The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing a high-quality green infrastructure network	
		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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards	

	9: Green Infrastruct	ure			
SA Framew	/ork		Option 1 Option 2		
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets		as part of a green infrastructure network	
2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  ? It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective  + The proposed policy will have a positive effect on the local economy by creating and maintaining a green infrastructure network		
		local economy  2.3 Help provide decent and		Hetwork	
		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	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	?	+	
<b>₹</b>	private mode encourage transport mode walking, cy transport at the safety of	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 would have on this objective	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on encouraging walking and cycling by creating functional green corridors and open space networks	
		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	
			?	+	
	4. Heritage, Place Making and Landscape	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on protecting / enhancing heritage assets by ensuring adequate green infrastructure provision	

	9: Green Infrastruct	ure	Policy Options		
SA Framew	/ork		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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on creating high-quality built environments by ensuring adequate green infrastructure provision	
			?	+	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	?	++	
	5. Resilience to Climate	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	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	
	Change and		?	++	
	Flood Risk	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on reducing the risks of flooding by helping to create multifunctional areas of green infrastructure	
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	-	+	
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	loss of undeveloped land, particularly high grade agricultural land	It is likely that having no policy would have a negative impact on this objective	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising the loss of undeveloped land	
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	~	~	

Policy LP2	9: Green Infrastruct	ure	Policy Options		
SA Framev			Option 1 Option 2		
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	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	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising and avoiding impacts on designated nature sites 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	It is likely that having no policy would not contribute to this objective	The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on achieving net gains in biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network	
		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	
	7. Water		?	+	
	Resources	7.2 Avoid deterioration and seek opportunities to enhance water quality in rivers and other water bodies	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	The proposed policy should result in an improvement in water quality by helping to create functional areas of green infrastructure	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	

Policy LP2	9: Green Infrastruct	ure		Policy Options	
<b>SA Framew</b>	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	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	
	9.	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	
	Sustainable Resources	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	

# 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 Spaces	0: Local Green Spac	ce and Other Existing Open	Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	1. Healthy Communities	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on access to greenspaces and leisure activities  + The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving facilities and leisure opportunities by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development  ++ The proposed policy will have a significant positive	? It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on access to greenspaces and leisure activities  ? It is unclear what effect having no policy will have on access to greenspaces and leisure activities  Having no policy will not contribute to creating and	
		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	effect on creating and enhancing multifunctional open space by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development  ++  The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on protecting valued green spaces from	enhancing multifunctional open space	

Policy LP3	0: Local Green Spac	ce and Other Existing Open		Policy Options	
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and farmers' shops and markets	inappropriate development	green space assets from inappropriate development	
		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	
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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 will have a positive effect on encouraging investment by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development and enhancing the quality of places	Having no policy will not contribute to encouraging investment and enhancing the quality of places	
		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	
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	+	-	
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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 policy will have a positive effect on encouraging more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling and walking by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development	Having no policy will not contribute to encouraging more sustainable modes of travel such as cycling and walking	
		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	
	4. Heritage,	4.1 Conserve and where appropriate, enhance	+ The proposed policy will	- Having no policy will not	

Policy LP30: Local Green Space and Other Existing Open Spaces		Policy Options			
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	
	Place Making and Landscape	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	have a positive effect on enhancing heritage assets by protecting local green spaces and therefore the setting of certain heritage assets	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	The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating attractive places that contribute to the public realm by protecting valued green spaces	Having no policy will not contribute to creating attractive places that contribute to the public realm or maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	
			+	-	
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on retaining the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	Having no policy will have a negative impact on retaining the distinctive character of the landscape	
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	-	
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	vulnerability to the effects of climate change	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on limiting and reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development	Having no policy will not 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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on reducing the risk of flooding, by protecting local green spaces from	Having no policy will not help minimise or remove the vulnerability of people, places and property to the risk of flooding from all	

Policy LP3 Spaces	0: Local Green Spa	ce and Other Existing Open	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on minimising the irreversible loss of undeveloped land by protecting valued green spaces from inappropriate development	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		6.2 Miniming and avoid	++		
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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 will have a significant positive effect on minimising /avoiding adverse impacts on habitats and protected species by protecting valuable green space from development	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	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	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. Water	7.1 Minimise water	~	~	

Policy LP3 Spaces	0: Local Green Spa	ce and Other Existing Open	Policy Options		
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2		
	Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing the sources of water pollution and improving the water quality of rivers, drains, other water bodies and groundwater, by maintaining its filtration effects	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
			+	~	
	8. Pollution and Waste	8.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour, vibration and light)	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing water and air pollution by maintaining filtration effects and providing opportunities for particle fixing and absorption by protecting valuable green space from development	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	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	
	9.	9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	
<b>T</b>	Sustainable	consumption and increase the use of renewable and	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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		
	Resources	low carbon energy sources			
		9.2 Support the use of locally	~	~	
		sourced building materials	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	
		and encourage those that	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	
		are of a sustainable form and			
		allow for re-use			

### 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	1: Open Space and	Recreational Facilities	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on reducing inequalities relating to health and well being
	1. Healthy	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on improving the quality, range and accessibility of leisure opportunities and community activities
	Communities	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	The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating and enhancing a high-quality green infrastructure network
		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	+ The proposed policy will have a positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments and community orchards

Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities			Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		community orchards and farmers' shops and markets			as part of a comprehensive open space and green infrastructure network
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on the local economy by creating and maintaining a comprehensive open space and green infrastructure network
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>₫₺</b>	3. Transport	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on encouraging walking and cycling by creating functional green corridors and open space networks
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage,	4.1 Conserve and where	?	?	+
	Place Making and	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	The proposed policy will have a positive effect on protecting / enhancing

Policy LP3	1: Open Space and	Recreational Facilities	Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Landscape	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	The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on creating high-quality built environments by ensuring adequate open space provision
			?	?	+
		4.3 Retain the distinctive character of Fenland's landscape	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	It is unclear what effect having no policy would have on this objective	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on this objective by encouraging a greater provision of open space areas
		5.1 Limit or reduce	?	+	++
	5. Resilience	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	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
	to Climate		?	+	+
	Change and Flood Risk	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 multifunctional areas of open space which can incorporate sustainable drainage	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on reducing the risks of flooding by helping to create multifunctional areas of open space which can incorporate sustainable drainage
	6. Land Use	6.1 Minimise the irreversible	?	+	+
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Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	and Wildlife	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	The proposed policy should have a positive effect on minimising the loss of undeveloped land
			~	~	~
		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	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	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	The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on minimising and avoiding impacts on designated nature sites 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	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	The proposed policy should have a significant positive effect on achieving net gains in biodiversity and creating and enhancing an ecological network
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	7. Water		-	+	+
	Resources	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	The proposed policy should result in an improvement in water quality by helping to create multi-functional areas of open space

Policy LP31: Open Space and Recreational Facilities		Policy Options			
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, on vibration and light)  8. Pollution and Waste  8.2. Reduce the risk of pollution to the environment of the environment of the pollution to the environment of the contaminated land opportunities for the reduction, reuse and	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		• •	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	9. Sustainable Resources	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

### **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	2: Flood Risk and W	/ater Management	Policy Options		
SA Framew	ork	_	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		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 policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			+	+	+
	1. Healthy Communities	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	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	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  1.4 Encourage healthy	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	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	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
		choices and opportunities for	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no
		the consumption of locally produced food by	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective

Policy LP3	2: Flood Risk and W	ater Management	Policy Options		
SA Framew	vork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		maintaining and enhancing the provision of allotments, community orchards and 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>₫</b>	3. Transport	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4. Heritage, Place Making and	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP32: Flood Risk and Water Management		Policy Options			
SA Framew		•	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	Landscape	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	+	++	++
	5. Resilience to Climate	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	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	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on limiting or reducing vulnerability to the effects of climate change
	Change and		+	++	++
	Flood Risk	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	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	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on reducing the risk of flooding
		6.1 Minimise the irreversible	~	~	~
•	6. Land Use los par	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	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		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	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	Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a positive effect on this objective	
	7. Water Resources	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	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	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	The proposed policy will have a significant positive effect on improving water quality and reducing the sources of water pollution,	t++ Implementing more detailed water management requirements would also have a significant positive effect on improving water	

Policy LP32	2: Flood Risk and V	Vater Management	nagement Policy Options		
<b>SA Framew</b>	ork		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
			and Water SPD	such as requiring new developments to protect the water environment	quality and reducing the sources of water pollution
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	~	~	~
	O. Dallatian	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	8. Pollution and Waste	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		9.1 Reduce energy	~	~	~
	9. Sustainable Resources Sourced and endare of a	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
<b>1</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	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			
<b>SA Framew</b>	SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	population; and redress inequalities related to health well-being, age, gender,	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	This policy option will have a significant 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 opportunitie and community activities); and ensure all groups thrive	services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities	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	This policy option will have a significant benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments
	Communities		~	+	++
	that is accessible, links with a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	a high quality green infrastructure network and improves opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	This policy option will have a significant benefit in creating and enhancing multifunctional open space that links with a high quality green infrastructure network
		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination		Policy Options			
SA Framew			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		the provision of allotments, community orchards and 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		2.2 Support investment in	~	~	~
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	people, places, communications and other infrastructure to improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	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	This policy option will have a significant benefit in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations
		3.1 Reduce the reliance on	~	~	~
<b>₽</b>	3. Transport	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	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	4 Horitogo	4.1 Conserve and where	~	~	~
	4. Heritage,	appropriate, enhance	This policy option has no	This policy option has no	This policy option has no

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	Place Making and	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective	impact upon this objective
	Landscape	4.2 Create places, spaces and buildings that are attractive and well designed,	Having no policy will not assist in contributing to a	This policy option will have some benefit in contributing	This policy option will have significant benefit in
		contribute to a high quality public realm and maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness of townscape character	high-quality public realm	to a high-quality public realm	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		5.1 Limit or reduce	~	~	~
	5. Resilience	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	to Climate Change and Flood Risk	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		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	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective
•	6. Land Use		-	+	++
	and Wildlife	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 redevelopment in appropriate circumstances	This policy option will have significant benefit in utilising brownfield sites for re-development in appropriate circumstances
		6.3 Minimise and avoid	_	+	++
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Policy LP33	3: Development on tion	Land Affected by	Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
	biodiversity and geodiver both within and beyond designated sites of international, national or local significance, and or	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	This policy option will have significant benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity 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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~	
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	-	+	+	
2004		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	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective	
	8. Pollution			+	++	
	and Waste	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	This policy option will have significant benefit in reducing the risk of pollution to the environment from contaminated land	
		8.3 Support and enhance	<u>-</u>	+	++	

Policy LP33: Development on Land Affected by Contamination		Policy Options			
SA Framev	vork		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	This policy option will have significant benefit in achieving this objective
	9.	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
11	Sustainable	9.2 Support the use of locally	?	+	+
	Resources	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	This policy option will have some benefit in achieving this objective

## 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	
OA ITAINEW	1. Healthy Communities	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 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 redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being	This policy option will have a benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being  + This policy option will have a benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments  - This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option will have a benefit in redressing inequalities in relation to health and well being  + This policy option will have a benefit in ensuring all groups thrive in safe environments  - 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	This policy option will have a benefit in achieving this objective	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			
	2. Jobs, Education and Housing	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	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 impact having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels
			-	+	+
		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 a benefit in providing decent and affordable homes that meet the various needs of all in appropriate locations	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	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.	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have a benefit in helping reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport	This policy option will have a benefit in helping reduce the reliance on private motor vehicles and encourage more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport
		3.2 Seek to ensure that all	<del>-</del>	+	+
		new developments can be accessed by a variety of transport modes and provide permeability	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have a benefit in contributing to this objective	This policy option will have a benefit in contributing to this objective
	4 Havitage	4.1 Conserve and where	-	+	+
	4. Heritage,	appropriate, enhance	Having no policy will not	This policy option will	This policy option will have

Policy LP34: Air Quality		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
	Place Making and Landscape	heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment	assist in achieving this objective	have benefit in enhancing heritage assets, their setting and the wider historic environment by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels	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	This policy option will have benefit in contributing to a high-quality public realm	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
	5. Resilience to Climate Change and Flood Risk	5.1 Limit or reduce	-	+	+
		vulnerability to the effects of climate change	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
•	6. Land Use and Wildlife	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		6.2 Utilise brownfield sites	?	+	+

Policy LP34: Air Quality		Policy Options			
SA Framework		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	
		for re-development in appropriate circumstances	It is unclear what impact having no policy will have on this objective	This policy option will have benefit in utilising brownfield sites for redevelopment in appropriate circumstances as it could reduce the need to travel by private motor vehicle	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	Having no policy will not assist in achieving this objective	This policy option will have some benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity and on protected species	This policy option will have some benefit in minimising and avoiding where possible impacts to biodiversity and geodiversity 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	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	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
		7.1 Minimise water	~	~	~
	7. Water Resources	consumption and encourage re-use	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
		8.1 Reduce emissions of	-	+	+
	8. Pollution and Waste	greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, odour,	Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective

Policy LP34: Air Quality		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	This policy option has no impact upon this objective
			-	+	+
		8.3 Support and enhance opportunities for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste	Having no policy will be contrary to achieving this objective	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the amount and distance waste materials are transported	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing the amount and distance waste materials are transported
			-	+	+
		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	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels	This policy option will have benefit in achieving this objective by reducing air pollution from fossil fuels
	9.		-	+	+
	Sustainable Resources	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	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	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