

**Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of  
Walsall Site Allocation Document (SAD) and  
Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) -**

**Addendum Considering Main Modifications  
February 2018**

**Introduction**

- 1.1 This technical note is an addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report, which was published in October 2016 to accompany the Submission version of Walsall Site Allocation Document (SAD) and Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP).
- 1.2 The purpose of the addendum is to review the previous SA in light of the proposed Main Modifications (MMs) to the Submission SAD and AAP following the Inspector's suggestions, which are being published for public consultation in February 2018. This addendum seeks to highlight whether any further sustainability issues are likely to arise from these proposed MMs to the plans.
- 1.3 This addendum should be read alongside all other SA reports that have been prepared previously in association with assessment of the plans<sup>1</sup> and the table of MM<sup>2</sup> which provide full details on the modifications.
- 1.4 Walsall Council has proposed additional minor modifications<sup>3</sup> to both the SAD and AAP. These do not change the meaning or scope of a policy, but provide clarity and/or correct errors. They also include changes to the mapping which are not considered as MMs as they are simply an illustration of the policies. These additional modifications have not been subject to SA since they do not materially change policy content.

**Assessment Framework**

- 2.1 The SA methodology used in this addendum is the same as that used to appraise the Submission versions of both the SAD and AAP. It is structured around an assessment framework, which can be found in the SA Scoping Report (May 2013).
- 2.2 The framework has been reproduced in **Appendix A** and a list of the headings for the SA Objectives is as follows.
  1. Air Quality
  2. Biodiversity & Geodiversity
  3. Climate Change
  4. Communities & Population
  5. Cultural Heritage
  6. Economy & Centres
  7. Equality & Diversity
  8. Health & Wellbeing

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<sup>1</sup> All stages of the SA are available to view at: <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/evidence#SadAapSustain>

<sup>2</sup> The table of MM can be viewed at: [https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning\\_2026](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning_2026)

<sup>3</sup> The table of Minor Modifications can be viewed at: [https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning\\_2026](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning_2026)

9. Landscape & Townscape
10. Material Resources
11. Renewable & Low Carbon Energy
12. Soil & Ground Conditions
13. Transport & Accessibility
14. Water Environment

2.3 The SA methodology was used in all other stages of the SA processes; Issues and Options (April 2013), Preferred Options (January 2016), Publication (March 2016) and Submission (October 2016).

### **SA of Main Modifications**

- 3.1 Each of the MMs has been considered with regard to whether it would result in a change to the SA from the findings within the Submission SA presented in the October 2016 report. The majority of MMs relate to factual updates of site details and clarifications of policy wording or supporting text.
- 3.2 Since the scale of change to the SA findings for the majority of policies is negligible or small, new assessment matrices have not been prepared for all policies. Instead a brief commentary to each MM has been presented in tables to represent the sustainability effects of the proposed changes to a policy, where they exist.
- 3.3 However where there is the potential for a change to the SA findings a detailed assessment matrix has been produced to identify the level of change to the previous SA findings. These matrices are included in **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 There are two policies that have been found to have 'Some' impact of the SA findings. These are both to SAD Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.
  - Modification MM29 – deletion of HO157a (Former AUTOCRAFT, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) and HO157c (Jubilee House, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) from list of proposed New Showpeople Sites.
  - Modification MM31 - deletion of HO27 (Goscote Lodge Crescent), HO29 (Goscote Copper Works) and HO62 (former Metal Casements) as sites where large-scale housing development might have to include provision for Gypsies and Travellers as the deliverability of such provision would be uncertain and could threaten the deliverability of the sites for housing.
- 3.5 Modification MM28 is also relevant. This deletes the allocation of 2 sites in the Green Belt, where there are, respectively, a temporary and a personal permission for Gypsies and Travellers: GT5 (Cartbridge Lane) and GT6 (34-38 Gould Firm Lane). The proposed allocations have been found to be contrary to Green Belt policy. The sites will continue to exist, but the Modification effectively prevents them being counted upon as part of the supply of available sites, at least in the longer term.
- 3.6 The consequence of these modifications are that the SAD allocates fewer sites than previously proposed to meet the needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. This has an impact of SA Objective 4 Communities and Population, which assesses the plan's ability to meet the needs of communities, and also SA Objective 7 Equality and Diversity, which specifically looks to meet the needs of individuals with protected characteristics, as defined in

the Equalities Act 2010, as well as people with particular needs. Through the production of the SAD all site options considered realistic were included in the assessment of possible allocation to meet the needs Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople<sup>4</sup>. The SAD sought to identify and allocate all sites that were considered suitable and deliverable and now the Examination has led towards a view that not all of these should be allocated or would be practically delivered. In these circumstances it is not possible to mitigate the deletion of some sites through the allocation of further sites.

- 3.7 Policy HC4 does, however, still provide a positive policy framework to provide for new sites and the protection of current sites with the purpose of meeting the needs of these communities and the overall SA score for the policy is still positive.
- 3.8 In addition, the modifications have been made to remove sites where there was evidence provided through the examination that they would not be delivered to meet the needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and that the allocation could in fact prevent the sites coming forward for 'General Housing'. This helps counteract some of the negative impacts of the modifications as a balance must be made between meeting both general housing needs and specific housing requirements with the best use of land.
- 3.9 Furthermore, the Council is committed to addressing the needs of Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople through the Black Country Core Strategy Review, which is already underway. The latest version Walsall's Local Development Scheme, dated June 2017 states that the aim is to adopt the reviewed Strategy by Autumn 2021.

## SA Assessments

**Table 1** summarises any impact to the SA findings as a result of the Main Modifications to the SAD

**Table 2** summarises any impact to the SA findings as a result of the Main Modifications to the AAP.

**Appendix A** includes the matrices assessments for MM29 and MM31 to SAD Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

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<sup>4</sup> See the evidence referred to in Section 3.6.2 of the SAD as proposed to be modified, especially the following.

- Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Preferred Options Background Document (August 2015)
- Walsall Site Allocation Document Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Assessment Matrix (January 2016) Walsall Council
- Walsall Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Revision 2016 (updated March 2017) Walsall Council
- Traveller Site Number Note (Document EXAM 12 for SAD Examination) (September 2017) Walsall Council

**Table 1**

**Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of  
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Inspector Reference	Policy	Summary of Main Modification	Previous SA Conclusions	Implications for SA Results? Significant, Some, Negligible or None.	Summary of Implications
<b>Chapter 1: Introduction</b>					
MM1	Introduction text	Amended text to clarify the nature of the Policies Map and to clarify the process and outcomes of identifying sites through the SAD.	N/A introduction just sets the context so it is not necessary to SA any of the Chapter.	N/A	N/A the introduction is factual and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications do not impact of the SA.
MM2	Introduction text and new Appendix on UDP Saved and Superseded Policies.	Include reference to new Appendix for UDP Saved and Superseded policies.	N/A new Appendix. Introduction just sets the context so it is not necessary to SA any of the Chapter.	N/A	N/A the Appendix and introduction text is factual, setting the context for the plan. Therefore the modifications do not impact of the SA.
MM3	Introduction text	Update of text to include details on the base date used for information to inform the policies in the plan.	N/A introduction just sets the context so it is not necessary to SA any of the Chapter.	N/A	N/A the introduction is factual and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications do not impact of the SA.
<b>Chapter 2: Objectives, Regeneration Corridors and Issues</b>					
MM4	Table 2.1 Assets and Constraints	Include cross reference to transport policies	N/A the approach towards constraints was included as part of the SA assessments to each policy rather than on its own.	N/A	N/A the table is factual and cross references policies to ensure assets and constraints are addressed through the planning process. The impact on/of assets and constraints is dealt with through the assessment of individual policies.
MM5	Table 2.1 Assets and Constraints	Amend table of cross-reference to Green Belt policy to reflect the modifications to this policy.	N/A the approach towards constraints was included as part of the SA assessments to each policy rather than on its own.	N/A	N/A the table is factual and cross references policies to ensure assets and constraints are addressed through the planning process. The impact on/of assets and constraints is dealt with through the assessment of individual policies.
MM6	Table 2.1 Assets and Constraints	Add to table Registered Common Land.	N/A the approach towards constraints was included as part of the SA assessments to each policy rather than on its own.	N/A	N/A the table is factual and cross references policies to ensure assets and constraints are addressed through the planning process. The impact on/of assets and constraints is dealt with through the assessment of individual policies.
MM7	Table 2.1 Assets and Constraints	Additions to Waste section of table to cross reference all relevant policies including existing BCCS policies.	N/A the approach towards constraints was included as part of the SA assessments to each policy rather than on its own.	N/A	N/A the table is factual and cross references policies to ensure assets and constraints are addressed through the planning process. The impact on/of assets and constraints is dealt with through the assessment of individual policies.
<b>Chapter 3a: General Housing</b>					
MM8	Introduction text to General Housing Policies	Introduction has been rewritten to clarify the level of housing supply and how this contributes towards the BCCS targets.	N/A introduction just sets the context to the housing policies which have all been assessed separately so it is not necessary to SA the introduction.	N/A	N/A the introduction is factual and provides the context for the policies and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications do not impact of the SA.
MM9	Introduction text to General Housing Policies	Introduction has also been rewritten to clarify the level of housing supply and to summaries the SHLAA codes. Inclusion of table summarising the different sources of housing supply and how these contribute towards the overall housing supply.	N/A introduction just sets the context to the housing policies which have all been assessed separately so it is not necessary to SA the introduction.	N/A	N/A the introduction is factual and provides the context for the policies and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications to the text do not impact of the SA.

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MM10	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Inclusion of text in the policy to state that proposals to develop the sites identified in this policy, for uses other than housing, will need to be justified against other local and national policies, and in terms of the overall requirements for land for housing.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	Negligible	The modification may mean that the policy has slightly more positive score as it makes the policy clearer in its approach towards alternative uses for housing sites. The modification ensures that alternative uses only come forward when justified and that these proposals are tested against the other policies in the local plan.
MM11	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Inclusion of text to the policy to explain approach to sites that also have an allocation for use as Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople Sites to require proposals for general housing on these sites to demonstrate that the total capacity of Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites elsewhere in the borough is at least equal to the total number of existing and new pitches/ plots set out in table HC4b.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	Negligible	The modification may have a slightly positive impact on the sustainability score of the policy by ensuring that the policy is clear in its approach towards the jointly allocated sites and that developers are made to consider the supply of Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Showpeople sites if looking at sites alternative uses. This results in the plan being better equipped to address the needs of these communities by defending the sites allocated when necessary. The modification ensures that the negative impact of any loss of the sites for an alternative uses can be mitigated against through the delivery of another suitable site.
MM12	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Amendments to site table to delete housing sites that have already been completed or are under construction.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The changes to addresses and the removal of sites from the table is factual. The sites have been completed or are under construction so count towards the delivery of sites to meet the housing target from the BCCS in-line with the aims of the SAD resulting in no changes to the SA.
MM13	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Split sites to reflect where different parts of a site have differences in their planning status. Site HO23 split into HO23a and HO23b. Delete site HO23a as construction has commenced. Site HO217 split into HO217a and HO217b as below	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modifications are factual updates of the planning status of sites and have been made to ensure the policy is effective. The removal of a site from the table that is under construction does not impact on the SA because the site has been counted towards meeting the housing target from the BCCS in-line with the aims of the SAD.

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MM14	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Delete references to potential Gypsies and Travellers site from sites HO27, HO29 and HO62.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy	Negligible	<p>The modification has both a positive and negative impact on the sustainability score of the policy. The Gypsies and Travellers joint allocation is being removed from these sites as the deliverability of such provision would be uncertain and could affect the deliverability of the sites for housing. If a modification was not proposed to address this the sites could remain vacant and would not contribute towards the housing supply. The modification does however have an impact on the supply of sites for Gypsies and Travellers which neutralises the positive impact on the modification to the policy, as this has a negative impact on the overall sustainability of the plan in regards to meeting the needs of all the community.</p> <p>See the assessment in respect of MM31.</p>
MM15	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Delete references to potential for Travelling Showpeople from HO157a and HO157c	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	Negligible	<p>The modification has both a positive and negative impact on the sustainability score of the policy. The Travelling Showpeople joint allocation is being removed from these sites as the deliverability of such provision would be uncertain and could affect the deliverability of the sites for housing. If a modification was not proposed to address this the sites could remain vacant and would not contribute towards the housing supply. The modification does however have an impact on the supply of sites for Travelling Showpeople which neutralises the positive impact on the modification to the policy, as this has a negative impact on the overall sustainability of the plan in regards to meeting the needs of all the community.</p> <p>See the assessment in respect of MM29.</p>
MM16	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Amend 'Assets and Constraints, and Notes' to ensure the policy is justified and effective in its approach towards Ward's Pool SINC, which occupies part of the site, and that the SINC is dealt with through any future planning application for site. Amend to Estimated Dwellings on the basis that development might not take place on the area covered by the SINC designation.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	Negligible	As this modification is to ensure the policy takes sufficient account of the natural environment it improves the overall performance of the policy in terms of the SA.

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MM17	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Amendments to Table HC1 to update the assets and constraints.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, improving the overall sustainability of sites.
MM18	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Amendments to reflect the latest planning permission for sites including any update in dwelling capacity.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA score for the policy.
MM19	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Addition of planning status details for sites in Table HC1 and explanation of the codes at the end of the table.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification is factual only and does not impact on the SA.
MM20	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Update the sites table in the policy to include status in Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), to show how the sites allocated in the SAD contribute to Walsall’s total housing land supply.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA. The modifications help to show how Walsall is meeting the housing supply and therefore planning to meet the needs of the community, making the sustainability of the plan more explicit.
MM21	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development	Update the sites table in the policy to include figures that show how the allocations contribute to Walsall’s total housing land supply.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA. The modifications help to show how Walsall is meeting the housing supply and therefore planning to meet the needs of the community, making the sustainability of the plan more explicit.



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MM22	Policy HC1: Land Allocated for New Housing Development  Policy Justification	To provide support for modification to first paragraph of Policy HC1 (see MM10 ) to allow for alternative uses on housing sites where this can be justified against the need for land for these uses and its effect on the housing land supply.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	Negligible	The modification may mean that the policy has slightly more positive score as it means that policy is clearer in its approach towards alternative uses for housing sites and ensures that they only come forward when justified and that these proposals are tested against the other policies in the local plan.
MM23	Policy HC3: Affordable Housing and Housing for People with Special Needs	Amend cross-reference to another local plan policy for accuracy.	N/A – factual correction of typo	N/A	Factual correction only so has no impact on the SA.
MM24	Policy HC3: Affordable Housing and Housing for People with Special Needs  Policy Justification	Additional text to policy justification to cross reference BCCS Policy HOU2 that looks to ensure housing sites are accessible by a choice of means of transport.	Positive – policy is consistent with the BCCS spatial strategy, and locates housing mainly on previously developed land in areas where it is likely to be accessible to existing transport networks linking to jobs, shops and infrastructure. The former employment sites to be released for housing would also be broadly consistent with BCCS policy.	None	The modification provides a cross reference to a BCCS policy that would have been applied anyway when accessing any development proposal – the cross-reference just provides clarity and therefore does not impact on the SA.
<b>Chapter 3b: Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople</b>					
MM25	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Modification to part a) and b) of policy to clarify the status of sites that have dual allocation for general housing and Travellers.  Deletion of second paragraph of part a) (reference to Table HC4b) as this table has been deleted. It would not be justified nor effective to presume that allocated sites (particularly HO28 (Dolphin Close, Goscote)) would not come forward.  Amend cross-reference in part 'b) to reflect the deletion of Table HC4b).	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy.  The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised previously in respect of policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	Negligible	The modification would somewhat increase the positive scoring of the policy as it looks to provide clarity on sites which have joint allocations for housing. This ensures that any proposal on these sites for general housing takes account of the need to meet provision for the delivery of a site for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites.  This results in the plan being better equipped to address the needs of these communities by defending the sites allocated when necessary. The modification ensures that the negative impact of any loss of the sites for an alternative uses can be mitigated through the delivery of another suitable site.  See the assessment in respect of MM31.
MM26	Policy HC4 Accommodation for	Add reference in Table HC4a to Green Belt for relevant sites under the assets and constraints	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure the all the issues are taken into

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	Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.		consideration when the plan is implemented improving the overall sustainability of sites.
MM27	Policy HC4 Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Amendments to assets and constraints where necessary in respect of individual sites.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy.  The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	The modification is a factual update for clarification only and therefore does not impact on the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensures that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, improving the overall sustainability of sites.
MM28	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Delete sites GT5 (Cartbridge Lane) and GT6 (34-38 Gould Firm Lane) as they are within the Green Belt.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	Negligible	The modification would result in the deletion of two sites from the list of 'Existing Traveller Sites with Temporary or Personal Permission to be Made Permanent', this could have a negative impact on the SA score of the policy as it means that the SAD makes less provision for the travellers.  However the sites still contribute towards actual supply even if they cannot be counted as doing this, and their removal from the SAD does not alter their current use. This means that the impact of the provision of Gypsies and Traveller sites is relatively limited and it might be offset by potentially beneficial impacts in terms of the Green Belt.  The situation in respect of these sites, does, however, help to show the limited options available in respect of provision for gypsies and travellers.
MM29	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and	Delete sites HO157a (Former AUTOCRAFT, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) and HO157c (Jubilee House, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) from list of proposed New Showpeople Sites in Table HC4a.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or	Some	The modification would result in the deletion of two sites from the list of new showpeople sites, this could have a negative impact on the SA score of the policy as it means that the SAD makes less provision for the showpeople sites. This would need to be addressed through the BCCS Review.

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	Travelling Showpeople		HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Travelling showpeople are a groups with distinctive needs that national planning policy requires should be met.		<p>The change does, however, provide more certainty for the sites being delivered for housing – or other uses* - which should have a positive impact in terms of meeting development requirements and ensuring sites come forward for positive uses.</p> <p>Because the modification is likely to have some impact in terms of sustainability, it has been the subject of a detailed review of how the modification alters the SA score for the policy. This is provided in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The detailed assessment concludes that the modification would make the policy neutral rather than very positive in terms of Objective SA4, as the policy might not now be meeting the needs of all communities, at least not necessarily up to 2026. However, as demonstrated through the examination, the modification does reduce the risk of the sites becoming undeliverable. The modification therefore means the site could be deliverable for general housing – or for other development - which is a positive in regards to the sustainability aim of providing for the housing and other needs for the community.</p> <p>In terms of Objective SA7 the detailed assessment concludes the impacts would now be negative as the plan is less able to provide for individuals who have particular needs.</p> <p>The overall SA conclusion is that Policy HC4 is still positive as it provides the policy framework for addressing needs.</p> <p>* Site HO157a has been the subject of a planning application for a car hire business (reference 17/0308) and an appeal against the Council’s refusal of planning permission has been allowed (23 January 2018). This means that a commercial use has now been permitted on Site HO157a.</p>
MM30	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and	Add new site, HO14b, Croft Street, Willenhall (capacity 1) to Existing Traveller Sites.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The	None	The policy looks to safeguard all existing traveller sites and the modification has been proposed to include a site that was missing off the list. It does not alter the policy approach

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	Travellers and Travelling Showpeople		effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.		so the SA score remains the same, although the inclusion of an additional sites does increase the amount of traveller sites being provided helping the plan allocate sites to meet the needs of the community.
MM31	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Deletion of HO27 (Goscote Lodge Crescent), HO29 (Goscote Copper Works) and HO62 (former Metal Casements) as sites where development might have to include provision for Gypsies and Travellers as the deliverability of such provision would be uncertain and could threaten the deliverability of the sites for housing.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	Some	<p>The modification would result in the deletion of sites that could have provided for Gypsies and Travellers, so this may have a negative impact on the SA score of the policy as it means that the SAD makes less provision for such sites. It does, however, provide more certainty for the sites being delivered for housing, which has a positive impact in terms of meeting the housing requirements and ensuring sites come forward for positive uses. The impact on the overall provision to meet specific needs would need to be addressed through the BCCS review.</p> <p>Because the modification is likely to have some impact in terms of sustainability, it has been the subject of a detailed review of how the modification alters the SA score for the policy. This is provided in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The detailed assessment concludes that the modification would make the policy neutral rather than very positive in terms of Objective SA4, as the policy might not now be meeting the needs of all communities, at least not necessarily up to 2026. However, as demonstrated through the examination, the modification does reduce the risk of the sites becoming undeliverable. The modification therefore means the site could be deliverable for general housing, which is a positive in regards to the sustainability aim of providing for the housing needs for the community.</p> <p>In terms of Objective SA7 the detailed assessment concludes the impacts would now be negative as the plan is less able to meet the need of individuals with protected characteristics, as defined in the Equalities Act 2010.</p>

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					The actual overall SA conclusion is that the Policy HC4 is still positive as it provides the policy framework for addressing needs.
MM32	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Additional information included in the table to provide clarity over the required total number of pitches and plots.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	This is a factual update only so does not impact on the SA, the potential impact of the changes in figures as a result of the modifications is discussed under the other modifications.
MM33	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Update policy justification to reflect changes to national policy and evidence in SAD.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	The modification is a factual update on evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA.
MM34	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Update policy justification to reflect changes to national policy and evidence in SAD.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	The modification is a factual update on evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA.
MM35	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Update policy justification to reflect changes to SAD to remove sites in the Green Belt.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	The modification clarifies the situation around the sites that exist but will not now be allocated in the SAD. It does not itself impact on how the policy is implemented so therefore does not alter the SA.

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MM36	Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Amendment to the monitoring indicator to match 2016 GTAA that shows evidence of need over full plan period and helps justify the plan.	Positive - The policy proposes to allocate sites for this use that would also be acceptable for general housing were it not for this policy. The effects of using the sites for general housing will have been appraised under policies HC1 or HC2. The main additional effect of this policy will therefore be in respect of equalities: Gypsies and Travellers are protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010.	None	The modification reflects the other modifications to the policy which have been discussed above. The targets are included to monitor the progress of policies. The SA assesses the impact of implementing the policy so changes to the monitoring indicators do not alter the SA.
<b>Chapter 4: Providing for Industrial Jobs and Prosperity</b>					
MM37	Introduction text to Industrial Chapter	Amend text and table based to reference to Employment Land Review Update (ELR) (April 2017) to provide comparison between BCCS targets, actual supply of employment land and allocations in the SAD.	N/A introduction just sets the context to the housing policies which have all been SA'd separately so it is not necessary to SA the introduction.	N/A	N/A the introduction is factual and provides the context for the policies and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications do not impact of the SA.
MM38	Policy IND1: Existing High Quality Industry	Update assets and constraints, site sizes and site names.	No effects identified, as this industry already exists.	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensures all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM39	Policy IND1: Existing High Quality Industry	Amend site boundary for Z F Lemforder.	No effects identified, as this industry (and the adjoin use) already exists.	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA.
MM40	Policy IND2: Potential High Quality Industry	Include text in policy to cross reference BCCS Policy EMP2 with regard to proposals for alternative uses.  Update assets and constraints, and site sizes.	Positive - Some current vacant sites will be developed, providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. There are unlikely to be significant adverse effects as proposed new development on current vacant land would not be 'bad neighbour' uses.	Negligible	The cross reference to BCCS Policy EMP2 might make the policy slightly more sustainable as it provides further strength to the policy in defending proposals for alternatives uses but also recognises there may be cases where flexibility in uses can be supported allowing for the best of use of sites.  The updating is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensures all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.

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MM41	Policy IND2: Potential High Quality Industry	Move site IN120.6 (Moxley Road, Darlaston) to Occupied High Quality Industrial Sites from Vacant Potential High Quality Industrial Sites in Policy IND2.	Positive - Some current vacant sites will be developed, providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. There are unlikely to be significant adverse effects as proposed new development on current vacant land would not be 'bad neighbour' uses.	None	This is a factual change to provide the most up-to-date information on sites. The movement of the site from vacant to occupied does not impact on the overall amount of employment land available, nor on the plan's ability to deliver the BCCS targets. The SA assessment is therefore not changed.
MM42	Policies IND2: Potential High Quality Industry and IND3 Retained Local Quality Industry	Move site IN98.2 (Former Railway Tavern, James Bridge, Darlaston) from Vacant Potential High Quality Industrial Sites in Policy IND2 to Vacant Retained Local Quality Industry in Policy IND3. Adjust the land area totals in the two tables accordingly.	Both positive - Some current vacant sites will be developed, providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. In some cases there could be 'bad neighbour' uses proposed close to existing housing or schools. Air quality could be adversely affected.	Negligible	This is a modification that reflects the small size of the site, the constraints upon it and the weakening of prospects for it to be combined with any other site. The reclassification of the site from Potential High Quality to Retained Local Quality has a small impact on the amount of high quality employment land the SAD looks to provide, but not on the overall levels of employment land so the impact is negligible.
MM43	IND3 Retained Local Quality Industry	Include text in policy to cross reference BCCS Policy EMP3 with regard to proposals for alternative uses.  Update assets and constraints, and site sizes.	Some current vacant sites will be developed, providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. In some cases there could be 'bad neighbour' uses proposed close to existing housing or schools. Air quality could be adversely affected.	Negligible	The cross reference to BCCS Policy EMP3 might make the policy slightly more sustainable as it provides further strength to the policy in defending proposals for alternatives uses but also recognises there may be cases where flexibility in uses can be supported allowing for the best of use of sites.  The majority of the modification is a factual update on evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensures all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM44	Policy IND3: Retained Local Quality Industry	Split Ashmore Lake sites so that Sites IN67, IN68.2 and IN68.3 are in separate rows, and move site IN68.1 (Ashmore Lake South West of Sharesacre Street, Ashmore Lake, Willenhall) from Occupied Local Quality Industrial Sites in Policy IND3 Table a) to Vacant Local Quality Industry in Policy IND3 Table b). Move site IN 71.1 (South of Watery Lane, Willenhall) from Occupied Local Quality Industrial Sites in Policy IND3 Table a) to Vacant Local Quality Industry in Policy IND3	Positive - Some current vacant sites will be developed, providing jobs in an area of high unemployment. In some cases there could be 'bad neighbour' uses proposed close to existing housing or schools. Air quality could be adversely affected.	None	This is a factual update for clarification and to ensure the accuracy of the plan. The reclassification of sites from Occupied Local Quality to Vacant Local Quality does not impact on the policy approach as the sites are staying within the overall 'Retained Local Quality' category. Rather, this and the other changes are to ensure the plan is accurate in its portrayal of the sites. It therefore results in no change in terms of the SA.

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		Table b). Adjust the land area totals in the two tables accordingly.			
MM45	Policy IND4: Local Industry Consider for Release	Delete site IN12.12 (Leighswood Road, Aldridge) Move site IN47 (Highgate Brewery) from Occupied Sites to be considered for release in Policy IND4 Table a) to Vacant Sites to be considered for release in Policy IND4 Table b). Delete site IN239 (Park Lane / Wood Street, Darlaston). Adjust the land area totals in the two tables accordingly.	Positive - The policy provides for the replacement of industrial industry by housing and other uses which are likely to improve amenity. This is within an industrial supply that aims to provide alternative employment development and therefore employment opportunities.	None	The modifications reflect the fact that by the end of March 2017 redevelopments for housing were under construction on sites IN12.12 and IN239 and the fact that Highgate Brewery is vacant. These changes will help ensure the plan is up-to-date but do not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore mean no change to the SA.
MM46	Policy IND4: Local Industry Consider for Release	Update assets and constraints, and site sizes.	Positive - The policy provides for the replacement of industrial industry by housing and other uses which are likely to improve amenity. This is within an industrial supply that aims to provide alternative employment development and therefore employment opportunities.	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure the all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM47	Policy IND5: New Employment Opportunities	Update assets and constraints, and site sizes.	Positive - as these will provide for new jobs, thereby improving the employment base compared with the current situation. But four of these sites will involve development next to housing. However, this development is likely to be high quality rather than bad neighbour type uses.	None	The modification is a factual update on evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensures that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM48	Policy IND5: New Employment Opportunities	Inclusion of text in the policy that applies to site IN122 to clarify what developers will be expected to provide in respect to the provision leisure and recreation including text to say that this may be combined with or replaced by provision on part of the land to the north (proposed housing site HO303, Land at Heathfield Lane West, and the Ward's Pool Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)).	Positive - as these will provide for new jobs, thereby improving the employment base compared with the current situation. But four of these sites will involve development next to housing. However, this development is likely to be high quality rather than bad neighbour type uses.	Negligible	The requirement to provide leisure and recreation space as part of the site has always been in the plan, however, this text provides clarification and includes reference to the SINC. This could mean the policy has more of a positive local impact in terms of its approach to the natural environment as it ensures the natural asset is given full consideration.
<b>Chapter 6: Open Space, Leisure and Community Facilities</b>					
MM49	Policy OS1: Open Space, Sport and Recreation	Addition to provide a link to the Technical Appendix that list the Open Space Sites.	Positive - policy will complement "saved" UDP Policies LC1 - LC6 and will help to deliver the requirements of BCCS Policy ENV3 to develop	None	The link has been provided for information only and does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore has no impact on the SA.



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			<p>an environmental network in Walsall, and BCCS Policy ENV6 which requires the Council to identify the areas of Open Space that will be included in the network and safeguarded. In accordance with NPPF, all existing open space sites which are considered to be locally important are afforded the same protection. While the proposal to re-allocate some surplus/lesser quality open space sites for other land uses could in some cases exacerbate existing quantitative deficiencies, this is only proposed where it is not feasible to make the improvements required to bring the site up to an appropriate standard. Furthermore, the SAD proposes to allocate significantly more Open Space than was done so under Policy LC1 of Walsall's UDP.</p>		
MM40	Policy OS1: Open Space, Sport and Recreation	Amendments to policy to remove duplication in the wording.	<p>Positive - policy will complement "saved" UDP Policies LC1 - LC6 and will help to deliver the requirements of BCCS Policy ENV3 to develop an environmental network in Walsall, and BCCS Policy ENV6 which requires the Council to identify the areas of Open Space that will be included in the network and safeguarded. In accordance with NPPF, all existing open space sites which are considered to be locally important are afforded the same protection. While the proposal to re-allocate some surplus/lesser quality open space sites for other land uses could in some cases exacerbate existing quantitative deficiencies, this is only proposed where it is not feasible to make the improvements required to bring the site up to an appropriate standard. Furthermore, the SAD proposes to allocate significantly more Open Space than was done so under Policy LC1 of Walsall's UDP.</p>	None	The modification only clarifies the policy text and does not alter how the policy will be implemented, so it has no impact on the SA.
MM51	Policy LC5: Greenways	Inclusion of text to ensure consideration is given to the cultural, heritage and ecological	Neutral - The only change to this policy is to update it, so that it no longer makes reference to another UDP policy that is no longer 'saved.'	Negligible	The modification ensures that proposals for Greenways consider fully the function and character of the routes. The additional wording in policy justification provides further

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	Policy Justification	value of Greenways when considering a proposal for their improvement.	There are no other changes, so the overall effects on the SA objectives are neutral.		strength to the policy in mitigating of any negative impacts to the cultural, heritage or ecological value of such networks. This could result in a slightly more positive SA result.
MM52	Policy LC11: Land for Cemetery Extension, Bentley Lane  Introduction text	Amend introduction text to clarify the fact the policy is allocating the cemetery extension.	Neutral - The only change to this policy is to update it, so that it no longer makes reference to another UDP policy that is no longer 'saved.' There are no other changes, so the effects are neutral.	None	The introduction is factual and provides the context for the policies and does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modifications do not impact on the SA.
MM53	Policy LC11: Land for Cemetery Extension, Bentley Lane	Amend policy is clarify that the site will remain within the Green Belt.	Neutral - The only change to this policy is to update it, so that it no longer makes reference to another UDP policy that is no longer 'saved.' There are no other changes, so the effects are neutral.	None	The modification is proposed for clarification only and does not impact on how the policy will be implemented and therefore does not alter the SA.
<b>Chapter 7: Environmental Network</b>					
MM54	Policy GB1: Green Belt Boundary and Control of Development in the Green Belt  Introduction Text	Amend title of section to include control of development in the Green Belt and also add additional text to cross reference with the NPPF.	Very positive effects - the existing Green Belt boundary safeguards many of Walsall's nature designations, promotes a sustainable pattern of development reducing green-house gas emissions and avoids development in areas of mineral resources or the best and most versatile agricultural land.	None	The introduction is factual and provides the context for the policies. It does not impact on how the policies are implemented. Therefore the modification does not impact of the SA.
MM55	Policy GB1: Green Belt Boundary and Control of Development in the Green Belt	Policy GB1 is to be combined with a simplified version of what was SAD Policy GB2, as the remainder of the latter is not compliant with NPPF policy relating to the Green Belt.	Very positive effects - the existing Green Belt boundary safeguards many of Walsall's nature designations, promotes a sustainable pattern of development reducing green house gas emissions and avoids development in areas of mineral resources or the best and most versatile agricultural land.	None	Whilst the modifications combines the two previous policies the purpose and implementation of the policy approach remains the same just with simplified wording reflecting national policy. The SA score for the two policies was expressed as strong positive effects, and the combined policy does not alter this SA result.
MM56	Policy GB1: Green Belt Boundary and Control of Development in the Green Belt  Policy Justification	Additional text to the policy justification to cross reference to the NPPF and other relevant local plan policies.	Very positive effects - the existing Green Belt boundary safeguards many of Walsall's nature designations, promotes a sustainable pattern of development reducing green house gas emissions and avoids development in areas of mineral resources or the best and most versatile agricultural land.	None	The policy justification has been modified to cross reference other policies and to provide further explanation around the policy approach. Therefore the modification does not impact on how the policy is implemented and there is no change to the SA.
MM57	Policy GB2: Control of Development in the Green Belt and Countryside	Deletion of Policy and supporting text.	Very positive effects - the existing Green Belt boundary safeguards many of Walsall's nature designations, promotes a sustainable pattern of development reducing green house gas emissions and avoids development in areas of	None	Whilst the modification deletes a policy, the aim and purpose of the policy has been incorporated into a revised Green Belt policy (Policy GB1) to accord with national policy. This does not alter the SA result (See MM55).

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			mineral resources or the best and most versatile agricultural land.		
MM58	Policy GB2: Control of Development in the Green Belt and Countryside  Monitoring Indicator	Renumbered to 7.2.4 to become the Monitoring Indicator for policy GB1 which has been expanded as policy GB2 has been deleted.	Very positive - the existing Green Belt boundary safeguards many of Walsall's nature designations, promotes a sustainable pattern of development reducing green house gas emissions and avoids development in areas of mineral resources or the best and most versatile agricultural land.	None	The modification reflects the other modifications to the policy, which have been discussed above. The targets are included to monitor the progress of policies. The SA assesses the impact of implementing the policy so changes to the monitoring indicators do not alter the SA.
MM59	Policy EN1: Natural Environment Protection, Management and Enhancement	Amendment to the wording: 'houses' to 'dwellings'.	Positive - The policy updates the designation of nature conservation sites. The overall effects are likely to be positive as it is likely to be complimentary towards most of the SA Objectives. It would safeguard areas useful for flood alleviation, has the potential to enhance the environment for local communities, provide an environment to improve health and well-being, safeguard landscape and townscape, areas of and setting of heritage assets, provides a framework for areas where renewable energy might be possible, safeguard soils and the water environment. However, the policy is likely to have some negative effects, as it provides constraints to economic growth, particularly in respect of potential constraints on mineral extraction.	Negligible	The term 'dwellings' covers all types of residential developments. Therefore this modification ensures that the policy is applied to all relevant developments, making the policy more sustainable as it ensures that the need for mitigation measures to the SAC is more fully considered.
MM60	Policy EN1: Natural Environment Protection, Management and Enhancement  Map 7.2	Amend the title of the Legend and Key of the map to clarify it is a 'zone of payment' and not a 'zone of influence'.	N/A – the map provides a visual aid to the policy justification and is therefore no part of the SA.	N/A	The map provides a visual aid to the policy justification and does not impact on the implementation of the policy and therefore the SA remains unchanged.
MM61	Policy EN3: Flood Risk	Amend footnote to ensure flood risk in relation to future minor development at existing mineral and waste sites is assessed proportionately in line with evidence of risk.	Very positive - The policy is intended to operate in conjunction with UDP policy ENV40 and BCCS Policy ENV5, and incorporates the latest national guidance on flood risk including the application of the 'sequential test' when considering development in areas of potential risk from fluvial and surface water flooding.	Negligible	The footnote clarifies the approach the Council would take in applying the policy. In doing this it seeks only to ensure that the definitions of mineral and waste management developments are not interpreted so as to impose onerous burdens where there would not be an increased risk from flooding. As this should not mean that requirements to

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			<p>The effects of the policy are likely to be very positive overall. In particular, the policy is likely to have very positive effects on managing risks to existing residential areas and new housing developments as far as possible, including some of the most deprived communities in the borough who live in areas at risk. Avoiding development in areas at risk from flooding will also help to safeguard river and canal corridors, many of which are of importance for biodiversity and landscape character, and key infrastructure, including transport networks, and will also help to mitigate the effects of climate change which include flooding. SuDs might provide opportunities to improve townscape and landscape, provide opportunities for dealing with pollution at source, and improve water quality, as well as managing risks from flooding. The economic benefits of operating the policy are considered to be neutral overall. There are uncertainties about the impacts on conservation of heritage assets, some of which are in areas of potential risk.</p>		<p>assess flood-risk are not changed where such requirements are justified, there should be no change to the SA results.</p>
MM62	Policy EN4: Canals	<p>Modification to the policy to clarify that any scheme for the Hatherton Canal restoration project will be required to demonstrate that there would be no adverse effects on protected sites (notably the Cannock Extension Canal) and that the scope of a future Appropriate Assessment should be determined at the screening stage and not constrained in advance by planning policy.</p>	<p>Very positive - Increased canal side activities that are sensitive to the canal side environment should help to create more desirable places for development, attracting further investment and recreational opportunities, including maintaining and improving existing walking and cycling routes in canal corridors. There are also likely to be positive effects on the townscape and heritage assets that form part of the canalside environment as developments are expected to be of a high quality and to retain and conserve canalside buildings, features and structures of historic value, helping to address areas of dereliction, although the impact on landscape quality is less certain. The securing of</p>	Negligible	<p>The modifications to the policy are consistent with the aim of the policy, to the strike the balance between encouraging the restoration of the canal and the protection of the Cannock Extension Canal SAC. By still requiring consideration of the impacts in terms of the Habitats Regulations and by recognising that the need for and scope of such an assessment should be determined at the project stage, the modification should ensure that the policy is no worse, and might even be better than prior to its modification in terms of the SA.</p>

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			<p>contributions to maintain / improve the canalside infrastructure where justified is likely to help safeguard and improve the canal side environment and mitigate any potential harmful effects from development in canal corridors. The application of the policy is also likely to promote accessibility of canals to sustainable modes of transport making them more accessible to local communities, and to secure improvements to green infrastructure within the canal corridors, as well as improving biodiversity and contributing positively towards the amenity, health and well-being of local communities. The policy will also require developments to restore sections of the canal network to be supported with information demonstrating there will be no adverse effects to the water or wider environment.</p>		
MM63	Policy EN4: Canals	Update reference to Green Belt policy to reflect the combining of the Green Belt policies through modifications elsewhere in the plan.	<p>Very positive - Increased canal side activities that are sensitive to the canal side environment should help to create more desirable places for development, attracting further investment and recreational opportunities, including maintaining and improving existing walking and cycling routes in canal corridors. There are also likely to be positive effects on the townscape and heritage assets that form part of the canalside environment as developments are expected to be of a high quality and to retain and conserve canalside buildings, features and structures of historic value, helping to address areas of dereliction, although the impact on landscape quality is less certain. The securing of contributions to maintain / improve the canalside infrastructure where justified is likely to help safeguard and improve the canal side environment and mitigate any potential harmful effects from development in canal corridors. The application of the policy is also</p>	None	This is to reflect modifications elsewhere in the plan (see MM55 and MM57). It does not in itself have an impact on the SA.

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			likely to promote accessibility of canals to sustainable modes of transport making them more accessible to local communities, and to secure improvements to green infrastructure within the canal corridors, as well as improving biodiversity and contributing positively towards the amenity, health and well-being of local communities. The policy will also require developments to restore sections of the canal network to be supported with information demonstrating there will be no adverse effects to the water or wider environment.		
MM64	Policy EN4: Canals	Amendment to ensure that the reference to works impacting on the canal network and environment would cover all forms of works and not just ground works.	Very positive - Increased canal side activities that are sensitive to the canal side environment should help to create more desirable places for development, attracting further investment and recreational opportunities, including maintaining and improving existing walking and cycling routes in canal corridors. There are also likely to be positive effects on the townscape and heritage assets that form part of the canalside environment as developments are expected to be of a high quality and to retain and conserve canalside buildings, features and structures of historic value, helping to address areas of dereliction, although the impact on landscape quality is less certain. The securing of contributions to maintain / improve the canalside infrastructure where justified is likely to help safeguard and improve the canal side environment and mitigate any potential harmful effects from development in canal corridors. The application of the policy is also likely to promote accessibility of canals to sustainable modes of transport making them more accessible to local communities, and to secure improvements to green infrastructure within the canal corridors, as well as improving biodiversity and contributing positively	Negligible	The modification may mean the policy has a slightly better sustainability score as the policy now ensures the impact of all types of works on the canal can be considered.

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			towards the amenity, health and well-being of local communities. The policy will also require developments to restore sections of the canal network to be supported with information demonstrating there will be no adverse effects to the water or wider environment.		
MM65	Policy EN4: Canals  Policy Justification	Additions to the policy justification to reference potential mineral workings in the Brownhills area as among the issues that might have to be considered in an appropriate assessment. Modify subsequent paragraph to recognise a green route might be part of a project to restore the canal.	Very positive - Increased canal side activities that are sensitive to the canal side environment should help to create more desirable places for development, attracting further investment and recreational opportunities, including maintaining and improving existing walking and cycling routes in canal corridors. There are also likely to be positive effects on the townscape and heritage assets that form part of the canalside environment as developments are expected to be of a high quality and to retain and conserve canalside buildings, features and structures of historic value, helping to address areas of dereliction, although the impact on landscape quality is less certain. The securing of contributions to maintain / improve the canalside infrastructure where justified is likely to help safeguard and improve the canal side environment and mitigate any potential harmful effects from development in canal corridors. The application of the policy is also likely to promote accessibility of canals to sustainable modes of transport making them more accessible to local communities, and to secure improvements to green infrastructure within the canal corridors, as well as improving biodiversity and contributing positively towards the amenity, health and well-being of local communities. The policy will also require developments to restore sections of the canal network to be supported with information demonstrating there will be no adverse effects to the water or wider environment.	None	The modification provides some guidance on what an Appropriate Assessment might need to cover. However as the Appropriate Assessment, not the SAD, would be the mechanism to address the impact of any restoration scheme this change to the SAD does not have an impact on the SA.

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MM66	Policy EN5: Development in Conservation Areas	Amendments to the wording of the policy from 'protect' to 'preserve' and to cover the alteration of buildings, structures and features.	Positive - The policy provides updated guidance on conservation areas which would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3 and "saved" UDP Policy ENV29. The policy would provide more up-to-date guidance than the UDP policy but cannot replace it completely as the SAD does not cover the District Centres where some conservation areas are located. It would also provide more locally specific guidance than the BCCS policy. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be sites specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas.	None	The wording has been altered to be consistent in the wording used with the wording in national policy and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. However, the spirit of the policy (with wording originally proposed by Historic England) remains unaltered, so the SA remains the same.
MM67	Policy ENV6: Highgate Brewery	Rewording to recognise the status of relevant legislation and policy and to better reflect how the legislation and policy should be applied to this site	This policy provides site specific approach for the Highgate Brewery and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have	None	The modification provide better linkages to national policy and clarifies the approach in the plan towards the site but the implementation of the policy will remain the same and the SA results are therefore unaltered.



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			consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. There will also be a positive impact on SA6 through the potential to bring the site back into employment use.		
MM68	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Introduction text	Amendment to include reference in the introduction to the historic parkland and lakes.	N/A - the introduction text provides the context for the policy but does not alter the way in which the policy is implemented.	N/A	The amendment to the introduction makes it clearer that the Council is concerned to support the restoration and maintenance of the parkland and the lakes. However, the reference in the introduction does not alter the way in which the policy is implemented (to support such restoration and maintenance) and therefore the SA remains unchanged.
MM69	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Introduction text	Inclusion of details around the stage of restoration of the Park Land connected to the St Margaret's Hospital site.	N/A – the introduction text provides the context for the policy but does not alter the way in which the policy is implemented.	N/A	The introduction does not alter the way in which the policy will be implemented and therefore the SA remains unchanged.
MM70	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Introduction text	Amendments to wording to reflect the removal of Great Barr Hall and Chapel from the Heritage at Risk Register.	N/A – the introduction text provides the context for the policy but does not alter the way in which the policy is implemented.	Negligible	The amendment is to more accurately reflect the downgrading of the listing status of the Hall and Chapel. The detail of this change (reflected in related changes elsewhere primarily in supporting text) could affect the balance between the various heritage assets on the estate in future decisions about the area. However, the effect is not considered to be more than negligible in SA terms as the legal and policy parameters remain broadly unchanged.
MM71	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital	Amendment to format of policy to split the reference to best and most versatile agricultural land from separate consideration of character and landscape.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some	Negligible	The amendment is to relocate wording that was introduced prior to submission as a response to representations received. Now the modification separates out the issue of agricultural land quality. This should help to ensure the issue can be more clearly addressed in future decisions which could have a small but positive effect in terms of the SA.

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			<p>uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.</p>		
MM72	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital	Slight amendment to wording to clarify that all of the points ('i' to 'iv') should be addressed.	<p>Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.</p>	Negligible	<p>The policy wording has not changed, nor has the way in which the policy should be implemented. The modification is simply to ensure that interest parties know that all elements of the policy need to be addressed. This should help support sustainability, but the SA was produced previously on the basis that the issues would be addressed so the scoring is unaltered.</p>
MM73	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former	Slight amendment to wording to clarify that all of the points ('i' to 'iv') should be addressed.	<p>Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an</p>	Negligible	<p>The policy wording has not changed, nor has the way in which the policy should be implemented. The modification is simply to ensure interest parties know that all elements of</p>

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	St. Margaret's Hospital		updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.		the policy need to be addressed. This should help support sustainability, but the SA was produced previously on the basis that the issues would be addressed so the scoring is unaltered.
MM74	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital	Amendment to policy to clarify that any development would need to consider the long term viability of the historic assets.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in,	Negligible.	The additional wording is provided for clarification and provides certainty around the Council's approach to reviewing any development proposals. It confirms the approach already envisaged by the SA assessment, which is therefore unchanged.

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			work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.		
MM75	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital	Amendment to assets and constraints to remove the term 'CON'.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.	N/A	This is to correct an error as the term 'CON' is not necessary. The existence of a Conservation Area on the site is indicated by the inclusion of the term 'CA' and there is no need for 'CON'. The matter is one of terminology and does not affect the SA.
MM76	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Policy Justification	Deletion of text to policy justification to reflect the removal of Great Barr Hall from the Heritage at Risk Register.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main	Negligible	The amendment is to more accurately reflect the downgrading of the listing status of the Hall and Chapel. The detail of this change (reflected in related changes elsewhere primarily in supporting text) could affect the balance between the various heritage assets on the estate in future decisions about the area. However, the effect is not considered to be more than negligible in SA terms as the legal and policy parameters remain broadly unchanged.

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			objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.		
MM77	<p>Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital</p> <p>Policy Justification</p>	Deletion of Gilbert's Wood as this is not shown as ancient woodland on the latest Natural England mapping.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.	None	This is a factual update only and does not impact on the application of the policy. Ancient woodland is identified outside of the SAD process and it would not be sustainable to treat an area as ancient woodland if it did not have this status. The SA assessment is therefore unaltered.
MM78	<p>Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital</p> <p>Policy Justification</p>	Inclusion in the supporting text of a reference to a water main in part of the park.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or	Negligible	The inclusion of further details on constraints provides helpful information to interested parties and ensures constraints are given full consideration through any planning process. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure the all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on the site. However, the effect is negligible as the water main is already in existence.

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			<p>positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.</p>		
MM79	<p>Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital</p> <p>Policy Justification</p>	<p>Inclusion of text to explain the removal of Great Barr Hall for the Heritage at Risk Register.</p>	<p>Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.</p>	Negligible	<p>The amendment is to more accurately reflect the downgrading of the listing status of the Hall and Chapel. The detail of this change (reflected in related changes elsewhere primarily in supporting text) could affect the balance between the various heritage assets on the estate in future decisions about the area. However, the effect is not considered to be more than negligible in SA terms as the legal and policy parameters remain broadly unchanged.</p>
MM80	<p>Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and</p>	<p>Amendment to evidence list to correct the title of the listing designation.</p>	<p>Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and</p>	Negligible	<p>The amendment is to accurately reflect the downgrading of the listing status of the Hall and Chapel. The detail of this</p>

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	Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Evidence		the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.		change (reflected in related changes elsewhere primarily in supporting text) could affect the balance between the various heritage assets on the estate in future decisions about the area. However, the effect is not considered to be more than negligible in SA terms as the legal and policy parameters remain broadly unchanged.
MM81	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Delivery	Inclusion of reference to a landscape management plan as a delivery mechanism.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive	Negligible	The delivery mechanism listed are examples of how the policy could be implemented. The SA assesses the impact of the application of the policy rather than an individual mechanism, so – although a successful management plan should help to achieve the objectives of the policy – referring to such a plan is considered to have a negligible impact in terms of the SA.

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			effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.		
MM82	Policy EN7: Great Barr Hall and Estate and the former St. Margaret's Hospital  Monitoring	Amendment of target to reflect the removal of Great Barr Hall for the Heritage at Risk Register.	Positive - This policy provides site specific approach for Great Barr Hall and Estate and the Former St Margaret's Hospital. It is an updated version of "saved" UDP Policy ENV8 and would be applied in combination with BCCS Policies ENV2 and ENV3. The effects of these policies in combination on the Revised SA Objectives are likely to be neutral or positive overall although there are some uncertainties as the effects will mostly be site-specific and can only be determined through the development management process. The main positive effects are likely to be on SA Objectives 5 and 9 because the main objectives of the policy are to enhance the built environment in conservation areas, which may also have consequential positive effects on SA8 because conserving and enhancing conservation areas is likely to have a positive effect on the wellbeing of those who live in, work or visit these areas. Additionally there will be a positive effect on biodiversity through the protection of the parkland areas.	Negligible	The amendment is to accurately reflect the downgrading of the listing status of the Hall and Chapel. The detail of this change (reflected in related changes elsewhere primarily in supporting text) could affect the balance between the various heritage assets on the estate in future decisions about the area. However, the effect is not considered to be more than negligible in SA terms as the legal and policy parameters remain broadly unchanged.
<b>Chapter 8: Sustainable Waste Management</b>					
MM83	Policy W1: Future Waste Management Requirements	Amendments to targets for new non-hazardous waste to reflect updated evidence on net changes in waste capacity since the BCCS 'baseline' date, which has affected the requirements for Walsall identified in the BCCS. Also to clarify that the requirements in the plan relate to non-hazardous waste management, as the BCCS 'baseline' evidence shows that there is already sufficient hazardous waste treatment and transfer capacity in the Black Country. The overall requirements for Walsall have	Positive - the delivery of new waste recycling, recovery and transfer infrastructure will help to support local businesses to manage their waste more efficiently and cost-effectively. It is also likely to support delivery of new waste recovery infrastructure that would help divert waste away from landfill, optimise the use of waste and drive waste as far as possible up the 'waste hierarchy,' and the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure.	None	The updated target means Walsall has to provide more capacity but ensuring the targets are up-to-date means the SAD provides the planning framework for new management facilities and protecting existing facilities. The modification does not alter the SA as the aim of the policy to identify and plan for the future waste management remains unaltered. The targets are a factual updates that does not alter the policy approach as sufficient infrastructure has already been identified to meet the revised the figures.



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		increased since the BCCS 'baseline' date (March 2009) as a result of net losses.			
MM84	Policy W1: Future Waste Management Requirements	Correction of error to cross reference in policy to another SAD Policy.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive, as the delivery of new waste recycling, recovery and transfer infrastructure will help to support local businesses to manage their waste more efficiently and cost-effectively. It is also likely to support delivery of new waste recovery infrastructure that would help divert waste away from landfill, optimise the use of waste and drive waste as far as possible up the 'waste hierarchy,' and the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure.	None	This is a factual correction of a typographical error so makes no difference to the SA.
MM85	Policy W1: Future Waste Management Requirements  Policy Justification	Update to the Policy Justification to explain more clearly how the requirement figures in Policy W1 have been arrived at. A table has been included to show the BCCS waste capacity requirements for Walsall and how they have changed as a result of net changes in capacity since the BCCS 'baseline' date (March 2009). New text also explains that some waste management capacity (e.g. hazardous waste treatment and transfer, scrap metal recovery) does not count towards the BCCS requirements.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive, as the delivery of new waste recycling, recovery and transfer infrastructure will help to support local businesses to manage their waste more efficiently and cost-effectively. It is also likely to support delivery of new waste recovery infrastructure that would help divert waste away from landfill, optimise the use of waste and drive waste as far as possible up the 'waste hierarchy,' and the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure.	None	The policy justification is simply providing further details to explain the targets in the policy. The impact of the targets and the proposed modifications to them has been assessed above (see MM83).
MM86	Policy W1: Future Waste Management Requirements  Monitoring	Update of monitoring figures to reflect changes in the targets.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive, as the delivery of new waste recycling, recovery and transfer infrastructure will help to support local businesses to manage their waste more efficiently and cost-effectively. It is also likely to support delivery of new waste recovery infrastructure that would help divert waste away from landfill, optimise the use of waste and drive waste as far as possible up the 'waste hierarchy,' and the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure.	None	The targets are included to monitor the progress of policies. The SA assesses the impact of implementing the policy so changes to the monitoring indicators do not alter the conclusions of the SA.

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MM87	Policy W2: Existing Waste Management Sites	Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table to bring the policy table in line with the other tables throughout the SAD, including the updates to the 'Assets Constraints and Notes' for the related employment sites.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of possible expansion of the Strategic Waste Sites identified in the policy, including potential land use conflicts.	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM88	Policy W3: New Waste Management Development – Waste Treatment and Transfer	Delete reference to Site IN98.2 Former Railway Tavern from Potential Waste Site WP11, reflecting the constraints affecting Former Railway Tavern site.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of new waste management developments on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy, including potential land use conflicts. Effects are uncertain in most cases, because no waste management developments are currently proposed on the sites identified, except for Fryers Road (WP2) and Branton Hill Recycling Relocation Site (WP6).	Negligible	Site IN98.2 is a small site that was being considered with Site IN98.1. The removal of the site as a Potential Waste Site does not impact on the overall capacity in relation to site IN98.1 and therefore does not impact on the plans ability to manage future waste. The impact in terms of the SA is therefore negligible.
MM89	Policy W3: New Waste Management Development – Waste Treatment and Transfer	Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table to bring the policy table in line with the other tables throughout the SAD, including the updates to the 'Assets Constraints and Notes' for the related employment sites.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of new waste management developments on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy, including potential land use conflicts. Effects are uncertain in most cases, because no waste management developments are currently proposed on the sites identified, except for Fryers Road (WP2) and Branton Hill Recycling Relocation Site (WP6).	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
MM90	Policy W3: New Waste Management Development – Waste Treatment and Transfer	Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table for WP6 Branton Hill Recycling Site.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of new waste management developments on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy, including potential land use conflicts. Effects are uncertain in most cases, because no waste management developments are currently proposed on the sites identified, except for Fryers Road (WP2)	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure that all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.

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			and Branton Hill Recycling Relocation Site (WP6).		
MM91	Policy W4: New Waste Management Development – Waste Disposal	Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table to bring the policy table in line with the other tables throughout the SAD, including the updates to the 'Assets Constraints and Notes' for the related employment sites.  Movement of site WP5: North Walsall Cutting to include under 'Existing Waste Disposal Sites' with other sites, rather than on its own under 'Other Existing Waste Site'.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of development on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy. Effects are uncertain because for the Former Aldridge Quarry (WP1) and Sandown Quarry (WP3), it is possible that alternative methods of restoration may be chosen in preference to infilling of the void with waste.	None	The modification is a factual update of evidence and does not impact on how the policy is implemented and therefore results in no change to the SA. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.  The movement of the site within the tables does not alter the way in which the policy will be implemented.
MM92	Policy W4: New Waste Management Development – Waste Disposal	Delete 'Other Existing Waste Site' table as the site has been moved under 'Existing Waste Disposal Sites'.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of development on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy. Effects are uncertain because for the Former Aldridge Quarry (WP1) and Sandown Quarry (WP3), it is possible that alternative methods of restoration may be chosen in preference to infilling of the void with waste.	None	The movement of the site within the tables does not alter the way in which the policy will be implemented.
MM93	Policy W4: New Waste Management Development – Waste Disposal	Correct SAD and BCCS references to Sandown Quarry, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge from WP6 to WP3.  Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table to bring the policy table in line with the other tables throughout the SAD.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive. Potential negative or uncertain effects of development on the Potential Waste Sites identified in the policy. Effects are uncertain because for the Former Aldridge Quarry and Sandown Quarry, it is possible that alternative methods of restoration may be chosen in preference to infilling of the void with waste.	No	The modifications are factual and do not alter the way the policy is implemented. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.
<b>Chapter 9: Sustainable Use of Minerals</b>					
MM94	Policy M2: Safeguarding of Minerals Infrastructure	Restructuring of table to include Industrial Site reference in the Other Site Reference table. Update 'Assets Constraints and Notes' field of the policy table to bring the policy table in line with the other tables throughout the SAD.	Overall effects of the policy are likely to be positive.	None	The modifications are factual and do not alter the way the policy is implemented. Accurate details on assets and constraints ensure all the issues are taken into consideration when the plan is implemented, potentially improving the sustainability of the basis for making decisions on sites.

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MM95	Policy M6: Brickworks – Future Supply Requirements	<p>Update of policy following the granting of permission to expand Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (permission 14/0619/CM), which allows the quarry to supply Aldridge Brickworks.</p> <p>Sub-section f) also updated to enable supplies to both brickworks to be maintained in the long-term if feasible, and to correct the reference to SAD Policy M8 which should have referred to SAD Policy M7.</p>	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. As the permission has been granted some of the policy has been implemented and the policy has been updated to reflect this. The modification does not alter the SA as the approach and intentions of the policy remain unchanged.
MM96	Policy M7: Brick Clay Extraction – Stubbers Green	Update of policy following the granting of permission to expand Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (permission 14/0619/CM), removal of separate designation of Potential Minerals Site 'MXP3: Recordon Land' as it now forms part of permitted area of Site MP2: Atlas Quarry.	Overall effects of policy are uncertain as they depend on some factors outside the control of the SAD such as whether proposals for the restoration of Sandown Quarry (MP7) will actually come forward within the plan period, and the effectiveness of the measures proposed to mitigate and compensate for the harmful effects of expanding Atlas Quarry (MP2) onto the Recordon Land (MXP3), which is subject to a current planning application. These effects include the destruction of Stubbers Green SINC and possible indirect impacts on Swan Pool and The Swag SSSI, Stubbers Green Bog SSSI and Anchor Brook Valley SLINC, as a result of effects on hydrology.	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. Site MXP3 is still covered by the policy as it now forms part of MP2. As the permission has been granted (including management, restoration and mitigation provisions) some of the policy has been implemented and the policy has been updated to reflect this. The modification does not alter the SA as the approach and intentions of the policy remain unchanged.
MM97	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas	Update of Highfields South Landfill policy following granting of permission to extend the life of the landfill in September 2016 (16/0465)	No further brick clay extraction is envisaged at Highfields South (MP6) which is currently undergoing restoration. Restoration of this site is likely to take longer than originally envisaged, although the ongoing effects of the infilling operations are likely to be controlled effectively through the existing planning conditions and through regulation of the landfill site. However, the benefits of the restoration of this site and Vigo/ Utopia (MP8), once completed, would be outweighed by the unavoidable significant negative effects on	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation and it does not alter the SA as the approach and intentions of the policy remain unchanged.

Inspector Reference	Policy	Summary of Main Modification	Previous SA Conclusions	Implications for SA Results? Significant, Some, Negligible or None.	Summary of Implications
			biodiversity, the local landscape and agricultural land that would arise if the 'dormant' permission at Highfields North (MP9) is implemented.		
MM98	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Site MP9 Highfields North	Additional wording in the policy to provide further information on the SSSI Citation for 'Jockeys Fields'.	Overall significant negative effects. No further brick clay extraction is envisaged at Highfields South (MP6) which is currently undergoing restoration. Restoration of this site is likely to take longer than originally envisaged, although the ongoing effects of the infilling operations are likely to be controlled effectively through the existing planning conditions and through regulation of the landfill site. However, the benefits of the restoration of this site and Vigo/ Utopia (MP8), once completed, would be outweighed by the unavoidable significant negative effects on biodiversity, the local landscape and agricultural land that would arise if the 'dormant' permission at Highfields North (MP9) is implemented. The BCCS does not include any policy relating to Highfields North as the 'dormant' permission was believed to have been revoked at the time the plan was prepared. The site is within a relatively unspoiled area of open countryside, around 90% of it is designated as a SSSI (Jockey Fields), and parts of the site are also Grade 2 and Grade 3a agricultural land. The hydrology and hydrogeology of this area is also very complex, as it includes wetland areas that are fed by a network of small streams and ponds, and is identified as being at risk from surface water flooding by the Environment Agency. Impacts on hydrology from mineral extraction on this site could also have consequential effects on important wetland sites outside the area which are linked, such as Swan Pool and The Swag SSSI. The effects of a new brick clay extraction site at Highfields North or in the	None	This a factual additional to provide further information for clarity only. Ensuring the plan has the necessary information on natural assets is key to ensuring interested parties are aware of the natural assets and address them through any planning proposal. It does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.

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			surrounding brick clay resource area would be very long-term but intermittent, because a brick clay extraction site would typically be in operation for more than 20 years, but would not be worked continuously – there are usually around three or four ‘campaigns’ of extraction per annum. All of the clay extracted would be exported off-site as there are no brickworks adjacent to this area, and the access to the site is via the A461, a NO2 Area of Exceedance and a Noise Priority Area.		
MM99	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Amendments to the baseline date for information in line with the baseline date for the rest of the plan and a reference to changes in data as a result to planning permissions.	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.	None	This a factual additional to provide further information for clarity only. It does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.
MM100	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Amendments to the figures in Table 9.3 in-line with the baseline date for the rest of the plan and to update the figures in the table to reference the most recent planning permissions.	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.	None	This a factual additional to provide further information for clarity only. It provides further justification for the policy approach but does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.
MM101	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Factual update following the granting of permission to expand Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (permission 14/0619/CM).	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. It provides further justification for the policy approach but does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.

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			that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.		
MM102	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Factual update following the granting of permission to expand Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (permission 14/0619/CM).	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. It provides further justification for the policy approach but does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.
MM103	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Factual update of baseline information in Table 9.4 for consistency with baseline date for the plan and following the granting of permission to expand Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (permission 14/0619/CM),	Overall effects of policy are uncertain because they depend on factors largely outside the control of the SAD. It is unclear whether the permitted and unpermitted brick clay resources identified in the plan (Policies M7 and M8) would be able to supply Sandown Brickworks - the only brickworks in Walsall that cannot identify a 25-year supply of Etruria Marl - because the remaining resource areas identified are not in the control of the relevant brick manufacturer.	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. It provides further justification for the policy approach but does not alter the way in which the policy would be implemented and therefore the SA remains unaltered.
MM104	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Amendment to reflect the grant of permission for the expansion of Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (14/0619/CM), and the consequential change in status to the Recordon Land (formerly site MXP3), which no longer needs to be identified as a Potential Minerals Site as it is now part of the permitted area of Atlas Quarry (site MP2).	Overall effects of policy are uncertain as they depend on some factors outside the control of the SAD such as whether proposals for the restoration of Sandown Quarry (MP7) will actually come forward within the plan period, and the effectiveness of the measures proposed to mitigate and compensate for the harmful effects of expanding Atlas Quarry (MP2) onto the Recordon Land (MXP3), which is subject to a current planning application. These effects include the destruction of Stubbers Green SINC and possible indirect impacts on Swan Pool and The Swag SSSI, Stubbers Green Bog SSSI and Anchor Brook	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. Site MXP3 is still covered by the policy as it now forms part of MP2. As the permission has been granted (including management, restoration and mitigation provisions) some of the policy has been implemented and the policy has been updated to reflect this. The modification does not alter the SA as the approach and intentions of the policy remain unchanged.

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			Valley SLINC, as a result of effects on hydrology.		
MM105	Policy M8: Brick Clay Extraction – Other Areas Policy Justification	Amendment to reflect the grant of permission for the expansion of Atlas Quarry in February 2017 (14/0619/CM), and to explain the reasons for the policy towards restoration of the site following the approval of a new restoration programme as part of the permission. Final paragraph of justification also amended to refer to Policy GB1 instead of GB2 as latter policy has been deleted.	Overall effects of policy are uncertain as they depend on some factors outside the control of the SAD such as whether proposals for the restoration of Sandown Quarry (MP7) will actually come forward within the plan period, and the effectiveness of the measures proposed to mitigate and compensate for the harmful effects of expanding Atlas Quarry (MP2) onto the Recordon Land (MXP3), which is subject to a current planning application. These effects include the destruction of Stubbers Green SINC and possible indirect impacts on Swan Pool and The Swag SSSI, Stubbers Green Bog SSSI and Anchor Brook Valley SLINC, as a result of effects on hydrology.	None	This is a factual update to reflect the most recent planning situation. Site MXP3 is still covered by the policy as it now forms part of MP2. As the permission has been granted (including management, restoration and mitigation provisions) some of the policy has been implemented and the policy has been updated to reflect this. The modification does not alter the SA as the approach and intentions of the policy remain unchanged. The change of the reference to the Green Belt reflects a modification that is evaluated under MMs 55 and 57 above.
<b>Chapter 10: Transport and Infrastructure</b>					
MM106	Transport Policies Introduction	Correction to list of UDP saved policies and proposals that are being replaced by the SAD.	N/A – the introduction text sets the context for the policies and does not impact on the way in which the policies are implemented.	N/A	Factual update to introduction text only which does not impact on the way in which the policies are implemented.



**Table 2**

**Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of  
Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP)  
Addendum Considering Main Modifications**

Inspector Reference	Policy	Summary of Main Modification	Previous SA Conclusions	Implications for SA Results? Significant, Some, Negligible or None.	Summary of Implications
MM1	Throughout the plan	Amend reference throughout the plan from "AAP Policies Map" to the "Policies Map."	N/A – the policies map is a representation of the policies so was not subject to the SA. The modification is to amend wording so it is consistent with the legislation but it does not alter the way in which the plan is implemented.	N/A	N/A – factual update to text only.
MM2	Throughout the plan	Delete references to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as a delivery mechanism and replace with "planning obligations or other mechanisms for developer contributions."	N/A – the delivery mechanism themselves were not subject to SA as the SA look at the impacts on the policies being delivered not the mechanism used to support delivery.	N/A	N/A – factual update to text only. The modification is to ensure the plan does not refer to a mechanism that may not be suitable but the commitment in the plan to support the delivery of the strategy remains unaltered.
MM3	Introduction	Include reference to the list of UDP Saved and Superseded Policies that will be appended to the AAP. (Appendix attached to AAP).	N/A – the appendix is provided for information only and therefore has never required SA'ing.	N/A	N/A – factual update to text only.
MM4	Policy AAPLE2: Sport and Cultural Facilities	Removal of reference to the extension to Walsall Leather Museum to include Walsall Museum and Walsall Local History Centre from the policy text. Also modify the text in the policy on Walsall Library to include reference to the Local History Centre and Archive relocating there as part of an improved facility.	Positive - The policy will provide the opportunity for a new consolidated Heritage Centre. This would bring the less accessible local history centre into the town centre and support the Walsall museum through relocating it as part of Walsall Leather Museum. This will create a larger visitor attraction in the centre which should encourage more users of the facilities and more visitors to the centre overall.	Negligible	The modifications have been proposed to remove reference to a scheme that is not deliverable. The impact of removing this scheme in the plan is mitigated by the inclusion of references to the expansion of Walsall Library to include the Local History Centre. This therefore has a very similar impact of creating a larger visitor attraction in the town centre. The Leather Museum remains protected through the plan and as such the modification has no negative impact in terms of a loss of an active leisure facility and use for an historic building.
MM5	Policy AAPLV5: Protecting and Enhancing Historic Character and Local Distinctiveness	Amend wording of policy to include reference to Walsall Town Centre to clarify that there is justification for consideration to be given to design because of the local character of Walsall Town Centre.	Positive - the policy proposes quality design of new buildings to strengthen the town centre's heritage and identity, which will have positive impacts on the townscape of the centre. Attractive buildings and environments will have positive impacts on the economy of the town centre. The policy sets criteria for the design of buildings which affect heritage assets, which will have a positive impact on ensuring high standards of design in sensitive locations.	None	The additional wording provides justification for the policy but does not alter the policy in terms of how it is to be implemented. Therefore there is no impact on the SA results.
MM6	Policy AAPLV5: Protecting and Enhancing Historic Character and	Inclusion of footnote to last paragraph of Policy Justification to The Drill Hall being Grade II Listed on the 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 and to any other reference to this site throughout the plan.	Positive - the policy proposes quality design of new buildings to strengthen the town centre's heritage and identity, which will have positive impacts on the townscape of the centre. Attractive buildings and environments will have	None	The footnote is provided for information only and does not alter the policy approach. The modification simply ensures the plan has the most up-to-date information on historic assets so that the relevant parties can apply and

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	Local Distinctiveness		positive impacts on the economy of the town centre. The policy sets criteria for the design of buildings which affect heritage assets, which will have a positive impact on ensuring high standards of design in sensitive locations.		/or adhere to the policies which look to protect such assets.
MM7	Policy AAPLV6: Securing Good Design	Amend wording of policy to include reference to 'Walsall Town Centre' to clarify that there is justification for consideration to be given to design because of the local character of Walsall Town Centre.	Very positive effects - setting standards for good design of new buildings should have positive effects on the townscape of the centre, as well as cultural heritage, accessibility, and climate change mitigation and energy consumption. Attractive buildings and environments will have positive impacts on the economy of the town centre.	None	The additional wording provides justification for the policy but does not alter the policy in terms of how it is to be implemented. Therefore there is no impact on the SA results.

## **Appendix A**

### **Matrices assessments for MM29 and MM31 to SAD Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**

<b>Appraisal of SAD Policy HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Show People</b>														
SAD Policies	Walsall SAD & AAP – Revised SA Objectives (July 2015)													
	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14
HC4: Accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Show People (January 2016)	0	0	0	++	0	0	++	++	+	0	0	+	+	+
Modification MM29 - Delete sites HO157a (Former AUTOCRAFT, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) and HO157c (Jubilee House, Walsall Road, Walsall Wood) from list of proposed New Showpeople Sites in Table HC4a (February 2018)	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	++	+	0	0	+	+	+
Modification MM31 - Deletion of HO27, HO29 and HO62 as sites where development might have to include provision for gypsies and travellers as the deliverability of such provision would be uncertain and could threaten the deliverability of the sites for housing.	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	++	+	0	0	+	+	+

<b>Key to the Objectives Testing Matrix Outcomes</b>	
Likely strong compatibility	++
Likely compatibility	+
Relationship likely to be neutral	0
Likely incompatibility	-
Likely strong incompatibility	--
Compatibility uncertain	?

<b>Revised SAD and AAP SA Objectives (July 2015)</b>	
<b>SA1</b>	<b>Air Quality</b> - Minimise emissions of potentially harmful air pollutants from new development in Walsall and exposure of "sensitive receptors" to poor air quality in the parts of Walsall Borough where monitoring shows that the national air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) are not being met and/ or that there are high levels of other potentially harmful air pollutants
<b>SA2</b>	<b>Biodiversity and Geodiversity</b> - Conserve, protect, enhance and restore Walsall's biodiversity and geodiversity by ensuring that new development contributes towards the establishment of coherent and resilient ecological networks, makes provision for enhancement of biodiversity and geological conservation wherever possible, and does not harm the integrity of European Sites or cause further loss, harm or deterioration of designated sites, other important wildlife habitats, and geological features, or compromise existing ecological networks
<b>SA3</b>	<b>Climate Change</b> - Reduce Walsall's contribution towards climate change and adapt to the unavoidable effects of climate change on the Borough, by promoting developments that avoid, reduce or minimise emissions of harmful greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), and by identifying opportunities to mitigate the anticipated effects on key infrastructure and other important assets
<b>SA4</b>	<b>Communities and Population</b> - Support the development of strong, sustainable and inclusive communities in Walsall by developing well designed housing that meets current and future housing needs in locations that support the transition to a low carbon future and are resilient to the unavoidable effects of climate change, have a good standard of amenity and are accessible to existing and planned employment areas and social infrastructure; enable the development of appropriately located new social infrastructure where there is a need, and ensure that other new developments will have a positive effect on the quality of life for local communities, and will not be harmful to their amenity, health and well-being
<b>SA5</b>	<b>Cultural Heritage</b> - Conserve, protect and enhance Walsall's cultural heritage by encouraging better management of conservation areas and historic parks and gardens, by identifying appropriate, viable and beneficial uses for vacant historic buildings, and by ensuring that new development does not compromise the quality or character of heritage assets and their settings or destroy features or archaeology of national or local importance
<b>SA6</b>	<b>Economy and Centres</b> - Promote sustainable, low carbon economic growth and retain businesses and jobs in Walsall by identifying and safeguarding sufficient land for employment and training of the right quality in appropriate and accessible locations to meet the needs of local businesses and potential investors, without compromising the amenity of local communities or the operation of other businesses, by helping to address barriers to sustainable economic growth and investment where possible, such as providing new infrastructure where it is needed to support existing and future businesses, and by identifying opportunities for retail, office and leisure development in centres to meet anticipated requirements
<b>SA7</b>	<b>Equality and Diversity</b> - Reduce inequalities which result from social-economic disadvantage by ensuring that the diverse needs of communities in Walsall are met by planned housing and other developments, and ensure that groups or individuals with protected characteristics, as defined in the Equalities Act 2010, do not suffer direct or indirect discrimination as a result of policies that are included or omitted, including ensuring that developments intended for use specifically by protected or disadvantaged groups, or by them in conjunction with others, are in accessible locations, which are not exposed to significant environmental problems and are likely to be resilient to climate change effects
<b>SA8</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> - Improve the health and well-being of Walsall residents and address health inequalities by ensuring that new development supports healthy lifestyles and wellbeing and does not present unacceptable risks to the health, safety and wellbeing of local communities and people who visit Walsall for work, shopping or leisure, by developing new health and social care facilities where there is a need, and by ensuring that health and social care facilities are accessible to those they are meant to serve and are likely to be resilient to climate change effects
<b>SA9</b>	<b>Landscape and Townscape</b> - Conserve, protect and enhance the landscape and townscape by developing an environmental infrastructure network for Walsall that protects valued areas and provides opportunities to improve areas of lesser quality, and by ensuring that new development is well designed, of a type and scale appropriate to its surroundings, and respects the character of buildings, spaces and other features where they contribute positively to the environment
<b>SA10</b>	<b>Material Resources</b> - Use Walsall's material resources prudently and efficiently by safeguarding mineral resources and mineral and waste infrastructure, by addressing identified mineral supply requirements, by supporting proposals that would reduce waste and manage unavoidable waste in accordance with the "waste hierarchy," and by enabling the provision of the infrastructure needed for treatment, transfer and disposal of waste and manufacture and distribution of mineral products in appropriate locations, where operations will not endanger human health, or cause unacceptable harm to the environment, or the amenity and wellbeing of local communities
<b>SA11</b>	<b>Renewable and Low Carbon Energy</b> - Reduce Walsall's reliance on non-renewable, carbon based energy sources, by minimising energy consumption, by increasing the capacity available to generate energy and fuel from renewable and low carbon sources including waste that cannot be re-used or recycled, by identifying opportunities for co-location of new energy generating infrastructure near to complementary land uses where there is scope to use residual heat, and by delivering more affordable, secure and reliable supplies of energy to local communities and businesses, in ways that will not generate harmful pollutants or have other adverse effects on the environment, and will be resilient to climate change effects
<b>SA12</b>	<b>Soil and Ground Conditions</b> - Maintain and improve the quality of Walsall's soils and land, by avoiding development of greenfield land, including the "best and most versatile" agricultural land, where previously-developed land or lesser quality greenfield land is available, by encouraging development likely to use soils, land and buildings efficiently, re-use or recycle construction, demolition and excavation wastes, and bring previously developed and derelict land back into beneficial use, and by ensuring that new development deals with existing contamination and geotechnical problems and does not exacerbate existing problems or cause such problems on land not already affected
<b>SA13</b>	<b>Transport and Accessibility</b> - Deliver the transport infrastructure required to improve connectivity, reduce congestion and support economic growth in Walsall and adjoining parts of the West Midlands urban area, reduce the vulnerability of transport infrastructure to climate change effects, reduce the impacts of transport on the environment and on the health, amenity and well-being of local communities, and ensure that new employment and social infrastructure is accessible to local people by a choice of transport modes, and encourages them to make smarter and healthier transport choices
<b>SA14</b>	<b>Water Environment</b> - Conserve and protect Walsall's water resources, maintain water quality and reduce the risk of flooding, by minimising water consumption, by avoiding development in areas where water resources are present or areas at risk of flooding, by ensuring that new development will not have adverse impacts on hydrology or water treatment and supply infrastructure, including increasing vulnerability of such infrastructure to climate change effects, and that any waste water likely to be generated by new development can be managed in ways that minimise the risk of flooding and pollution of surface and groundwater