

Non-Technical Summary

Derry City and Strabane District Council is developing a new Local Development Plan. This Plan will replace the existing Area Plans and will provide a revised policy framework to inform planning decision making and to guide development in Derry City and Strabane District until 2032.

Sustainability Appraisal is a process used to assess the social, economic and environmental impacts of plans, policies or programmes, to ensure they contribute to sustainable development, and is required for new Local Development Plans.

This document is an Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal Reports of the draft Plan Strategy, which are:

- The Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Plan Strategy, published in December 2019, and submitted to the Independent Examination as DS-101 ('the 2019 SA Report');
- The Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report No. 1, published in November 2021, and submitted to the Independent Examination as DS-101a ('the SA Addendum Report No. 1').

The Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Plan Strategy updated and built upon an Interim Sustainability Appraisal, which was carried out in support of the options presented in the Council's Preferred Options Paper, published in May 2017.

The Sustainability Appraisal process is underpinned by a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, which presents the evidence base to inform the appraisals of each policy and establishes the framework for the appraisal. The Scoping Report was originally prepared for the Interim Sustainability Appraisal in 2017. An updated version was published alongside the draft Plan Strategy. The above reports should therefore be read in conjunction with the December 2019 Scoping Report.

Independent Examination of the Derry City and Strabane District Council draft Plan Strategy

In September 2022, the Department for Infrastructure appointed the Planning Appeals Commission to cause an Independent Examination of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy. The Independent Examination hearing of the draft Plan Strategy took place from September until October 2023.

Prior to those hearing sessions, a series of proposed changes to the Plan document were brought forward by the Council. As part of the Sustainability Appraisal, those proposed changes were screened to ascertain if any likely significant effects would occur as a result of their implementation within the draft Plan Strategy and documented through the SA Addendum Report No. 1. It was concluded that none of those proposed changes would result in a likely significant effect as a result of their implementation and consequently, no further amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal were required.

During the Independent Examination, the Council brought forward a number of further changes to the Plan Document as 'matters arising'. These changes will therefore require consideration in the Sustainability Appraisal.

Draft Plan Strategy Independent Examination Report and Recommendations

Following the Independent Examination, the Planning Appeals Commission concluded that, subject to the amendments identified within its Independent Examination Report of 10th May 2024, the Plan meets the tests of soundness as required.

On 17th December 2024, the Department for Infrastructure ('the Department') issued a direction to the Council to adopt the Plan Strategy with modifications.

The Department's Direction includes four Schedules (Schedules 1A, 1B, 2 and 3):

- Schedules 1A and 1B contain recommended modifications which reflect the proposed changes brought forward by the Council before the Independent Examination. These modifications have therefore already been assessed in the SA Addendum Report No. 1, published in November 2021.
- Schedule 2 in the Direction contains modifications recommended in the Planning Appeals Commission's Independent Examination Report, which the Department has directed as being necessary for the adoption of the Plan Strategy. These modifications include some of the 'further changes' introduced during the Independent Examination.
- Schedule 3 in the Direction identifies 11 of the 'further changes' brought forward by Council which the Department considers are not required for plan soundness, or which are sufficiently minor in nature that they can be incorporated in the Plan under MOD 113. MOD 113 encompasses correction of typographical and grammatical errors and minor presentational and factual amendments and can therefore be screened out of further SA.

This Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report (No. 2) has been prepared to document the assessment of whether any likely significant effects will arise from implementing the modifications detailed in Schedule 2 of the Department's Direction within the draft Plan Strategy and whether any update to Sustainability Appraisal is required.

The conclusions of this report are that implementing the recommended modifications within the Plan Strategy would not result in any new significant effects. All the recommended modifications can be made without impacting or changing in a significant manner how the Plan would perform against the Sustainability Objectives.

The assessment and conclusions of the 2019 Sustainability Appraisal Report and the SA Addendum Report No. 1 remain unchanged.

The overall impact of the Plan Strategy is a finding of no likely significant effects on the environment.

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1 Introduction

The Local Development Plan

- 1.1. Derry City and Strabane District Council is developing a new Local Development Plan (LDP). This LDP will replace the existing Area Plans and will provide a revised policy framework to inform planning decision-making and guide development in Derry City and Strabane District until 2032.
- 1.2. The LDP is made up of two documents:
 - the Plan Strategy, and
 - the Local Policies Plan.
- 1.3. The draft Plan Strategy was published in December 2019 and consulted upon, along with its supporting documents, between 2nd December 2019 and 27th January 2020.
- 1.4. Further information on the LDP is available at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp>

Sustainability Appraisal

- 1.5. Sections 8(6) and 9(7) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 require Council to carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the Plan Strategy and of the Local Policies Plan.
- 1.6. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is the process by which the social, environmental and economic impacts of the LDP are examined to ensure the Plan contributes to sustainable development. These requirements are locally implemented through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 ('the EAPP (NI) Regulations').
- 1.7. SA is an iterative process that runs in parallel with the preparation of the LDP, including the draft Plan Strategy. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) examines the environmental effects of the LDP proposals and any reasonable alternatives, taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the Plan and is an integral part of SA.
- 1.8. The SA is underpinned by the SA Scoping Report, which presents the evidence base to inform the appraisal of options and establishes the framework for the appraisal. The SA Scoping Report was originally developed for the Interim Sustainability Appraisal of options in the Derry City and Strabane District Council LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP). The consultation body (DAERA) was formally consulted on the Scoping Report in May 2017, in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EAPP (NI) Regulations. Following consultation, the Scoping Report was reviewed and updated prior to the appraisal of options for the draft Plan Strategy. This Addendum Report should therefore be read in conjunction with the version of the SA Scoping Report published alongside the draft Plan Strategy in December 2019.
- 1.9. The Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Plan Strategy, published in December 2019, ('the 2019 SA Report'), detailed the findings of the assessment on the likely significant effects on the environment from implementing the new LDP draft Plan Strategy. Following publication, it was subject to statutory and public consultation in accordance with Regulation 12 of the EAPP (NI) Regulations.
- 1.10. Development Plan Practice Note 04¹ Paragraph 9.1a (vi) provides guidance on whether the SA Report should be updated if draft development plan documents (Plan Strategy or Local Policies Plan) are modified. It states "*a further appraisal may be required if a change substantially alters the draft plan and may have likely significant effects which have not previously been appraised...*" "*...Modifications to the SA should be proportionate to the level of change being made to the draft plan. Therefore, changes to the draft plan that are not significant should not require any further SA. A council will need to exercise judgement as whether a revised SA report will be required*".

¹ Department for Infrastructure (2015) Development Plan Practice Note 04 'Sustainability Appraisal Incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment' (found at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/development-plan-practice-notes> [accessed 20/02/2025]).

Independent Examination of the Derry City and Strabane District Council Draft Plan Strategy

- 1.11. In September 2022, the Department for Infrastructure appointed the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) to cause an Independent Examination of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy. The Independent Examination public hearing sessions took place between September and October 2023.
- 1.12. Prior to those hearing sessions, a number of proposed changes to the Plan document were brought forward by the Council. These proposed changes were screened to ascertain if any likely significant effects would occur as a result of their implementation within the draft Plan Strategy. The screening outcome was documented in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum Report No. 1. That report concluded that none of the proposed changes would result in any likely significant effects as a result of their implementation within the draft Plan Strategy and that no further amendments to the SA were required.
- 1.13. During the Independent Examination, the Council also brought forward a number of Further Changes (FCs) to the Plan Document under 'matters arising'.
- 1.14. Following the Independent Examination, the PAC concluded that, subject to recommended amendments and modifications, the draft Plan Strategy met the tests of soundness as required.

Post-Examination Modifications

- 1.15. On 17th December 2024, the Department for Infrastructure ('the Department') issued a direction to the Council to adopt the Plan Strategy with modifications. The Department's Direction includes four Schedules (Schedules 1A, 1B, 2 and 3).
- 1.16. Schedules 1A and 1B contain recommended modifications (MODs) which reflect the Council's 'proposed changes' (PCs) brought forward before the Independent Examination. The likely significant effects of implementing the modifications in Schedules 1A and 1B have already been assessed and documented in the SA Addendum Report No. 1, published in November 2021.
- 1.17. Schedule 2 in the Direction contains modifications recommended in the PAC's Independent Examination Report, which the Department has directed as being necessary for the adoption of the Plan Strategy. These modifications include some of the 'further changes' introduced during the Independent Examination.
- 1.18. Schedule 3 in the Direction clarifies the status of 11 of the 'further changes' brought forward by Council. The majority (nine) of these FCs are not directed as separate modifications, as they are sufficiently minor in nature that they can be incorporated in the Plan under MOD 113, which encompasses the correction of typographical and grammatical errors and minor presentational and factual amendments. The PAC and the Department have agreed that two of the FCs brought forward by the Council are not required.
- 1.19. Any modifications to the draft Plan Strategy have the potential to change the appraisal of likely effects on social, economic and environmental interests. Therefore, they require consideration through the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment process in order to determine if they alter the 'likely significant effects' predicted in the 2019 SA Report, or if they may result in new likely significant effects.
- 1.20. The current stage of the SA consists of assessing the likelihood of significant effects on the environment as a result of incorporating the modifications set out in Schedule 2 of the Department's Direction into the Plan Strategy, or as a result of not incorporating the Further Changes detailed in Schedule 3 of the Department's Direction.
- 1.21. This SA Addendum Report (No. 2) identifies whether the outcomes of that original report should be varied or revised from those originally published. It should therefore be read in conjunction with the 2019 SA Report, the SA Addendum Report No. 1 and the Department's Direction.

- 1.22. If any modification is considered to result in a variation to the original assessment, this Addendum will specify where and how this has been done in the SA.

Next Steps

- 1.23. As soon as reasonably practicable after the adoption of the Plan Strategy, a Sustainability Appraisal Post Adoption Statement will be prepared and made available on the Derry City and Strabane District Council website in accordance with Regulation 15 of the EAPP (NI) Regulations.

2 Review and Screening of the Directed Modifications to the draft Plan Strategy

- 2.1 The objective of the EAPP (NI) Regulations is to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans with a view to promoting sustainable development. SA builds on this as it covers the social and economic effects of plans, as well as the more environmentally focused considerations of SEA.
- 2.2 This section presents a screening of the 112 modifications (MODs) to the draft Plan Strategy as detailed in Schedule 2 of the Department’s Direction and identification of whether these modifications have the potential to result in likely significant effects on the environment. The implications for the SA of not implementing the Further Changes detailed in Schedule 3 are also considered.
- 2.3 The fourteen social, economic and environmental Sustainability Objectives, as identified in the POP/Interim stage and draft Plan Strategy SA Scoping Reports and applied in the 2019 SA Report are shown in Table 2.1 below. They have been informed by the strategic and policy context, a review of baseline information for the Council and any evidence of trends and issues. The Sustainability Objectives remain unchanged from the original SA.

Table 2.1 Sustainability Objectives for Derry City and Strabane District Council

SO1	1...improve health and wellbeing. Public policy seeks to increase healthy life expectancy, reduce preventable deaths, improve mental health and reduce health inequalities. Evidence shows that there is a need to address obesity, increase physical activity and reduce inequalities in health. It is also necessary to provide for the needs of an aging population and minimise the detrimental impacts of noise. This can be achieved by creating an environment that is clean and attractive; encourages healthy lifestyles; protects tranquil and quiet areas and enables access to health care facilities for all.
SO2	2...strengthen society. Regional policy is directed towards improving community relations and creating a safe society which is more united. Success will be represented by places which are inclusive, respect culture and identity, promote social integration and create a sense of pride. They will also be designed to feel safe and to reduce opportunity for crime or anti-social behaviour.
SO3	3...provide good quality, sustainable housing. The population is growing and therefore there is ongoing need for new housing in locations that meet regional policy, are accessible and balance the needs of society and the environment. The make-up of households is changing therefore design needs to meet long-term requirements with good quality build to be sustainable. This objective should reduce homelessness and ensure decent, affordable homes with a mix of types.
SO4	4...enable access to high quality education. Good education improves opportunities for employment and also contributes to avoidance of poverty and healthier lifestyles. The provision of suitable accommodation for educational establishments in appropriate, accessible locations should play a part in making schools more sustainable and reducing inequalities in education.

SO5	<p>5...enable sustainable economic growth. Regional policy seeks to develop a strong, competitive and regionally balanced economy. It is necessary to provide suitable locations for employment, with flexibility where necessary, to reflect current and future distribution of jobs across sectors, encourage new business start-ups, facilitate innovation, regenerate areas, attract investment and make employment as accessible as possible for all. This will reduce unemployment and poverty by helping more people to earn a living and increase their income.</p>
SO6	<p>6...manage material assets sustainably. Material assets such as infrastructure and sources of energy production are essential for society and the economy but need careful planning to ensure that they are designed for efficiency and to minimise adverse impacts. The concept of circular economy treats waste as resource which should be managed sustainably to reduce production and increase recovery, recycling and composting rates; new or adapted facilities may be required.</p>
SO7	<p>7...protect physical resources and use sustainably. Land, minerals, geothermal energy and soil are resources which require protection from degradation and safeguarding for future use. Sustainable agriculture, tourism and sustainable use of minerals and geothermal energy can help to support the economy.</p>
SO8	<p>8...encourage active and sustainable travel. There is a common goal to reduce traffic emissions and congestion which means reducing single-occupancy car use and increasing other forms of transport, especially at peak times. The location of housing and key services can facilitate better access to public transport. Opportunities for active travel makes travel more affordable and may bring added health benefits while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Measures to manage car demand, such as parking and re-allocation of roadspace, which encourage a shift from car to public transport, walking and cycling will contribute to this goal.</p>
SO9	<p>9...improve air quality Air pollution has serious impacts on human health as well as degrading the natural environment. This objective can be achieved through reducing sources of air pollution. Where air pollution cannot be totally excluded careful siting of development should avoid impacts on sensitive receptors.</p>
SO10	<p>10...reduce causes of and adapt to climate change. International commitments require greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced to lessen their effects on climate. Measures that help reduce energy consumption and enable renewable energy helps mitigate greenhouse gas emissions however adaption is also required to plan for the impacts of climate change.</p>
SO11	<p>11...protect, manage and use water resources sustainably. This objective encompasses reducing levels of water pollution, sustainable use of water resources, improving the physical state of the water environment and reducing the risk of flooding now and in the future. It meets the requirements of Northern Ireland legislation, strategies and plans in support of the Water Framework Directive and other Directives that relate to water and it takes account of the future impacts of climate change.</p>
SO12	<p>12...protect natural resources and enhance biodiversity. International obligations which are adopted in Northern Ireland legislation and policies require the protection of biodiversity including flora, fauna and habitats, including the marine environment. This is for their intrinsic value and for the wider services that they provide to people, the economy and the environment for example as carbon stores which lessen the effects of climate change. This objective includes protecting and enhancing biodiversity and the coastal and marine area, as well as protection of green and blue infrastructure to enhance the services that natural resources provide.</p>
SO13	<p>13...maintain and enhance landscape character. International and national policies seek to conserve the natural character and landscape of the coast and countryside and protect them from excessive, inappropriate or obtrusive development. This objective seeks to maintain the character and distinctiveness of the area's landscapes and seascapes and to protect and enhance open spaces and the setting of prominent features, settlements and transport corridors.</p>

SO14	14...protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage. The historic environment and cultural heritage are resources that inform our history and bring character and sense of place. They also attract visitors and contribute to the economy and bring vibrancy to the places where we live, work and relax. This can be achieved by protecting and enhancing Conservation Areas, townscapes and other sites of historic and cultural value including their setting.
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2.4 The scoring and descriptions used in the Sustainability Appraisal are presented in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1 Scoring and definitions used in the Sustainability Appraisal

Rating	Description
++	Significant Positive Policy/ proposal would greatly help to achieve the objective
+	Minor Positive Policy/ proposal would slightly help to achieve the objective
0	Neutral / no effect Policy/ proposal would have no overall effect
-	Minor Negative Policy/ proposal would slightly conflict with the objective
--	Significant Negative Policy/ proposal would greatly conflict with the objective
?	Uncertain The effect cannot be predicted because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the approach has an uncertain relationship to the objective; or ▪ the relationship is dependent on the way in which the approach is implemented; or ▪ <u>insufficient</u> information may be available to enable an appraisal to be made.
ST	Short Term Up to five years
MT	Medium Term Five to 15 years
LT	Long term Over 15 years

++ Significant positive effect	+ Minor positive effect	0 No overall effect	- Minor negative effect	-- Significant negative effect	? Score uncertain
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2.5 No new policies have been put forward in Schedule 2 (new policy ODC 1 was originally brought forward prior to the Independent Examination and included in the SA Addendum Report No. 1). This Addendum will therefore only examine whether the new modifications to the draft Plan Strategy are likely to be significant.

2.6 The modifications have been assessed with regard to their interactions, if any, with the Sustainability Objectives, and their potential to produce significant effects on the specific components of the environment as identified through the Sustainability Framework.

2.7 In assessing the modifications, consideration was given to:

- Would the modification to the policy (either alone or in combination with the other changes) ‘materially’ change what the SA initially assessed or assumed about how the LDP would be implemented, or change the actions that the LDP might inevitably lead to?
- Would the modification substantially alter the effect of the revised policy’s performance against the Sustainability Objectives and, if so, would the effect be significant?

2.8 These considerations have informed the assessment of whether the changes would necessitate a revision to the SA. The criteria for assessing the significance of the policy changes are shown below:

Likely to have a beneficial effect on original policy status against SOs	Likely to have a minor adverse effect on original policy status against SOs, able to be mitigated	Likely to have a major adverse effect on original policy status against SOs, mitigation necessary.	No change to original policy status against SOs
Not significant Screened Out	Potentially Significant May be Screened in . However, if negative or mixed effects were previously identified and mitigation or measures to reduce significance are already recorded in the SA and no additional mitigation is required, can be Screened Out	Significant Screened in - SA required to fully examine revised policy against alternatives.	Not significant Screened Out

- 2.9 Where it is indicated that the modification would result in no change to the original policy status against the Sustainability Objectives, it means that the initial evaluation of the policy remains unchanged, i.e. it is the same as was concluded in the 2019 SA Report. In the case of the removal or insertion of a policy, it means that the change would not change the status of the Plan as a whole against the Sustainability Objectives.
- 2.10 If the policy change enhances the original policy’s positive effects on a Sustainability Objective, these should serve to strengthen the sustainability of the LDP and will be cumulated with the original evaluation of the draft Plan Strategy SA in the SA Adoption report, once the respective amendments are adopted.
- 2.11 Where a minor adverse effect on the policy status against one or more Sustainability Objectives is identified, a summary of the policy review has been placed below the proposed amendment to explain the nature of the potential effects in more detail. This summary will demonstrate the process by which a decision was made on whether the change would justify the modification being ‘Screened In’ to the SA. A ‘Screened In’ policy modification will undergo a full sustainability appraisal against the reasonable alternatives.
- 2.12 Where a major adverse effect on the policy status against one or more Sustainability Objectives is identified, the policy modification will be ‘Screened In’ to the SA and will undergo a full appraisal against the reasonable alternatives.
- 2.13 In the event that further SA is required for a modification to the draft Plan Strategy, the SA will identify any required measures to ensure avoidance or mitigation of any potential negative environmental impacts.

3 Summary of Review Outcomes

- 3.1 A full list of the modifications listed in Schedule 2 of the Department’s Direction and their screening outcome has been included as Appendix A.
- 3.2 The Council considers that a small number of the modifications may introduce changes to the draft Plan Strategy which may be perceived as substantive changes. Table 3.1 below identifies those modifications and summarises their implications for the SA.

Table 3.1 Summary Review of potentially substantive modifications.

POLICY and MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Effects on SA	Outcome
6. SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT MOD 05, MOD 06, MOD 08	Changes to the explanatory text for clarity and for effectiveness in implementation.	Spatial Strategy appraised through the Designations. Clarifications on the ‘resilient form of settlement’ concept would not have any effect on the Plan’s performance against the SOs, as any proposal brought forward must fit within the sequential approach and settlement hierarchy of the current LDP, which accords with the strategic approach tested in the SA under SETT1 and SETT2, as well as other relevant strategic and operation policies.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
ED 3 Economic Development in Settlements MOD 25	Change to the policy wording and to J&A for coherence and for effectiveness in implementation.	ED 2 - ED 4 appraised as a group. Modification clarifies that an exception is provided to allow ED (of an appropriate scale) in smaller settlements that have no LUPA. This would cause no change to the effects on the SOs identified in the SA, as the modification does not alter the strategic approach appraised, which was to facilitate economic development at suitable locations within a settlement.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TOU 1 Safeguarding of Tourism Assets MOD 40	Change to the J&A and introduction of an Appendix containing a list of tourism assets and amenities, for clarity.	TOU 1 appraised. The addition of an indicative list to assist applicants and decision makers does not change the strategic assessment presented in the SA, as the principle of policy TOU 1 is unchanged. No effect on performance against SOs.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
NE 3 Biodiversity or Features of Natural Heritage Importance MOD 89	Change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and coherence, and for effectiveness in implementation.	NE 1 - NE 3 appraised as a group. The modification clarifies and broadens out the explicitly-stated higher standard of protection for habitats for which removal/loss cannot be mitigated or fully compensated for. While in rare instances this may limit minerals development (by increasing the level of protection for these specific habitat types), this MOD does not change the strategic assessment of effects in the SA. The SA recognised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY and MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Effects on SA	Outcome
		that while protection of natural resources could be perceived as conflicting with the delivery of development relevant to economic sustainability objectives (in particular material assets), at the strategic scale there are sufficient locations / opportunities available across the District and the modification would not change the Plan's performance against these SOs. MOD 89 may slightly strengthen the Plan's performance towards the sustainability objectives relating to climate change, water resources and natural resources, however as these were identified as positive / significant positive in the SA, the scores will not change.	
<p>NE 5 Development within or affecting the setting of the Sperrin AONB MOD 91</p>	Change to the policy wording and to the J&A wording for clarity and consistency.	NE 5 appraised. This MOD does not change the strategic assessment of effects in the SA, which recognised that protection of the AONB could constrain development that cannot be easily integrated - even with careful design - due to its nature/scale. No effect on performance against SOs.	No change to the SA - Screened Out

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 All of the modifications listed in Schedule 2 of the Department's Direction have been reviewed in the context of Schedule 1 of the EAPP (NI) Regulations to determine whether they substantially modify the draft Plan Strategy and would have any likely significant effects which have not previously been appraised. In doing so, consideration has been given to the performance of the policies and the whole of the Plan Strategy against the Sustainability Objectives and the effects identified in the 2019 SA.
- 4.2 The screening of the modifications, summarised in Appendix A and with relevant excerpts presented in Table 3.1 of this report, has found that none of the modifications would 'materially' change what the SA initially assessed, or what it assumed about how the LDP would be implemented.
- 4.3 The majority of the modifications to the draft Plan Strategy are changes to the document for the purposes of clarity, coherence and consistency. They are logical and rational modifications in response to issues raised during the Independent Examination. In practice they do not change the strategic aim or purpose of the policy from that originally assessed in the SA.
- 4.4 Two of the Further Changes to the Plan document brought forward by the Council in the Independent Examination have been directed as not required. The withdrawal of those proposed changes would have no effect on the conclusions of the SA.

- 4.5 Taking into account measures which have been already integrated into the draft Plan Strategy to provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that all potential significant effects arising from the implementation of the modifications are already accounted for in the SA including the SA Addendum Report No. 1 and will not change.
- 4.6 Implementing the modifications will have no significant effect on the overall performance of the policy or the draft Plan Strategy as a whole against the Sustainability Objectives. There will be no likely significant effects as a result of their implementation within the draft Plan Strategy.
- 4.7 Following consideration of the modifications, the Council has concluded that no further amendments to the SA are required.
- 4.8 The conclusions of this report are that implementing the recommended modifications within the Plan Strategy would not result in any new significant effects. All the recommended modifications can be made without impacting or changing in a significant manner how the Plan would perform against the Sustainability Objectives.
- 4.9 The assessment and conclusions of the 2019 Sustainability Appraisal Report and the SA Addendum Report No. 1 remain unchanged.
- 4.10 The overall impact of the Plan Strategy is a finding of no likely significant effects on the environment.

Appendix A

Table A.1: Summary of Review and Screening of Modifications in Schedule 2 of the Department's Direction

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
PART A – CONTEXTUAL CHAPTERS				
1. INTRODUCTION TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) PLAN STRATEGY (PS)			No - not applicable	
2. SURVEY & PROFILE OF THE DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT			No - not applicable	
3. POLICY CONTEXT FOR THE LDP			No - not applicable	
PART B - OVERALL STRATEGY				
4. LDP VISION AND OBJECTIVES	MOD 01, MOD 02	Minor change to the Strategic Objectives for consistency and for coherence. No effect on compatibility with the SOs.	Vision & Objectives Compatibility Check – Appendix 2	No change to the SA - Screened Out
5. GROWTH STRATEGY FOR THE DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT	MOD 03, MOD 04	Minor change to table heading and to the explanatory text for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	Growth Strategy appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
6. SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT	MOD 05, MOD 06, MOD 08	Changes to the explanatory text for clarity and for effectiveness in implementation. Clarifications on the 'resilient form of settlement' concept would not have any effect on the Plan's performance against the SOs, as any proposal	Appraised through Designations	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		brought forward must fit within the sequential approach and settlement hierarchy of the current LDP, which accords with the strategic approach tested in the SA under SETT1 and SETT2, as well as other relevant strategic and operation policies.		
Designations				
SETT 1 Settlement Hierarchy for DC&SDC, LDP 2032			SETT 1 appraised	
SETT 2 Development within Settlement Development Limits			SETT 2 appraised	
SCA 1 Special Countryside Area (SCA)			SCA 1 appraised via operational policy NE 6 (appraisal NE 6-8)	
AHLI 1 Areas of High Landscape Importance (AHLIs).	MOD 7	Minor change to the designation description for consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.	AHLI 1 appraised via operational policy NE 7 (appraisal NE 6-8)	No change to the SA - Screened Out
LLPA 1 Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs)			LLPA 1 appraised via operational policy NE 8 (appraisal NE 6-8)	
GB 1 Green Belts (GBs)			GB 1 appraised	
DPA 1 Development Pressure Areas (DPAs)			DPA 1 appraised	
WECA 1 Wind Energy Capacity Areas (WECAs)			WECA 1 appraised via operational policy RED 1	
7. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES & POLICIES	MOD 09, MOD 11, MOD 17,	Minor changes to presentation of the GDPs for clarity and for effectiveness in	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
	MOD 18, MOD 20	implementation. Factual correction / update and minor changes to the explanatory text for clarity, and coherence and for effectiveness in implementation.		
GDP 1 Sustainable Development	MOD 10	Minor change to the principle text for clarity and for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.
GDP 2 Climate Change	MOD 11	Minor change to the principle text for consistency and for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.
GDP 3 Improving Health and Well-Being			Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	
GDP 4 Supporting Sustainable Economic Growth	MOD 14	Minor change to the principle text for consistency and for coherence and effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.
GDP 5 Creating and Enhancing Shared Space			Principles not appraised; relevant operation	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
			policies (GDPOs appraised).	
GDP 6 Importance of Ecosystem Services	MOD 15	Minor change to the principle text for clarity and for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.
GDP 7 Preserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment			Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	
GDP 8 Preserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment			Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	
Implementation of General Development Principles	MOD 05, MOD 21	Minor changes to explanatory text for clarity and to aid implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	Principles not appraised; relevant operation policies (GDPOs) appraised).	Not applicable.
GDPOL 1 General Development Management Policy	MOD 19	Minor change to the policy wording and to J&A for consistency with the SPPS. No effect on performance against SOs.	GDPOL 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
GDPOL 2 Design Policy in Settlements			GDPOL 2 appraised	
8. Enforcement				
PART C - ECONOMY - STRATEGY, DESIGNATIONS & POLICIES				
9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
LDP Strategy for Economic Development Designations	MOD 22, MOD 23	Deletion of text for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs. Minor change to J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out
Employment Opportunity Areas				
Tier 1 Strategic Redevelopment Areas (SRAs)			Appraised via ED operational policy	
Tier 2 Special Economic Development Areas (SEDAs)			Appraised via ED operational policy	
Tier 3 General Economic Development Areas (GEDAs)			Appraised via ED operational policy	
Tier 4 New Economic Development Area (NEDA)	MOD 24	Minor change to the designation text for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	Appraised via ED operational policy	No change to the SA - Screened Out
Tier 5 Economic Development in Countryside Policies			Appraised via ED operational policy	
ED 1 General Criteria for Economic Development			ED 1 appraised	
ED 2 Office Development			ED 2 - ED 4 appraised as a group	
ED 3 Economic Development in Settlements	MOD 25	Change to the policy wording and to J&A for coherence and for effectiveness in implementation. Exception provided to allow ED (of an appropriate scale) in	ED 2 - ED 4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		smaller settlements that have no LUPA. This would cause no change to the effects on the SOs identified in the SA.		
ED 4 Protection of Zoned and Established Economic Development Land and Uses	MOD 26	Minor change to the policy wording and to J&A for clarity and consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.	ED 2 - ED 4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
ED 5 Small Scale Economic Development in the Countryside	MOD 27	Minor change to the policy wording and to J&A for consistency and coherence with regional policy provisions and for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	ED 5 - ED 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
ED 6 Expansion of an Established Economic Development Use in the Countryside			ED 5 - ED 7 appraised as a group	
ED 7 Major Industrial Development in the Countryside			ED 5 - ED 7 appraised as a group	
10. CITY / TOWN CENTRES, RETAILING, OFFICES, LEISURE AND OTHER USES				
Designations				
HC 1 Proposed Hierarchy of Centres (<i>now NC 1</i>)	MOD 31	Minor change to the designation title for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	NC 1 appraised via operational policies RP1 - RP7	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
DOS 1 Development Opportunity Sites within Derry City Centre and Strabane Town Centre			Insufficient detail to appraise DOS 1 at dPS. Will be appraised at LPP.	
RP 1 Town Centre First	MOD 28, MOD 29	Minor change to the policy wording and to J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
RP 2 Derry Primary Retail Core (PRC) and City Centre			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	
RP 3 Strabane Primary Retail Core (PRC) and Town Centre			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	
RP 4 Other Town and District Centres			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	
RP 5 Local Centres			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	
RP 6 Villages and Small Settlements	MOD 30	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for clarity and consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.	RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
RP 7 Retail Development in the Countryside			RP 7 appraised	
RP 8 Alternative Use of Shops in Primary Retail Cores and Other Centres			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	
RP 9 Out of Centre Development	MOD 31, MOD 32, MOD 33	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for clarity and coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	RP 9 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
RP 10 Other Main Town Centre Uses			RP 1 - RP 6, RP 8, RP 10 appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
11. TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT				
LDP Strategy in accordance with the LTS				
Strategic Objectives for Car Parking in Derry City and Strabane				
Strategic Planning Objectives for Delivery of Transport Strategy and Measures	MOD 34	Factual correction/ update to objectives for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out
TAM 1 Creating an Accessible Environment	MOD 35	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	TAM 1	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TAM 2 Access to Public Roads			TAM 2 & TAM 3 appraised as a group	
TAM 3 Access to Protected Routes	MOD 36	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	TAM 2 & TAM 3 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TAM 4 Protection for New Transport Schemes			TAM 4 & TAM 5 appraised as a group	
TAM 5 Disused Transport Routes	MOD 37	Minor change to the policy wording for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	TAM 4 & TAM 5 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TAM 6 Transport Assessment			TAM 6	
TAM 7 Walking & Cycle Provision	MOD 38	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	TAM 7	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TAM 8 Provision of Public and Private Car Parks			TAM 8 - TAM 11 appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
TAM 9 Car Parking and Servicing			TAM 8 - TAM 11 appraised as a group	
TAM 10 Design of Car Parking			TAM 8 - TAM 11 appraised as a group	
TAM 11 Temporary Car Parks			TAM 8 - TAM 11 appraised as a group	
TAM 12 <i>Strategic</i> Transport Facilities	MOD 39	Minor change to the policy title for clarity. Change to the J&A / supporting paragraph bullet points for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	TAM 12	No change to the SA - Screened Out
12. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT				
LDP Strategy for Tourism				
TOU 1 Safeguarding of Tourism Assets	MOD 40	Change to the J&A and introduction of an Appendix containing a list of tourism assets and amenities, for clarity. The addition of an indicative list to assist applicants and decision makers does not change the strategic assessment presented in the SA as the principle of TOU 1 is unchanged. No effect on performance against SOs.	TOU 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
TOU 2 Tourism Development in Settlements	MOD 41, MOD 42, MOD 43	Minor change to the policy wording for consistency and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	TOU 2 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TOU 3 Tourist Amenities in the Countryside			TOU 3, TOU 4, TOU 6 & TOU 7 appraised as a group	
TOU 4 Hotels, Guest Houses, B&Bs and Tourist Hostels in the Countryside	MOD 44	Minor change to the J&A for clarity and consistency with regional policy. No effect on performance against SOs.	TOU 3, TOU 4, TOU 6 & TOU 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TOU 5 Major Tourism Development in the Countryside - Exceptional Circumstances			TOU 5 appraised	
TOU 6 Self-Catering Accommodation in the Countryside	MOD 45	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for clarity and consistency with regional policy, and for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	TOU 3, TOU 4, TOU 6 & TOU 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
TOU 7 New and Extended Holiday Parks			TOU 3, TOU 4, TOU 6 & TOU 7 appraised as a group	
13. MINERALS DEVELOPMENT				
LDP Strategy for Minerals Development				
MIN 1 Minerals Development	MOD 46, MOD 47, MOD 48,	Minor change to the J&A for clarity, consistency and coherence. No	MIN 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
	MOD 49, MOD 50	effect on performance against SOs.		
MIN 2 Areas of Constraint on Minerals Development (ACMDs).	MOD 51	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	MIN 2 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
MIN 3 Mineral Reserve Areas (MRAs)			MIN 3 appraised	
MIN 4 Valuable Minerals			MIN 4 appraised	
MIN 5 Restoration	MOD 52, MOD 53	Minor change to the policy wording for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs. Minor change to the J&A for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	MIN 5 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
14. SIGNS & OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENTS				
LDP Strategy for Signage and Outdoor Advertisements				
AD 1 Signage & Outdoor Advertisements	MOD 54, MOD 55	Minor change to the J&A for consistency and for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	AD 1 & AD 2 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
AD 2 Advertisements and Heritage Assets	MOD 56	Minor change to the policy wording for coherence and consistency, and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	AD 1 & AD 2 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
15. AGRICULTURE & OTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE				
LDP Strategy for Agriculture & Other Sustainable Development in the Countryside	MOD 57	Re-wording of the introductory paragraphs. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out
ODC 1 Other Development in the Countryside	MOD 57	New policy, for coherence. No effect on the SOs (<i>Appraised in SA Addendum No. 1</i>)	ODC 1 Appraised in Addendum No. 1	No change to the SA - Screened Out
AGR 1 Farm and Forestry Diversification (<i>now ODC 2</i>)	MOD 59	Minor change to the policy title for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	ODC 2 – ODC4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
AGR 2 Farm and Forestry Development (<i>now ODC 3</i>)	MOD 59	Minor change to the policy title for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	ODC 2 – ODC4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
AGR 3 The Conversion, <i>Change of Use</i> and Re-Use Of Existing Buildings for Agricultural and other Suitable Rural Uses (<i>now ODC 4</i>)	MOD 58, MOD 59	Minor change to the policy title, and to the policy wording for clarity and for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	ODC 2 – ODC4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
PART D - SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - STRATEGY, DESIGNATIONS & POLICIES				
16 HOUSING IN SETTLEMENTS AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE				
LDP Strategy for the Strategic allocation of Housing land	MOD 60, MOD 61, MOD 62	Minor change to introductory text and referenced Appendix for consistency and coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
HOU 1 Strategic Allocation and Management of Housing Land - Zoned Housing Land and LUPAs.	MOD 63, MOD 64	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity and coherence and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 1 appraised. PCs screened for cumulative effects in Addendum No. 1.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 2 Strategic Allocation of Housing in Settlements - other than Zoned Housing Land and LUPAs	MOD 65	Minor change to the policy wording, and to the J&A for coherence and for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 2 & HOU 11 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 3 Density of Residential Development			HOU 3 appraised	
HOU 4 Protection of Existing Residential Accommodation			HOU 4 appraised	
HOU 5 Affordable Housing in Settlements	MOD 66, MOD 67, MOD 68, MOD 69	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity, consistency, coherence and effectiveness in implementation, and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 5 - HOU 7 appraised as a group. PCs screened for cumulative effects in Addendum No. 1.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 6 House Types <i>and Size</i> and Tenure	MOD 70	Minor change to the policy title and to the policy wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 5 - HOU 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 7 Accessible Housing (Lifetime Homes and Wheelchair Standards)			HOU 5 - HOU 7 appraised as a group	
HOU 8 Quality in New Residential Developments			HOU 8 & HOU 9 appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
HOU 9 Design Concept Statements, Concept Master Plans and Comprehensive Planning			HOU 8 & HOU 9 appraised as a group	
HOU 10 Residential Extensions and Alterations			HOU 10 appraised	
HOU 11 Redevelopment of Existing Buildings, or Infilling of Sites for Housing	MOD 71	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 2 & HOU 11 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 12 Flats and Apartments	MOD 72	Minor change to the policy wording, and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 12- HOU14 & HOU 17 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 13 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Management Areas	MOD 73	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 12- HOU14 & HOU 17 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 14 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)			HOU 12- HOU14 & HOU 17 appraised as a group	
HOU 15 Specialist Residential Accommodation	MOD 74, MOD 75	Minor change to the policy wording, and to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 15 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 16 Travellers Accommodation			HOU 16 appraised	
HOU 17 Large-Scale Managed Student Accommodation	MOD 76	Minor change to the J&A for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 12- HOU14 & HOU 17 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
POLICIES FOR HOUSING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE				
LDP Strategy for Housing in the Countryside				
HOU 18 Dwellings on Farms			HOU 18, HOU 19 & HOU 24 appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
HOU 19 Dwellings for Established Non-Agricultural Business Enterprises			HOU 18, HOU 19 & HOU 24 appraised as a group	
HOU 20 Restored and Replacement Rural Dwellings.			HOU 20 & HOU 21	
HOU 21 The Conversion and Re-use of Other Rural Buildings			HOU 20 & HOU 21	
HOU 22 New Dwelling in Existing Cluster in the Countryside			HOU 22 & HOU 23	
HOU 23 New Single Dwelling in a Small Gap in Existing Built-up Frontage in the Countryside			HOU 22 & HOU 23	
HOU 24 Personal and Domestic Circumstances in the Countryside			HOU 18, HOU 19 & HOU 24 appraised as a group	
HOU 25 Affordable Housing in the Countryside	MOD 78	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HOU 25 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HOU 26 Residential Caravans and Mobile Homes			HOU 26 appraised	
17 OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND OUTDOOR RECREATION	MOD 79	Minor change to the context wording for consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out
LDP Open Space Strategy				
OS 1 Protection of Open Space	MOD 80	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	OS 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
OS 2 Public Open Space in New Developments	MOD 80	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	OS 2 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
OS 3 Green and Blue Infrastructure			OS 3 appraised	
OS 4 Outdoor Sport and Recreation in the Countryside	MOD 81	Minor change to the policy wording for	OS 4 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		consistency and coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.		
OS 5 Intensive Sports Facilities			OS 5 - OS 8 appraised as a group	
OS 6 Noise-Generating Sports and Outdoor Recreational Activities			OS 5 - OS 8 appraised as a group	
OS 7 Development of Facilities Ancillary to Water Sports			OS 5 - OS 8 appraised as a group	
OS 8 Floodlighting of Sports and Outdoor Recreational Facilities			OS 5 - OS 8 appraised as a group	
18 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE				
LDP Strategy for Community Infrastructure				
CI 1 Community Infrastructure	MOD 77	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	CI 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
19 UTILITIES DEVELOPMENT				
LDP strategy for Utilities developments				
UT 1 Electricity & Gas Infrastructure	MOD 82, MOD 83	Minor change to the policy wording for consistency and for effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	UT 1 & UT 2 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
UT 2 Water Infrastructure			UT 1 & UT 2 appraised as a group	
UT 3 Telecommunications & Connectivity, including Broadband	MOD 83	Minor change to the policy wording for consistency and for	UT 3 & UT 4 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		effectiveness in implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.		
UT 4 Future-Proofing of Developments for Utility Services and Broadband			UT 3 & UT 4 appraised as a group	
20 WASTE PLANNING	MOD 84	Minor change to the context wording for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.		No change to the SA - Screened Out
LDP Strategy for waste management				
WP 1 Environmental Impact of a Waste Management Facility			WP 1 - WP 3 appraised as a group	
WP 2 Waste Collection and Treatment Facilities			WP 1 - WP 3 appraised as a group	
WP 3 Waste Disposal	MOD 85	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	WP 1 - WP 3 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
WP 4 Land Improvement			WP 4 appraised	
WP 5 Development in the Vicinity of Waste Management Facilities			WP 5 appraised	
PART E - ENVIRONMENT - STRATEGY, DESIGNATIONS & POLICIES				
21 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	MOD 86	Minor change to the context wording for consistency and coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	Appraised via operational policies NE1 – NE8	No change to the SA - Screened Out
LDP Strategy for the Natural Environment	MOD 88	Minor change to the explanatory text for consistency and for effectiveness in	Appraised via operational policies NE1 – NE8	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.		
NE 1 Nature Conservation Sites	MOD 87	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and coherence, and for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	NE 1 - NE 3 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
NE 2 Protected Species and their Habitats			NE 1 - NE 3 appraised as a group	
NE 3 Biodiversity or Features of Natural Heritage Importance	MOD 89	Change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and coherence, and for effectiveness in implementation. The modification will introduce a higher standard of protection to habitat that takes hundreds of years (or more) to become established. While this may be perceived as limiting development (by increasing protection of certain habitat), this MOD does not change the assessment of effects at the strategic scale in the SA, which recognised that	NE 1 - NE 3 appraised as a group	No significant change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		<p>protection of natural resources could conflict with development relevant to the economic sustainability objectives and material assets in particular. Consideration was given to increasing the score for the climate change objective from minor positive to significant positive. However, the approach sustains the extant baseline and would not directly work to reduce causes of climate change nor would it provide for increased / better adaptation, therefore retaining the minor positive effect is considered appropriate and the MOD will have no effect on performance against SOs.</p>		
NE 4 Development adjacent to Main Rivers and Open Water Bodies	MOD 90	<p>Minor change to the policy wording for clarity and consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.</p>	NE 4 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
NE 5 Development within or affecting the setting of the Sperrin AONB	MOD 91	<p>Change to the policy wording and to the J&A</p>	NE 5 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		wording for clarity and consistency. This MOD does not change the strategic assessment of effects in the SA, which recognised that protection of the AONB could constrain development that cannot be easily integrated - even with careful design - due to its nature/scale. No effect on performance against SOs.		
NE 6 Development within Special Countryside Areas (SCA)			NE 6 - NE 8 appraised as a group	
NE 7 Development within Areas of High Landscape Importance (AHLIs)			NE 6 - NE 8 appraised as a group	
NE 8 Development within Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPAs)	MOD 92	Minor change to the J&A for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	NE 6 - NE 8 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
22. COASTAL DEVELOPMENT				
LDP Strategy for coastal development				
CD 1 Coastal Development	MOD 93	Minor change to the policy wording for clarity and for consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.	CD 1 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
23. HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT				
LDP strategy in relation to our District's historic environment				

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
HE 1 Archaeology and Upstanding Remains			HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	
HE 2 Archaeological Assessment, Evaluation and Mitigation (<i>now HE 2a and HE2b</i>)	MOD 94	Minor change to the presentation and structure of the policy to address each element separately for consistency and coherence and minor change to the J&A. No effect on performance against SOs.	HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HE 3 Development adjacent to the Walls			HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	
HE 4 Listed Buildings and their Settings	MOD 95	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and to assist with implementation. No effect on performance against SOs.	HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HE 5 Conservation Areas	MOD 96	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
HE 6 Areas of Townscape / Village Character (ATCs / AVCs)			HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	
HE 7 Historic Parks, Gardens, Demesnes and their Settings			HE 1 - HE 7 appraised as a group	
HE 8 Conversion and Re-Use of locally important Unlisted Vernacular Buildings Non-Designated Heritage Assets	MOD 97	Minor change to the policy title for clarity and to the policy wording	HE 8 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		and the J&A for clarity and coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.		
HE 9 Enabling Development	MOD 98	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	HE 9 appraised	No change to the SA - Screened Out
24. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT				
LDP Strategy for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development				
RED 1 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development - General Criteria (<i>now RED 1 All Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development – General Criteria, RED 2 Wind Energy Development, RED 3 Solar Farms, RED 4 Anaerobic Digesters (AD) and RED 5 Hydro-electric Schemes</i>)	MOD 99	Changes to the presentation and structure of the policy to address each element separately for clarity (these changes were also screened in Addendum No. 1). Minor change to policy wording and to the J&A for clarity, coherence and consistency. No effect on performance against SOs.	RED 1 appraised. PCs relating to sub-division screened for cumulative effects in Addendum No. 1.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
25. DEVELOPMENT AND FLOODING				
LDP Strategy for Development and Flooding				
FLD 1 Development in Fluvial (River) and Coastal Flood Plains	MOD 100	Minor change to the policy wording and to the J&A for consistency and coherence. No	FLD 1 & FLD 5 appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
		effect on performance against SOs.		
FLD 2 Protection of Flood Defence and Drainage Infrastructure			FLD 2 appraised	
FLD 3 Development and Surface Water (Pluvial) Flood Risk Outside Flood Plains			FLD 3 appraised	
FLD 4 Artificial Modification of Watercourses			FLD 4 appraised	
FLD 5 Development in Proximity to Controlled Reservoirs			FLD 1 & FLD 5 appraised as a group	
PART F - PLACE - MAKING AND DESIGN VISION				
26. PLACE-MAKING & DESIGN VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT				
Place-making & Design Objectives (PDOs)	MOD 101, MOD 102, MOD 103, MOD 104	Minor change to the explanatory text for coherence and to the wording of Objective Principles for clarity. No effect on performance against SOs.	All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
27. PLACE-MAKING & DESIGN VISION / POLICY FOR DERRY-LONDONDERRY				
Derry Strategic Design Policy 1 (DSDP 1) - Arrival Points			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 2 (DSDP 2) Sustainable Connectivity for the City			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 3 (DSDP 3) Manage the Visual Cityscape			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 4 (DSDP 4) Riverfront			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
Derry Strategic Design Policy 5 (DSDP 5) Inner Historic Core			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 6 (DSDP 6) Outer Historic Core			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 7 (DSDP 7) University and College			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 8 (DSDP 8) Outer Strand Road & Western Slopes			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 9 (DSDP 9) Creating New Appropriate Designated Areas			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry Strategic Design Policy 10 (DSDP 10) External Shutters within the City Centre			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Derry strategic design policy 11 (DSDP 11) conservation area design guides			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
28. PLACE-MAKING & DESIGN VISION / POLICY FOR STRABANE				
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 1 (SSDP 1) Redevelopment of Town Centre			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 2 (SSDP 2) Arrival Points			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 3 (SSDP 3) Connections			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 4 (SSDP 4) Promote & Protect A Sense of Place			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 5 (SSDP 5) Create Key Public Spaces			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 6 (SSDP 6) Creating New Appropriate Designated Areas			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Strabane Strategic Design Policy 7 (SSDP 7) External Shutters Within The Town Centre			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
29. PLACE-MAKING & DESIGN VISION / POLICY FOR LOCAL TOWNS				
<i>Local Town Strategic Design Policy - General (LSDP-GEN)</i>	MOD 105	Changes to the presentation of the Place-Making & Design Vision/Policies for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
Local Town Strategic Design Policy 1 (LSDP 1) Respect And Promote Place Quality			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Local Town Strategic Design Policy 2 (LSDP 2) Enhance the Public Realm			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Local Towns Strategic Design Policy 3 (LSDP 3) Connections			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
Local Towns Strategic Design Policy 4 (LSDP 4) Conservation Area Design Guides			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
30. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy for Villages				
			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	

POLICY	MOD reference	Summary of Change & Effect on SA	Previously Appraised	Outcome
<i>Villages Strategic Design Policy - General (VSDP-GEN)</i>	MOD 106	Changes to the presentation of the Place-Making & Design Vision/Policies for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
31. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy for Small Settlements				
<i>Small Settlements Strategic Design Policy - General (SSSDP-GEN)</i>	MOD 107	Changes to the presentation of the Place-Making & Design Vision/Policies for coherence. No effect on performance against SOs.	All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	No change to the SA - Screened Out
32. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy for Countryside			All Place-making and Design in settlements appraised as a group	
LDP APPROACH FOR PLACE-MAKING AND DESIGN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE				
CY 1 Integration and Design of Buildings in the Countryside			CY 1 - CY 4 appraised as a group	
CY 2 Rural Character			CY 1 - CY 4 appraised as a group	
CY 3 The Setting of Settlements			CY 1 - CY 4 appraised as a group	
CY 4 Design in Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty			CY 1 - CY 4 appraised as a group	
PART G - SPECIALISED REQUIREMENTS, ETC				
33. Hazardous Substances, COMAH & Major Accidents 34. Developer Contributions and Community Benefits 35. Demolition / Re-development 36. Regeneration/ Comprehensive Re-development	MOD 108, MOD 109, MOD 110,	Deletion of references to obsolete / superseded guidance, correction of presentational or factual	Specialised requirements appraised via relevant operation policy, where applicable.	Not applicable.

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37. Other Specialist Requirements 38. Supplementary Planning Guidance 39. Transitional Arrangements 40. Monitoring Criteria and Review Process 41. Next Steps – from Plan Strategy Adoption Onwards	MOD 111, MOD 112	elements and correction of typographical errors and grammatical errors. No effect on performance against SOs.		
Appendices				
<u>Throughout Plan Strategy</u> (also incorporates FCs below, cited in Schedule 3 of the Department’s direction and referenced as MOD 115, sic. 113, DCSDC has confirmed this to be a typo) FC 01 General Amendments FC 02 Policy Context for the LDP FC 03 Policy Context for the LDP FC 04 Policy Context for the LDP FC 05 Policy Context for the LDP FC 06 Policy Context for the LDP FC 07 LDP Vision and Objectives FC 35 Transport and Movement FC 37 Tourism Development	MOD 113	Factual amendments and the correction of typographical or grammatical errors. No effect on performance against SOs.	Not applicable.	No change to the SA - Screened Out
Further Changes cited in Schedule 3 of the Department’s direction, not implemented FC 13 General Development Principles & Policies FC 65A Natural Environment (NE 5)		No change	Not applicable.	Not applicable.