

**DPD1:
Core Strategy:
Further Consultation on
Core Policies L2, L4, L5,
W1 and R5**

**Sustainability Appraisal
Appendix**

October 2009

L2: Meeting Housing Needs									
	Timescale			Nature of Effect					
SA Objective	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10+ years	Certainty	Scale	Permanence	Secondary, cumulative, synergistic	Comments	Mitigation
Social									
S1. Achieving a better balance and mix in the housing market	++	++	++	High	GM wide	Long term	Support for local and sub-regional economy	A key purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is an adequate mix of housing types and sizes to meet the needs of the whole community.	
S2. Improve accessibility for all to services and facilities	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	Policy requires development to be appropriately located in terms of access to existing community facilities and/or deliver complimentary improvements to the social infrastructure. It also requires gypsy and traveller sites to have convenient access to schools and other facilities	
S3. Enhance transport infrastructure; improve accessibility and quality of life to all communities.	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S4. Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S5. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	Policy seeks to secure the provision of affordable housing and requires development to be appropriately located in terms of access to existing community facilities. It also requires gypsy and traveller sites to provide safe and convenient access to schools and local community facilities.	

S6. Encourage a sense of community identity and welfare and value diversity, improve equity and equality of opportunity	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The policy seeks to ensure that there is an adequate mix of housing types and sizes to meet the needs of the community, including older persons and gypsies and travellers. It also requires development to be appropriately located in terms of access to existing community facilities and/or deliver improvements to the social infrastructure	
S7. Improve qualifications and skills of the resident population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S8. Improve the health and, inequalities in health of the population	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life Reduced deprivation	The provision of high quality housing can have significant benefits for health, for example by reducing the incidence of fuel poverty and providing a better living environment for people with respiratory diseases	
S9. Protect and improve local neighbourhood quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford	Policy will ensure that new development is not harmful to the character or amenity of the surrounding area.	
Environment									
E1. Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved air quality Reduced contributions to climate change	Policy seeks to ensure that new development is well located to community facilities. This should minimise the need to travel by car and reduce the effect of traffic on the environment.	
E2. Protect, enhance and restore open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological features	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

E3. Reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Reduced social exclusion	New homes will be built to higher standards of energy efficiency. In addition, the policy seeks to ensure that new housing is well located to community facilities. This should minimise the need to travel by car and reduce the effect of traffic on the environment. Policy L5 should ensure that proposals for micro renewables do not have an adverse impact on the local environment and residential amenity.	
E4. Reduce impact of climate change	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E5. Reduce the environmental impacts of consumption and production	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E6. Conserve land resources and reduce land contamination	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E7. Protect and improve water quality	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E8. Protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Reduced congestion Reduced contributions to climate change	Policy seeks to ensure that new development is well located to community facilities. This should minimise the need to travel by car and reduce the effect of traffic on the environment.	
E9. Protect and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character and cultural facilities	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

Economic									
EC1. Enhance Trafford's high performance and sustainable economy to provide a powerful contribution to regional growth	+	+	+	High	GM Wide	Long term	Housing programme provides jobs in the construction industry	Provision of high quality residential developments can help attract investment and skilled workers to the borough.	
EC2. Reducing disparities by releasing the potential of all residents particularly in areas of disadvantage	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
EC3. Enhance Trafford's image as a business and tourism destination	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
EC4. Encourage the long term sustainability of Trafford's Town Centres	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford's town centres.	Policy promotes the provision of smaller housing units in Trafford's town centres to support their regeneration	
EC5. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
Sustainability Summary	Policy L2 Meeting Housing Needs has the potential to deliver a number of significant sustainability benefits. The key ones relate to a better balance and mix in the housing market and improving accessibility for all to services and facilities. Other high scoring objectives relate to reducing poverty and social exclusion, encouraging community identity, improving health, reducing contributions to climate change, improving air quality, enhancing Trafford's economy and encouraging the long term sustainability of Trafford's town centres. There are no uncertain or negative effects on the sustainability objectives and no mitigation is proposed.								

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L4: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility – Parking Extract									
	Timescale			Nature of Effect					
SA Objective	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10+ years	Certainty	Scale	Permanence	Secondary, cumulative, synergistic	Comments	Mitigation
Social									
S1. Achieving a better balance and mix in the housing market	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S2. Improve accessibility for all to services and facilities	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life Reduced deprivation	The provision of adequate parking spaces for bicycles and cars, including for disabled motorists, should ensure that services and facilities are more accessible	
S3. Enhance transport infrastructure; improve accessibility and quality of life to all communities.	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term		Policy will enhance Trafford’s transport infrastructure by ensuring that adequate parking spaces are provided in new development. The policy will therefore contribute to accessibility.	
S4. Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S5. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The provision of adequate parking spaces for bicycles and cars, including for disabled motorists, should ensure that employment opportunities are more accessible	
S6. Encourage a sense of community identity and welfare and value diversity, improve equity and equality of opportunity	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S7. Improve qualifications and skills of the resident population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

S8. Improve the health and, inequalities in health of the population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S9. Protect and improve local neighbourhood quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford	Adequate parking should ensure attractive neighbourhoods	
Environment									
E1. Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	++	++	++	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved air quality Reduced congestion and vehicular emissions	Maximum parking standards can help reduce car usage as part of a package of measures to promote sustainable transport choices. The policy also promotes cycling by ensuring that developments incorporate an adequate cycle parking provision.	
E2. Protect, enhance and restore open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological features	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E3. Reduce contributions to climate change	++	++	++	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Reduced congestion Improved air quality	Maximum parking standards can help reduce car usage as part of a package of measures to promote sustainable transport choices. The policy also promotes cycling by ensuring that developments incorporate an adequate cycle parking provision.	
E4. Reduce impact of climate change	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E5. Reduce the environmental impacts of consumption and production	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E6. Conserve land resources and reduce land contamination	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term		Maximum parking standards can reduce the land-take of development and ensure that land resources are conserved	

E7. Protect and improve water quality	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E8. Protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Medium term	Health benefits, particularly for people who suffer from respiratory illnesses	Maximum parking standards can help reduce car usage as part of a package of measures to promote sustainable transport choices. This would have a positive impact on air quality	
E9. Protect and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character and cultural facilities	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
Economic									
EC1. Enhance Trafford's high performance and sustainable economy to provide a powerful contribution to regional growth	+	+	+	Medium	GM wide	Long term	Increased inward investment	Securing adequate parking spaces will provide a balance between facilitating economic development and tackling congestion	
EC2. Reducing disparities by releasing the potential of all residents particularly in areas of disadvantage	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life Reduced deprivation	The provision of adequate parking spaces for bicycles and cars, including for disabled motorists, should ensure that employment opportunities are more accessible	
EC3. Enhance Trafford's image as a business and tourism destination	+	+	+	Medium	GM wide	Long term	Increased inward investment	Securing adequate parking spaces will provide a balance between facilitating economic development and tackling congestion	
EC4. Encourage the long term sustainability of Trafford's Town Centres	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved vitality and viability of the town centres Employment opportunities	Providing adequate parking spaces in town centres should contribute to their accessibility and therefore enhance footfall and expenditure in the town centres	

EC5. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford	Maximum parking standards can help reduce car usage as part of a package of measures to promote sustainable transport choices. The policy will also ensure that developments incorporate adequate cycle parking.	
Sustainability Summary	<p>The parking standards contained within policy L4: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility have the potential to deliver a number of significant sustainability benefits. By securing adequate parking spaces for cyclists and motorists, including disabled motorists, the policy will have a significant positive impact on improving accessibility for all and enhancing Trafford's transport infrastructure.</p> <p>However, by ensuring that these maximum parking standards are not exceeded, the policy can also help reduce car usage as part of a package of measures to promote sustainable transport choices. The policy will also ensure that developments incorporate adequate cycle parking. As a result, the maximum parking standards would also have a positive impact on reducing the effect of traffic on the environment; reducing contributions to climate change and improving air quality.</p> <p>Other positive scoring objectives relate to reducing poverty and social exclusion; protecting local neighbourhood quality; enhancing Trafford's economy; reducing economic disparities and encouraging the long term sustainability of Trafford's town centres. There are no uncertain or negative effects on the sustainability objectives and, as a result, no mitigation measures are proposed.</p>								

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L5: Climate Change									
SA Objective	Timescale			Nature of Effect				Comments	Mitigation
	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10+ years	Certainty	Scale	Permanence	Secondary, cumulative, synergistic		
Social									
S1. Achieving a better balance and mix in the housing market	?	?	?	Low	Borough wide	Medium term		The additional costs associated with meeting the Code for Sustainable Homes / BREEAM standards could have a negative impact on house building if it is too great. However, compliance with these standards is required by national policy	
S2. Improve accessibility for all to services and facilities	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S3. Enhance transport infrastructure; improve accessibility and quality of life to all communities.	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S4. Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S5. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life Improved health	The provision of new homes built to a higher standard of energy efficiency should reduce the incidence of fuel poverty	
S6. Encourage a sense of community identity and welfare and value diversity, improve equity and equality of opportunity	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S7. Improve qualifications and skills of the resident population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

S8. Improve the health and, inequalities in health of the population	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The provision of quality housing can have significant benefits for health, for example by reducing the incidence of fuel poverty and providing a better living environment for people with respiratory diseases	
S9. Protect and improve local neighbourhood quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of the Borough and increased inward investment	Policy seeks to protect the local environment from adverse impacts of renewable energy development. It also requires new development to incorporate appropriate flood mitigation and management measures and seeks to prevent air, light, water, ground and noise pollution.	
Environment									
E1. Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Low	Borough wide	Long term		Achieving Code for Sustainable Homes/BREEAM is likely to involve the provision of adequate facilities for cyclists	
E2. Protect, enhance and restore open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological features	+	+	+	Low	Borough Wide	Long term		The policy requires developments to achieve specific Code for Sustainable Homes/BREEAM Standards. Achieving these standards may involve making enhancements to the ecological value of a site. The use of SUDs can also benefit biodiversity.	
E3. Reduce contributions to climate change	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Increased energy security. Reduced energy costs for may improve business competitiveness	Policy will lead to the construction of more energy efficient buildings and will increase the proportion of energy that is generated from renewable energy sources	

E4. Reduce impact of climate change	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Integrating SUDs into new development can enhance biodiversity	Policy requires developments to incorporate flood mitigation and management measures and make appropriate use of rain water harvesting, water recycling and SUDs	
E5. Reduce the environmental impacts of consumption and production	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term		The policy requires residential developments to achieve specific Code for Sustainable Homes Standards. Achieving these standards involves the provision of waste recycling facilities / space and the minimisation of construction waste	
E6. Conserve land resources and reduce land contamination	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E7. Protect and improve water quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term		Policy requires developments to incorporate flood mitigation and management measures and make appropriate use of SUDs	
E8. Protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	Policy seeks to prevent developments that would cause air pollution in areas where the predominant land uses would be incompatible with such sources of nuisance	
E9. Protect and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character and cultural facilities	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

Economic									
EC1. Enhance Trafford's high performance and sustainable economy to provide a powerful contribution to regional growth	+	++	++	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Increased inward investment Reduced poverty and deprivation	The policy will improve the sustainability of the economy by providing more energy efficient premises for businesses. It may also create employment opportunities in the design and production of renewable energy generation technologies	
EC2. Reducing disparities by releasing the potential of all residents particularly in areas of disadvantage	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
EC3. Enhance Trafford's image as a business and tourism destination	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
EC4. Encourage the long term sustainability of Trafford's Town Centres	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Increased inward investment	Policy requires new development to incorporate appropriate flood mitigation and management measures and seeks to prevent air, light, water, ground and noise pollution.	
EC5. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term		Policy would reduce energy consumption for businesses. It would also direct development to areas that are not susceptible to flooding and limit adverse pollution	
Sustainability Summary	<p>Unsurprisingly, Policy L5 Climate Change has the potential to deliver a number of significant sustainability benefits, including reducing both contributions to and the effects of climate change. It has positive effects on a number of other objectives such as reducing poverty (fuel poverty); improving health and local neighbourhood quality; protecting open space and biodiversity and reducing the impacts of consumption and production. It will also protect and improve air and water quality and the social and environmental performance of the economy.</p> <p>The major uncertain effect of this policy is on the better balance and mix in the housing market objective. This relates to the implications for house building costs of incorporating the necessary features to meet code for Sustainable Homes/BREEAM standards. No mitigation is proposed because compliance with these standards is largely governed by national planning policy.</p>								

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W1: Economy									
	Timescale			Nature of Effect					
SA Objective	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10+ years	Certainty	Scale	Permanence	Secondary, cumulative, synergistic	Comments	Mitigation
Social									
S1. Achieving a better balance and mix in the housing market	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S2. Improve accessibility for all to services and facilities	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S3. Enhance transport infrastructure; improve accessibility and quality of life to all communities.	+	+	+	High	GM wide	Long term	Reduced congestion	Policy would result in improvements to public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park	
S4. Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S5. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	+	+	++	Medium	GM wide	Medium term	Improved quality of life	The policy seeks to focus economic activity in a number of locations the majority of which are well-related to areas of deprivation. In addition, it would improve the accessibility of these sites from surrounding residential areas by public transport.	
S6. Encourage a sense of community identity and welfare and value diversity, improve equity and equality of opportunity	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S7. Improve qualifications and skills of the resident population	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Medium term	Improved quality of life	Possibility of providing training opportunities as part of the new jobs created.	Use of legal agreements to secure employment opportunities
S8. Improve the health and, inequalities in health of the population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

S9. Protect and improve local neighbourhood quality	+	+	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford	By promoting economic activity in key locations, many of which are characterised by a significant proportion of vacant and under-used land, policy W1 should deliver significant improvements to areas in need of enhancement/development.	
Environment									
E1. Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	++	++	High	GM wide	Long term	Reduced congestion and carbon emissions Improved air quality	Policy would result in improvements to public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park. It would also result in employment uses only being permitted where they would be accessible by a choice of means of transport	
E2. Protect, enhance and restore open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological features	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E3. Reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	High	GM wide	Long term	Reduced congestion and improved air quality	Policy would result in improvements to public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park. The policy would also focus B1 uses in the Regional Centre and Trafford's town centres.	
E4. Reduce impact of climate change	?	?	?	Low	Local	Long term		A number of the proposed locations for economic development are adjacent to the Manchester Ship Canal and/or Bridgewater Canal. The Level 2/Hybrid SFRA has not yet been completed. However, these sites proximity to the canals may mean that they are potentially at risk of flooding.	A review of the impact of developing the sites on flood risk related to the Ship and Bridgewater Canals must be undertaken following the completion of the Level 2 Hybrid SFRA

E5. Reduce the environmental impacts of consumption and production	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E6. Conserve land resources and reduce land contamination	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term		The development sites prioritised by the policy comprise principally of previously developed land (PDL). The policy also promotes the reuse of derelict, vacant or under-used PDL.	
E7. Protect and improve water quality	?	?	?	Low	Borough wide	Long term	Secondary impacts on biodiversity value of watercourses	Significant amounts of development would be directed to canalside areas which have the potential to adversely affect water quality unless adequate mitigation measures are adopted. Nevertheless, this also presents an opportunity to address contaminated sites that may be a source of pollutants to adjacent watercourses.	Policy L5 should ensure new developments incorporate SUDs where appropriate to reduce surface water runoff into watercourses and reduce the risk of flooding from sewers.
E8. Protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Medium	GM wide	Long term	Health benefits, particularly for people who suffer from respiratory illnesses	Policy would result in improvements to public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park. It would also result in employment uses only being permitted where they would be accessible by a choice of means of transport	
E9. Protect and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character and cultural facilities	+	+	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford Increased inward investment	By seeking to focus economic activity on key sites which have a significant amount of vacant/underused land, the policy should deliver significant improvements to townscapes in need of enhancement.	

Economic									
EC1. Enhance Trafford's high performance and sustainable economy to provide a powerful contribution to regional growth	++	++	++	High	GM wide	Long term	Increased inward investment and employment opportunities	The policy seeks to build upon the Borough's economic strengths, such as Trafford Park and the Trafford Centre, in order to contribute to economic growth and diversify the range of employment types	
EC2. Reducing disparities by releasing the potential of all residents particularly in areas of disadvantage	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Medium term	Improved quality of life Reduced social exclusion and deprivation	The policy seeks to focus economic activity in a number of key sites, the majority of which are well-related to areas of deprivation. The policy would result in improvements to public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park and would also focus B1 uses in accessible locations.	
EC3. Enhance Trafford's image as a business and tourism destination	++	++	++	High	GM wide	Long term	Improved perceptions of the area	A number of the identified key sites are characterised by vacant and under-used land. The redevelopment of these areas would have a positive impact on Trafford's image as a business destination.	
EC4. Encourage the long term sustainability of Trafford's Town Centres	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term		The policy identifies Trafford's town centres as a priority location for economic development. This will have a positive impact on their sustainability	
EC5. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy	+	+	+	High	GM wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford Reduced social exclusion	Focussing employment opportunities in locations that are highly accessible would enhance the social performance of the economy. Improvements to public transport in Trafford Park would enhance the environmental performance of the economy	

Sustainability Summary	<p>There are a number of significant sustainability benefits associated with Policy W1 Economy. The key ones relate to enhancing Trafford's high economic performance; improving Trafford's image as a business destination; encouraging the long-term sustainability of the Borough's Town Centres; improving local neighbourhood quality; and protecting and enhancing townscape character. In addition, by seeking to focus economic activity on a number of key locations that are well related to areas of deprivation, the policy will have a positive impact on poverty, social exclusion and economic disparities. Policy W1 could also have a positive effect on the skills of the resident population. However, in order to increase the certainty of this impact, reference should be made to the use of legal agreements to secure employment opportunities for local residents.</p> <p>The policy places an emphasis on ensuring that new employment development is located where it will be accessible by a range of alternative modes other than the private car. Another key objective of the policy is to improve public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park and direct B1 uses to the Regional Centre and Trafford's town centres. Policy W1 should therefore have a positive impact on reducing the effect of traffic on the environment; reducing contributions to climate change; improving air quality and improving the environmental performance of the economy.</p> <p>A number of the proposed locations for economic development are adjacent to the Manchester Ship Canal and/or Bridgewater Canal. Consequently, until the Level 2/Hybrid SFRA has been completed there is some uncertainty over whether these sites are at risk of flooding. The extent to which this policy is compatible with the objective of reducing the impact of climate change is therefore unclear at present. In addition, due to the amounts of development that would be directed to canalside areas there is some uncertainty over the impact the proposals would have on water quality. However, Policy L5 should ensure new developments incorporate SUDs where appropriate to reduce surface water runoff into watercourses and reduce the risk of flooding from sewers.</p>
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R5: Open Space and Recreation									
	Timescale			Nature of Effect					
SA Objective	0 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	10+ years	Certainty	Scale	Permanence	Secondary, cumulative, synergistic	Comments	Mitigation
Social									
S1. Achieving a better balance and mix in the housing market	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S2. Improve accessibility for all to services and facilities	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The policy pledges to secure the provision and maintenance of a range of good quality, accessible, play, sport, leisure, informal recreation and open space facilities. It also seeks to direct major facilities principally to areas that are accessible by public transport	
S3. Enhance transport infrastructure; improve accessibility and quality of life to all communities.	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S4. Reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S5. Reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	0	0	Medium	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
S6. Encourage a sense of community identity and welfare and value diversity, improve equity and equality of opportunity	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The policy pledges to secure the provision and maintenance of a range of good quality, accessible, play, sport, leisure, informal recreation and open space facilities which could contribute towards a sense of community identity and welfare	
S7. Improve qualifications and skills of the resident population	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

S8. Improve the health and, inequalities in health of the population	++	++	++	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved quality of life	The policy seeks to protect open space, sport and recreation facilities and address deficiencies in open space and indoor/outdoor leisure provision. These facilities have an important impact on physical well-being	
S9. Protect and improve local neighbourhood quality	++	++	++	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved image of Trafford	The availability of open space, sport and recreation facilities makes an important contribution to neighbourhood quality.	
Environment									
E1. Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Improved air quality	The policy establishes a hierarchy of leisure and sports facilities with major facilities directed principally to areas that are accessible by public transport	
E2. Protect, enhance and restore open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological features	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved health and well being	A key purpose of the policy is to secure the provision and maintenance of open space facilities	
E3. Reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Reduced congestion and improved air quality	The policy establishes a hierarchy of leisure and sports facilities with major facilities directed principally to areas that are accessible by public transport	
E4. Reduce impact of climate change	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term		The protection and enhancement of open spaces is likely to offer significant benefits in terms of the provision of shade from higher temperatures and reduced surface water run-off	
E5. Reduce the environmental impacts of consumption and production	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

E6. Conserve land resources and reduce land contamination	++	++	++	High	Borough wide	Long term		A key purpose of policy is to conserve land resources by providing lasting protection to areas of open space	
E7. Protect and improve water quality	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
E8. Protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Health benefits, particularly for people who suffer from respiratory illnesses	The protection and enhancement of open spaces could deliver benefits to air quality by safeguarding trees that help remove pollutants arising from human activity.	
E9. Protect and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character and cultural facilities	+	+	+	High	Borough wide	Long term	Improved health and well being	The policy will provide open spaces with long term protection from development	
Economic									
EC1. Enhance Trafford's high performance and sustainable economy to provide a powerful contribution to regional growth	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Increased employment opportunities and reduced social exclusion	High quality open spaces and recreation facilities can add to the attractiveness of the Borough and thereby help to stimulate investment	
EC2. Reducing disparities by releasing the potential of all residents particularly in areas of disadvantage	0	0	0	Medium	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
EC3. Enhance Trafford's image as a business and tourism destination	+	+	+	Medium	Borough wide	Long term	Increased employment opportunities and reduced social exclusion	High quality open spaces and recreation facilities can add to the attractiveness of the Borough and thereby help to stimulate investment	
EC4. Encourage the long term sustainability of Trafford's Town Centres	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	

EC5. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy	0	0	0	High	N / A	N / A		Unlikely to have any significant effects	
Sustainability Summary	<p>Policy R5 Open Space and Recreation has significant benefits for sustainability objectives relating to protecting and improving neighbourhood quality; improving the health of the population; protecting, enhancing and restoring open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna, geological and geo-morphological features; and conserving land resources. Other benefits relate to improving accessibility to services and facilities; encouraging a sense of community identity and welfare; reducing the impacts of climate change; improving air quality; and enhancing the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character. Furthermore, it is considered that the provision of high quality open spaces that add to the attractiveness of the Borough could stimulate investment and thereby contributes to the objectives relating to Trafford's economy and the Borough's image for business and tourism.</p> <p>There are no uncertain or negative effects on the sustainability objectives and no mitigation is proposed.</p>								

Key for effects				
++ major positive;	+ minor positive;	0 neutral;	– minor negative;	– – major negative; ? uncertain