

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

Sustainability Appraisal Report

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Sustainability Appraisal of the Amended Policies

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF TRAFFORD'S CORE STRATEGY FURTHER CONSULTATION ON CORE POLICIES L2, L4, L5, W1 AND R5

Policy L2: Meeting Housing Needs

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. The additional detail provided in the amended policy on the provision of affordable housing should enhance the contribution of the policy to the supply of high quality affordable housing in the areas of the Borough where there is greatest need.

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.

Policy L4: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility – Parking Extract

The addition of parking standards to Policy L4: Sustainable Transport and Accessibility has the potential to deliver a number of significant sustainability benefits. By ensuring that adequate parking spaces are provided 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.

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.

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.

Policy L5: Climate Change

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.

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.

The revised policy places a stronger emphasis on the application of BREEAM standards to non-residential developments, includes a reference to compliance with the sequential and exceptions tests to flood risk and incorporates a CO₂ Emissions Reduction Target Framework. It is considered that these amendments have strengthened the policy and increase the likelihood that it will have a positive impact on the sustainability objectives, particularly those that relate to reducing both contributions to and the effects of climate change.

Policy W1: Economy

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

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 offices (B1 uses of the Town and Country Planning Use Class Order 1987 [as amended]) 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.

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.

The amended policy places a much stronger emphasis on ensuring that employment development is accessed by a choice of means of transport. In particular, the amended policy contains a new objective of improving public transport infrastructure in Trafford Park and providing an integrated, frequent public transit system linking the location with surrounding residential and commercial areas. In addition, the criteria for suitable employment sites outside of the listed key sites now includes a reference to the site being accessible by a range of alternative modes other than the private car.

As a result of these alterations, the policy would now make a greater contribution to the sustainability objectives that relate to reducing poverty and social exclusion; decreasing the effect of traffic on the environment; reducing contributions to climate; improving air quality; and enhancing the social and environmental performance of Trafford's economy.

Policy R5: Open Space and Recreation

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.

There are no uncertain or negative effects on the sustainability objectives and no mitigation is proposed.

The amended policy sets out a clear hierarchy of leisure and sports facilities based on three types of provision, with major wet and dry facilities directed principally to locations that are accessible by a choice of modes of travel, including public transport. Accordingly, it is anticipated that the changes made to the policy will augment the positive contribution it would make to the sustainability objectives of decreasing the effect of traffic on the environment and reducing contributions to climate change.