

THE CAISTOR SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

For the Caistor Neighbourhood Plan



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A PLAN FOR EVERYONE'S FUTURE

This report forms the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Consultation Draft Caistor Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will be a development plan document adopted by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and will cover a number of issues relating to the management of development in the town in the future.

The Government has introduced through Localism legislation a provision that allows communities to prepare a new type of planning document — a Neighbourhood Plan. Although it must conform to local and national planning policies, it can still contain policies on issues which are important to the community, especially those which are not adequately met by existing legislation. Caistor Town Council has prepared its own Neighbourhood Plan, which is now ready for its final consultation.

One of the key issues in planning is the concept and principle of sustainable development. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. The NPPF sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development. It requires that policies in Local Plans should ensure that development which is sustainable can be approved without delay. The Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for West Lindsey and the application of the principle of the presumption in favour of sustainable development must be included within the Neighbourhood Plan. The NPPF sets out that there are three dimensions to sustainable development:

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental

These three dimensions are mutually dependent. The NPPF states that 'pursuing sustainable development involves seeking positive improvements to the quality of the built, natural and historic environment, as well as in peoples quality of life' (para 9). It further stresses the need for local circumstances to be taken into account in determining how to deliver sustainable development in local areas.

Once the Caistor Neighbourhood Plan is approved, it will become part of West Lindsey District Council's planning policies for the area and they will use it to determine planning applications. The NPPF states that an application which can be shown to be sustainable should normally be allowed, unless there are important reasons not to do this. It is essential, therefore, to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan's policies will promote sustainable development.

A sustainability assessment shows how planning policies and applications contribute to sustainable development, particularly with regard to their environmental, social and economic impact. It ensures that the concept of sustainable development remains an important consideration throughout the entire planning process. The sustainability assessment ensures a robust planning document demonstrating conformity with national and other local planning policies.



Under National and European legislation, sustainability assessments may be required when new planning policies are proposed, such as the introduction of a Neighbourhood Plan. If a Neighbourhood Plan's impact is limited or small scale in nature, then an assessment is not always needed. Whilst the Caistor Neighbourhood Plan generally aligns with the emerging Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit Core Strategy that document has yet to be adopted. It was therefore considered necessary to carry out a Sustainability Assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan. This report provides that assessment to be presented as one of the submission documents for the independent examination of the Plan.

This appraisal has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group utilising templates and advice developed by Planning Aid England, West Lindsey and East Lindsey District Council's.

The sustainability criteria have been adapted from the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit's Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Framework which includes their Sustainability Appraisal Framework and Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.



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THE SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

There are three steps to a sustainability assessment:

1. Select the criteria which will be used to assess the sustainability of the Plan's policies;
2. Using these criteria, measure the impact each policy will have on sustainability;
3. Analyse the results and make recommendations.

1. Select the criteria

A set of criteria have been agreed that reflect key considerations of what contributes to sustainable development. These criteria have taken account of the core planning principles set out within the NPPF and have been adapted from the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit's Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Framework which includes their Sustainability Appraisal Framework and Sustainability Appraisal Objectives. This ensures a level of consistency with the emerging Core Strategy and provides for conformity with other plans that will form the basis of the West Lindsey Development Plan.

These criteria also reflect key themes that have emerged through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Criteria	Descriptor	Examples
Population & housing	Addressing future housing needs.	Sites, affordable housing, community facilities.
Health	Reducing health inequalities and addressing health needs and creating a healthy living environment.	Green areas, health facilities, walking and cycling provision.
Cultural	Provision of a range of facilities to reflect the town's role in the wider community.	Community facilities, tourism.
Crime & safety	Addressing fears of and perceptions of crime.	Design, appropriate land uses.
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	To develop diverse communities to improve quality of life for residents and community input to decision making.	Range of facilities, addressing needs of specific groups eg elderly.
Landscape & heritage	Preserving and enhancing of the natural, historic and built character of the town and area.	Character, views, landscape, archaeology, design, biodiversity.
Climate	Addressing causes and effects of climate change by reducing the impacts of growth on the environment.	Use of resources, renewable energy, flooding.
Natural resources & environment	Effective use of resources, protection and enhancement of the environment.	Use of materials, protection of areas, use of agricultural land, biodiversity, air quality.
Transport & infrastructure	Improving transport choices and safety. Ensuring full range of facilities available to support growth.	Infrastructure provision, transport facilities.
Economy	Creating a strong and diverse local economy.	Jobs, employment land, education, training.

2. Assessing the impact of policies against the criteria

Each of the proposed policies was assessed to determine if the policy would contribute to the principles of sustainability. This assessment considered the impact of the policy against the benchmark of not having a neighbourhood plan in place based on assessing the positive or negative impact of that policy. A simple scoring matrix of six ratings was used.



Significant negative impact

The option or policy is likely to lead to significant damage or loss, or other negative effects on the objective.



Some negative impact

The option or policy is likely to lead to moderate damage or loss, or other negative effects on the objective.



Neutral impact

There are no effects upon the sustainability objective. This may mean that there is no relationship between the two or that there is no discernible affect on the objective.



Some positive benefits

The option or policy is likely to lead to some improvement to the current situation in respect of the objective.



Significant positive impact

The option or policy is likely to lead to significant improvement to the current situation in respect of the objective.



Uncertain

Where there is doubt as to the likely impacts, these should be acknowledged, rather than guessed at in the assessment. The reasons for the uncertainty and the areas of uncertainty should be drawn out in the comments box.

3. The Assessment conclusions

The full assessment and justification of the policies is set out in the body of the report.

In summary though, the table below demonstrates that where there is an impact that impact is positive. Some policies do have a neutral or uncertain impact when judged against some of the scoring criteria.

There is a high level of compatibility with the policies of the Central Lincolnshire Core Strategy which has been subject to it's own IIA. This ensures that the policies also reflect the commitment to sustainable development.



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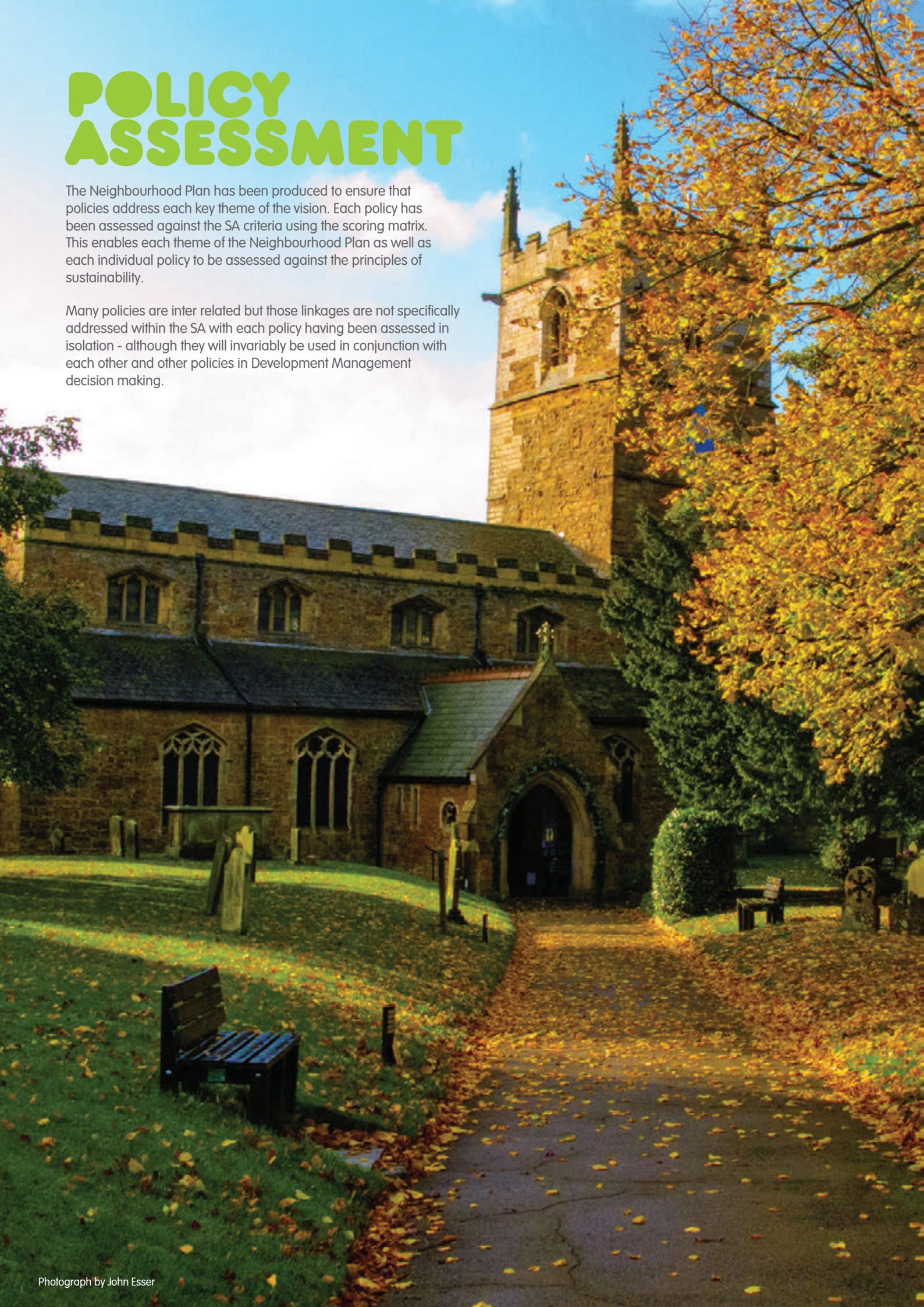
This results in a summary of the overall assessment of the plan and it's policies in delivering sustainable development as shown in the tables below.

SA Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	ASP 1	ASP 2
Population & housing	++	++	0	++	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	++
Health	+	+	0	0	?	?	+	++	0	0	++	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	++
Cultural	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	+	+	?	?	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0
Crime & safety	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	++	++	+	++	0	?	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0
Landscape & heritage	+	0	++	0	++	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	?	++	+	?	?	0	+	?	++	+	0	+	+
Climate	+	+	0	0	+	0	++	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	++	++	0	+	0
Natural Resources & environment	+	0	++	0	+	0	+	++	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	?	?	0	++	++	++	++	0	+	0
Transport & infrastructure	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	?	0	0	+	0	+	++	++	0
Economy	++	++	0	0	+	+	0	0	++	+	0	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+

POLICY ASSESSMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan has been produced to ensure that policies address each key theme of the vision. Each policy has been assessed against the SA criteria using the scoring matrix. This enables each theme of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as each individual policy to be assessed against the principles of sustainability.

Many policies are inter related but those linkages are not specifically addressed within the SA with each policy having been assessed in isolation - although they will invariably be used in conjunction with each other and other policies in Development Management decision making.



Policy 1 – Commitment to growth and the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

Comments and assumptions — this is a general Development Management policy providing a commitment to the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The Policy promotes growth in accordance with the NPFF, WLDC Local Plan and CL Core Strategy.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	++	Supports growth
Health	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Cultural	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Crime and safety	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	++	Specific requirement to engage with the local community
Landscape & heritage	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Climate	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Natural resources & environment	+	Seeks to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in Caistor
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct transport impacts
Economy	++	Supports growth
Conclusion — the Policy supports the objectives of growth and meets the objectives of sustainable development and does not introduce any negative impacts.		

Policy 2 – Type, scale and location of new development

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to ensure there is a range of new development types in the town meeting housing, employment and community needs. The Policy promotes growth in accordance with the NPFF, WLDC Local Plan Policy MT1 and CL Core Strategy Policies CL1 and CL6.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	++	Supports growth
Health	+	Seeks to deliver community uses.
Cultural	+	Seeks to deliver community uses.
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	++	Link to CL requirements to deliver community benefits
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	+	The desire for both housing and employment development within the town will reduce transport emissions
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	+	Seeks to ensure appropriate location of new development which would deliver reduced transportation needs
Economy	++	Supports growth
Conclusion — the Policy supports the objectives of growth and meets the objectives of sustainable development and does not introduce any negative impacts.		

Policy 3 – Design Quality

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to ensure there is a range of new development types in the town meeting housing, employment and community needs. The Policy promotes growth in accordance with the NPPF, WLDC Local Plan Policy and CL Core Strategy Policies CL26. The Policy seeks to adopt the key elements of the previously produced Caistor Design Guide.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	+	Good design should have a positive impact on the impact of crime and perception and fears of crime.
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	The policy identifies that community is a key aspect of good design
Landscape & heritage	++	The policy seeks to ensure that the quality of design reflects the quality of the existing town
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	++	The policy seeks to ensure that the quality of design reflects the quality of the existing town. Good quality housing will reduce the need for renovations and home improvements, so reducing resource use.
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the Policy meets the objectives of sustainable development and does not introduce any negative impacts. It creates a design framework to enable new developments to meet the NPPF expectations on good design.		

Policy 4 – Housing mix and Affordable Housing Provision

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to deliver an appropriate housing mix in Caistor including affordable housing. The Policy seeks to ensure the NPPF expectations on housing supply and mix are addressed

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	++	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	++	The policy seeks to deliver appropriate social housing needs
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the Policy meets the objectives of sustainable development and does not introduce any negative impacts. It provides parameters to guide the provision of new housing to meet the housing needs of the area.		

Policy 5 - Empty Homes/derelict land

Comments and assumptions — the blight of empty properties has been a key issue for the town over a period of time and this policy seeks to create an enabling culture to address the problem. It is assumed that the policy will be used in conjunction with existing WLDC priorities and commitments to address the impact of empty homes.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Provides the potential to bring empty properties back into use thereby adding to the housing supply
Health	?	Potential for positive benefits depending on future uses
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	+	Bringing back into use empty properties and derelict land should improve the quality of the local environment and remove focal points for anti-social behaviour.
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	++	Bringing back into use empty properties and derelict land should improve the quality of the local environment
Climate	+	Efficient re-use of appropriately renovated buildings reduces the carbon impacts of new-builds.
Natural resources & environment	+	Efficient re-use of buildings will have a positive impact on the use of resources.
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Opportunity to create economic use from currently under used resources
Conclusion — the Policy meets the specific aims and objectives of the NPPF to bring empty properties back into use and the promotion of the re-use of previously developed land. The policy is considered to offer positive benefits in respect of re-use of buildings.		

Policy 6 – Live work opportunities

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to deliver an appropriate housing mix in Caistor whilst ensuring the NPPF expectations on strong economies and supporting rural economies are met.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Provides the potential allow for live work providing locational advantages to residents
Health	?	Potential for reduction of stress where individuals benefit from home working
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	?	Potential for opening up employment opportunities for social groups where workplace employment is not appropriate
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	+	Potential to reduce trip generation by removing journeys to work
Economy	+	Opportunity to create small localised economic benefits in terms of local employment and supply chain linkages.
Conclusion — the Policy will create the potential for localised economic benefits without creating environmental disbenefits and may have the potential to deliver benefits through reduced trip generation		

Policy 7 – Impact of traffic

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to deliver a safe and sustainable transport network.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	+	Sustainable and safe transport will deliver health benefits
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	+	Reduction in traffic impacts upon the listed buildings in the conservation area
Climate	++	A more sustainable transport network would reduce emissions by allowing HGVs to avoid the multiple traffic lights on the High Street
Natural resources & environment	+	Control of traffic will reduce the associated noise, vibration and air pollution impacts on people and biodiversity
Transport & infrastructure	+	A positive approach to planning for the transport needs of the town whilst making provision for the development of a transport strategy.
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the Policy will address the NPPF requirements to promote sustainable transport		

Policy 8 – Improved Cycling and Pedestrian Linkages

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to deliver a safe and sustainable transport network by introducing new walking and cycling facilities

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	++	The enhancement of and creation of new walking and cycling facilities will provide health benefits
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	+	Introduction of safe walking routes will reduce fear of crime
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	+	Reduction in car journeys will reduce the traffic impacts upon the listed buildings in the High Street and Market Place.
Climate	++	Increasing the possibilities for walking and cycling will reduce unnecessary car journeys, so reducing carbon emissions
Natural resources & environment	++	Reduction in the number of car journeys will reduce noise, vibration and air pollution associated with traffic and reduce use of oil
Transport & infrastructure	+	Walking and cycling to be delivered as an integral aspect of an approach to sustainable transport
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the Policy will address the NPPF requirements to promote sustainable transport		

Policy 9 – Business units and start up units

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to create local business opportunities to enhance the local economic base

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Potential positive impact on retention of people within local labour market
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	+	Creating local employment opportunities will reduce commuting distances, so reducing carbon emissions
Natural resources & environment	+	Local employment opportunities reduce the adverse pollution impacts of long journeys
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	++	Direct positive benefit on local employment opportunities, potential widening of local economic base and local supply chain linkages to be developed.
Conclusion — the Policy will have local social and economic benefits in shaping the local economy		

Policy 10 – Social Infrastructure

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to preserve existing and create new social infrastructure to meet local needs

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Potential to enhance the social offer and make the town an attractive place to deliver and avoid population migration
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	++	Retention of existing facilities and creation of new facilities will have a positive impact on the social and cultural fabric of the town.
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Social infrastructure will ensure access to facilities and services for the whole range of the local population
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	+	Reducing the need for local people to travel further afield for services will reduce transport emissions
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Retention of facilities will create ongoing employment opportunities.
Conclusion — the social infrastructure will create a place with social attractions enhancing its attraction as a place to live.		

Policy 11 – Leisure facilities

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to preserve existing and create new leisure infrastructure to meet local needs

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Potential to enhance the social offer and make the town an attractive place to deliver and avoid population migration
Health	++	Leisure facilities have the potential to enhance access to recreational facilities
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Access to leisure and recreational facilities can deliver social benefits
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	+	Reducing the need for local people to travel further afield to access services will reduce transport emissions
Natural resources & environment	+	Retention of open spaces and parks for recreational use
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the delivery of good quality leisure provision will act as an attractor for people to live in the town		

Policy 12 – Broadband access

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to ensure modern communications networks are in place

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Ensures quality of access to broadband services
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Broadband access is a necessity for modern business use and this will serve to ensure economic growth
Conclusion — the delivery of high quality broadband access will ensure that business can compete with other locations around the country		

Policy 13 – Tourism

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to support business opportunities being created in support of tourism

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Positive impact on local labour market and reduce outward migration risks
Health	+	Promoting the local environment will encourage more local people will enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle
Cultural	+	Local tourism will enhance the range of social benefits available
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	?	Opportunity to enhance the local landscape and heritage through use of local assets
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	+	Promoting the local environment will lead to increased recognition of its value and so greater protection
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	++	Support to the local economy through diversification of the local economic base and creation of job opportunities
Conclusion — the policy will deliver positive benefits in diversifying the local economy		

Policy 14 – Heritage

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to preserve and enhance the cultural heritage of the town

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	+	Positive impact on the cultural heritage of the town
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	++	Respecting the historic heritage of the town in the use and conversion of buildings
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	+	Efficient re-use of buildings will have a positive impact on the use of resources.
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	The historic heritage of the town is a significant asset providing an uplift to the economic opportunities in the town centre as evidenced by the previous THI improvements.
Conclusion — the policy contributes positively to sustainability by seeking to protect heritage assets		

Policy 15 – Visitor Accommodation

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to allow for the creation of visitor accommodation in conjunction with promoting the tourism offer in the town.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	?	The attraction of the town for tourism will need to be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment.
Crime and safety	?	The attraction of the town for tourism will need to be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment.
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	+	The attraction of the town for tourism can be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment by ensuring enhancement projects are funded.
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	+	The attraction of the town for tourism can be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment by ensuring enhancement projects are funded.
Transport & infrastructure	?	Increased tourist numbers could create additional infrastructure demands including transport and parking impacts which will have to be controlled through other policy requirements
Economy	+	A vibrant tourism offer and related visitor accommodation offer will offer economic benefits
Conclusion — the policy will need to ensure that potential disbenefits arising from the scale of the visitor economy are mitigated against		

Policy 16 – Visitor and tourism signage

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to balance the needs to market and promote the town in line with the tourism agenda whilst preserving the character of the town

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	?	The attraction of the town for tourism will need to be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment.
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	?	The attraction of the town for tourism will need to be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment.
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	?	The attraction of the town for tourism will need to be balanced against the impact of those increased numbers on the local environment.
Transport & infrastructure	+	Fewer wasted journeys
Economy	+	Addressing long term transport issues could create the opportunity for more development opportunities around the town
Conclusion — the policy will need to ensure that potential disbenefits arising from the scale of the visitor economy are mitigated against		

Policy 17 – existing schools and educational establishments

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to ensure that the capacity of the schools to expand is protected

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Enhancement of the local educational offer will attract people to live in the town
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Ensuring wide ranging education provision in the town
Landscape & heritage	?	Expansion of the schools will need to be balanced by controls in other policies
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	?	Expansion of the schools will need to be balanced by controls in other policies
Transport & infrastructure	?	Expansion of school transport needs will need to fit with other transport policies
Economy	+	The local schools act as a major employer in the town
Conclusion — the policy will deliver positive benefits		

Policy 18 – training and apprenticeships

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to ensure a range of training needs are provided

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Access to training and apprenticeships will ensure young people remain in the town
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Provision of training and apprenticeships ensures access to employment opportunities
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Access to training and apprenticeships will ensure young people remain in the town and will create local employment opportunities
Conclusion — the policy will deliver positive benefits		

Policy 19 – environmental standards

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to exceed minimum build standards and as such demonstrates a high level commitment to sustainability.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	+	Good quality design and insulation standards has the potential to improve the health of occupants
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Ensures the design quality of all new build meets high standards
Landscape & heritage	+	Positive impact on build and maintenance costs
Climate	++	Positive impact on carbon footprint
Natural resources & environment	++	Positive impact on build and maintenance costs, reduction in resource use (water, gas, electricity) and waste creation
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Positive impact on local trades in delivering high quality new build
Conclusion — the policy will deliver positive sustainability benefits in raising build standards for new development		

Policy 20 – renewable energy

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to maximise local energy production

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	+	Community-owned renewable energy projects have a positive effect on bringing communities together for a shared goal
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Provide equity of access to alternative energy sources, provide opportunities for community ownership
Landscape & heritage	?	Potential impact on the landscape will be mitigated by control through other policies.
Climate	++	Positive impact on resource use and reduction in carbon footprint impact
Natural resources & environment	++	Positive impact on resource use and reduction in carbon footprint impact
Transport & infrastructure	+	Will contribute to the introduction of new infrastructure with links to emerging Humber Bank industry cluster
Economy	+	Positive impact on local trades in delivering new technology with links to emerging Humber Bank industry cluster
Conclusion — the policy is considered to have a positive effect on sustainability by increasing the provision of renewable energy infrastructure and thereby reducing reliance on fossil fuels		

Policy 21 – environmental protection and enhancement

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to provide protection for the natural environment in the immediate vicinity of new development as habitats and areas for recreational use.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	0	No direct impacts
Health	+	The protection of and creation of new habitats provides areas for exercise and recreation
Cultural	+	The protection of green unspoilt spaces as a reflection of the rural identity of Caistor
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	++	Protection of habitats and mitigation for the impact of development ensures environmental sustainability
Climate	++	Positive impact on resource use and reduction in carbon footprint impact
Natural resources & environment	++	Positive impact on habitat protection and creation
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	0	No direct impacts
Conclusion — the policy is considered to have a positive impact on sustainability by protecting natural assets		

Policy 22 – allotment provision

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to enable land to be made available for the provision of allotments

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Will provide an attraction to people who wish to grow their own produce
Health	+	Homegrown vegetables can have a positive impact on health along with the physical work of maintaining an allotment
Cultural	+	Maintains the rural identity of Caistor
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Ensuring equality of access to facilities
Landscape & heritage	+	Positive impact on the environment of areas of open space set aside for allotment use
Climate	++	Local food production having positive impact on carbon footprint
Natural resources & environment	++	Positive impact on resource use and reduction in carbon footprint impact
Transport & infrastructure	+	Potential for reduction in transport movements through local food production
Economy	+	The local schools act as a major employer in the town
Conclusion — the policy is considered to have a positive impact on sustainability by promoting the use of land for local food production		

Policy 23 – Community Infrastructure Requirements

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to set out the approach to delivery of Community Infrastructure Levy

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	CIL to be delivered as a result of housing growth
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	+	Ensuring appropriate and equitable allocation of CIL contributions
Landscape & heritage	0	No direct impacts
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	++	Provides a mechanism for allocating CIL monies in line with local priorities
Economy	+	CIL to be delivered as a result of growth
Conclusion — the policy will have a positive impact on sustainability by ensuring allocation of CIL monies to deliver local infrastructure priorities		

Aspiration 1 – Transport, traffic and highway infrastructure delivery and management strategy

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to provide long term transportation solutions to existing issues relating to HGV movements, vehicle speeds, road safety and town centre parking. It is assumed that long term partnership working with the County Council will be a mechanism through which solutions will be delivered.

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	+	Addressing long term transport issues could create the opportunity for more development opportunities around the town
Health	0	No direct impacts
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	+	Reduced HGV traffic through the centre of town would increase pedestrian safety
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	+	Reduced HGV traffic going up the High Street will reduce the vibration damage to listed buildings as HGVs sit at the pedestrian crossing and traffic lights
Climate	+	Reduced HGV congestion would reduce carbon emissions
Natural resources & environment	+	Reduced HGV congestion would reduce air pollution, dust, noise, and vibration impacts upon people and wildlife
Transport & infrastructure	++	Long term transportation benefits to be delivered facilitating long term growth potential.
Economy	+	Addressing long term transport issues could create the opportunity for more development opportunities around the town
Conclusion — the aspiration will have the potential to deliver long term improvements to the local transport infrastructure and network		

Aspiration 2 – Site development briefs

Comments and assumptions — this policy seeks to enable land to be made available for the provision of allotments

Sustainability Appraisal Criteria	Impact	Explanation
Population & housing	++	Provide a set of design aspirations for key sites to encourage positive development
Health	++	Design parameters established for the delivery of new health facilities on one site.
Cultural	0	No direct impacts
Crime and safety	0	No direct impacts
Equality, diversity & inclusivity	0	No direct impacts
Landscape & heritage	+	Positive proposals to redevelop key sites that could have a positive impact on the town
Climate	0	No direct impacts
Natural resources & environment	0	No direct impacts
Transport & infrastructure	0	No direct impacts
Economy	+	Development briefs provide framework for new development proposals on key sites
Conclusion — the aspiration will have the potential to deliver long term improvements to the local environment by providing a framework for the redevelopment of key sites around the town		

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