

PAS LOCAL PLAN ROUTE MAPPER TOOLKIT PART 4: LOCAL PLAN SOUNDNESS & QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Why you should use this part of the toolkit

The purpose of this assessment is to provide a 'mock' examination - as far as that is possible - of the drafts of your local plan policies update. It is intended to be particularly helpful for use as part of the development of your emerging local plan policies update and as a final check prior to publication of your Regulation 19 Submission Local Plan policies update. It will help you to identify areas for improvement and understand potential risks to the soundness of the plan or its usability.

How to use this part of the toolkit

There are 50 'key questions' in the assessment matrix below which might seem a lot to get through. But thinking through these questions now could save time and expense further down the line. If you are undertaking a partial plan policies update not all of the content will be relevant to you.

If you are completing this assessment or peer reviewing it for a colleague within or from another authority, you should put yourself into the mind of a Planning Inspector assessing the soundness of the draft local plan policies update by keeping in mind the 'tests' as follows. Is the draft local plan update:

- **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- **Effective** – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#).

For some elements, particularly those concerning clarity, you will also need to consider yourself as an end user of the Local Plan policies update.

Provide a brief answer to each question cross referring to evidence that has informed or supports the local plan policies update in order to justify your reasoning and the score you have attributed. Identify any likely implications of not changing your approach or ways in which you may potentially improve the score either through changes to the plan policies update, evidence or further engagement with developers or infrastructure providers recorded in your statement of common ground. But remember that the local plan policies update doesn't need to be supported by reams of evidence. Evidence needs to be proportionate, clear and robust in line with [PAS advice on proportionate evidence](#).

If you find it helpful, you can score your local plan policies update on the degree to which you meet requirements underpinning the question. You can then add up the scores to calculate your confidence in the local plan policies update (on a scale from -100 to +100) and use this as a benchmark for future improvements. Where a particular question is not applicable to your circumstances, please score +2.

How to use the results of this part of the toolkit

You can use the results of this tool throughout the plan making process to assess the extent to which your plan addresses key soundness requirements. There is no requirement to publish or submit this table to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the independent examination, but you may find the assessment (or some elements) helpful to inform changes to your plan or supporting documents.

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	Growth Strategy	
A	In no more than 100 words (excluding any referencing) summarise your strategy for delivering growth and development in your area	The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. The vision of Salford City Council is to create a better and fairer Salford for all, and the purpose of this plan is to provide the policies for managing development to deliver this, and ensure that development contributes fully to the long term success of the city, delivers a high quality of life for future residents and greater environmental sustainability.
B	In no more than 100 words (excluding any referencing) identify the key factors which informed the distribution of development in the local plan policies update	The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.
C	List each of the main growth areas and strategic sites and the key infrastructure needed to support delivery	The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. Whilst identifying growth areas and strategic sites does not fall within the scope of this plan, there are some areas of the city where there are particularly high levels of developer

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		<p>interest, and the SLP:DMP document includes a series of area policies to ensure that development is carefully managed within these areas. These areas are located in and around the City Centre Salford and Salford Quays. Chapter 8 (Area policies) contains policies relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Centre Salford • Salford Quays • Ordsall Waterfront • Salford Innovation Triangle • Employment areas close to the City Centre and Salford Quays 				
1.	Overall does the local plan policies update clearly articulate the strategy for <u>where</u> and <u>how</u> sustainable development will be delivered and that this is ‘an appropriate strategy’ within the context of paragraph 35 of the NPPF?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: Having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document, this requirement is considered to be met.</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. Reasonable alternatives in respect of these matters will be considered and appraised in producing these documents.</p>				

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		<p>Chapter 2 (Purpose and objectives) of the Salford Publication Development Management Policies and Designations document sets out clearly the overall approach to delivering sustainable development in Salford, in terms of ensuring that development supports fairness.</p> <p>The SA/SEA identifies the reasonable alternatives and why they have not been selected, both in terms of the plan as a whole and the individual policies within it.</p>				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
2.	Is it clear how the amount of development identified for any growth areas or major site allocations has been determined – and that the level proposed is deliverable and justified?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				

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		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
3.	<p>Is it clear that the local plan policies update provides for the most appropriate level of housing growth using the standard methodology as a starting point? Can you clearly articulate why planned growth levels should not be higher or lower?</p> <p>If you are proposing any material change away from the level of housing indicated by the standard method, can you clearly justify this through evidence?</p> <p>Does the level of housing provide for an appropriate and justified buffer?</p>	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. The SLP: DMP document does not specify the scale of growth that should be accommodated over the plan period, and until the GMSF is adopted, in accordance with national guidance, the housing target for the city will be the Local Government Housing Need figure calculated using the latest published Government methodology. This is explained in paragraph 11.1.				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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4.	Is the distribution of development justified in respect of the need for, and approach to, Green Belt release and can you demonstrate that alternatives to Green Belt release have been fully considered? Can you demonstrate that exceptional circumstances exist to justify green belt release?	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. All decisions about whether Green Belt boundaries in Salford should be altered, including whether any existing Green Belt should be de-designated so that it can be developed, will be made through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
5.	Is it clear how sites have been selected and have site allocations been made on a consistent basis having regard to the evidence base, including housing and employment land availability assessments, the Sustainability Appraisal and viability	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy				

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	assessment? If not, can you justify why?	will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. Implications of taking no further action: N/A Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A Reviewer Comments:				
6.	Does the local plan policies update identify a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. There are no designated neighbourhood areas or neighbourhood forums in Salford at the present time.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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7.	Do site allocations include sufficient detail on the mix and quantum of development, including, where appropriate any necessary supporting infrastructure?	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move score to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
D	What targets have you set for non-residential floorspace or employment land and, if relevant, the number of jobs to be created over the plan period? List these targets and the evidence source for this 'need' target?	This is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. In respect of the adjacent issues detailed, the policies in the Salford Publication Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations document are limited to protecting the city's existing employment areas and town centres and improve connections into these (see chapters 9 (Economic development) 12 (Town centres and retail development) and 15 (Accessibility), to ensure the provision of a diverse range of				

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		accessible job opportunities. Targets in this plan therefore relate to reducing employment rates and improving household incomes.				
8.	Where and how are the targets referred to above to be delivered? Do the sites and indicative capacities that you have identified demonstrate that these targets are achievable? If you are not allocating sites to meet needs identified, can you justify and explain how those needs will be met?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
9.	Does the local plan policies update: (i) identify infrastructure that is necessary to support planned growth; and (ii) enable provision of this infrastructure?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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				requirement or not		
		<p>Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document.</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it. The Greater Manchester 2040 Strategy sets out the long term-vision for how the transport system needs to change across Greater Manchester and the key priorities for achieving this. The potential impacts on the highway network of planned development across the Greater Manchester conurbation are currently being assessed by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and the Combined Authority. The conclusions of this work, and the identification of potential solutions will be an important part of the evidence base underpinning Greater Manchester’s Spatial Framework.</p> <p>The SLP: DMP supports the delivery of various types of infrastructure. It identifies some key priorities and explains that development shall be consistent with, and where appropriate facilitate schemes. Relevant policies include: PC1 (Planning conditions and obligations), A3 (Walking and cycling) and A4 (Public transport).</p> <p>An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been prepared in support of Salford’s Publication Local Plan Development Management Policies and Designations Document. Having regard to the scope of the plan, the IDP is focused on the ways in which infrastructure providers plan to meet the changing demands on their networks and the</p>				

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		<p>ways in which the SLP:DMP will assist in this process, including its supportive policy framework and requirements that seek to manage future demands. It also identifies commitments and proposals in this regard.</p>				
		<p>Implications of taking no further action: N/A</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
10.	<p>Can you demonstrate that the transport and other infrastructure needed to support <u>each</u> growth area or strategic site identified in the local plan policies update: (i) can be funded and delivered; and (ii) is supported by the relevant providers/ delivery agents in terms of funding and timescales indicated?</p> <p>Have you identified the extent of any funding gap? If so, are you able to explain why you are</p>	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. See detailed response to question 9.</p>				
		<p>Implications of taking no further action: N/A</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				

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	confident that any gap can be addressed?					
	Process and Outcomes (see also Toolkit Parts 2 and 3)					
E	What are the cross boundary strategic matters affecting your local plan policies update? List these.	<p>The strategic cross-boundary matters dealt with through the SLP:DMP, and discussed in the following sections of this statement, are considered to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great Manchester Wetlands Nature Improvement Area and Chat Moss ○ Irwell Valley • Port Salford • Town centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Centre (principles dealt with in GMSF) ○ The Quays (principles dealt with in GMSF) <p>Further detail is provided in the Statement of Common Ground.</p>				
11.	Does your Duty to Cooperate Statement(s) of Common Ground: (i) identify these issues; (ii) identify the bodies you have engaged with or continue to engage with; and (iii) clearly set out not just the process, but the outcomes of this	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Statement of Common Ground sets out the issues, bodies, process and outcomes. The Duty to Cooperate Compliance statement summarises the				

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	engagement highlighting areas of agreement and of difference?	collaborative working that has taken place throughout the production of the Local Plan and complements the Statement of Common Ground.				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
F	<p>Are there any aspects of the local plan policies update not in conformity with national policy? Please set these out and provide justification with reference to evidence for these. Are you satisfied you can robustly defend this on the basis of local evidence?</p> <p><i>For instance, are you seeking to require affordable housing on sites which are below the threshold of major development as defined by national planning policy?</i></p>	<p>Paragraph 64 of the NPPF states that where major development involving the provision of housing is proposed, planning policies and decisions should expect at least 10% of homes to be available for affordable home ownership, unless this would exceed the level of affordable housing required in the areas, or significantly prejudice the ability to meet the identified affordable housing needs of specific groups.</p> <p>Policy H4 of the SLP: DMP requires that at least 20% of new dwellings on every major development in Salford should be in the form of affordable housing wherever possible. The starting point in the policy is that this affordable housing should be made up of 37.5% social rented, 37.5% affordable rented and 25% shared ownership dwellings. This is vital to ensuring that inclusive communities are achieved, and that as of September 2019 there were 6,514 households on the housing register seeking affordable housing, with the vast majority of these being in priority need. The justification for the approach taken by the city council in requiring 20% affordable housing (the majority of which are of a rented tenure) is set out in paragraphs 11.15 to 11.18 of the SLP: DMP.</p>				
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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12.	Are there any specific policies in the local plan policies update where there are differences to any policy approach set out in a relevant strategic planning framework (e.g. the London Plan, or a plan produced by a Combined Authority or through voluntary agreement).	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>The Local Plan approach to biodiversity net gain (policy BG2) is stronger than the approach in the most recently published draft of the GMSF. However, the Local Plan approach is more closely aligned to the Environment Bill.</p> <p>Policy GI2 protects Chat Moss as a green infrastructure asset but the most recently published draft of the GMSF included some development allocations within the area now covered by the Chat Moss policy. The plan explains that any allocations covered by this policy would need to have regard to the identified priorities for Chat Moss.</p> <p>The GMSF will set the housing requirement for Salford. The Revised Draft GMSF identified a housing requirement for Salford of 1,720 per annum over the period 2018-37. Paragraph 11.1 of the SLP: DMP notes that the local plan does not specify the scale of housing growth that should be accommodated in Salford over the next few decades as this will instead be identified through the GMSF. However, until the GMSF is adopted, in accordance with national guidance, the housing target for the city will be the Local Housing Need figure calculated using the latest Government methodology. As of 31 December 2019, this is 1,370 dwellings per annum.</p> <p>Policy GMG9 of the Revised Draft GMSF refers to the Natural England ANGSt standards being the starting point for access to natural greenspace. Salford has adopted the</p>				

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		majority of those ANGSt standards with some modifications to reflect those that it considers are achievable within the city. The 100ha and 500ha standards have not been adopted. Implications of taking no further action: Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: Reviewer Comments:				
13.	Is the local plan policies update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in conformity with any 'higher level' plans prepared by the Council; and • properly reflecting provisions of any made neighbourhood plan? 	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Improving skills and local access to employment opportunities to address the significant levels of poverty in Salford is a key priority of the City Council, as demonstrated through various higher level plans including the Tackling Poverty In Salford Strategy (2017), the City Mayors Employment Charter and the Salford Employment and Skills Strategy (2017). Delivering a fairer Salford is central to the SLP: DMP document and there is a strong emphasis on tackling poverty and securing social value from development. This is demonstrated through the plan's purpose and objectives (chapter 3) and the fairness chapter (chapter 4), which is purposefully located at the start of the plan. At the start of each chapter is an introductory section explaining how the policies within that chapter will assist in creating a fairer Salford.				

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		In July 2019, Salford City Council declared a climate emergency, which included setting a date of 2038 for carbon neutrality in Salford. Whilst the plan already included a policy specifically on climate change, with a wide range of relevant measures in other policies, the SLP: DMP document was updated to reflect the climate emergency declaration and the associated target of carbon neutrality by 2038. There are no neighbourhood plans in Salford at the present time.				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
14.	Does your Consultation Statement demonstrate how you have complied with the specific requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement to date [you should revisit and update this following the publication of your Regulation 19 local plan policies update]?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The consultation statement (January 2020) demonstrates that we have met the requirements to date. The relevant paragraphs of the consultation statement are as follows: Call for Sites – paragraphs 3.24 – 3.30 Suggested Sites – paragraphs 4.25 – 4.32 Draft local plan – paragraphs 5.31 – 5.37				

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		Revised draft local plan – paragraphs 6.26 – 6.30				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
15.	Has the Sustainability Appraisal – incorporating the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment legislation - evaluated all reasonable alternatives? Is it clear why alternatives have not been selected?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The SA/SEA identifies the reasonable alternatives and why they have not been selected, both in terms of the plan as a whole and the individual policies within it.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
16.	Does the Sustainability Appraisal adequately assess the likely significant effects of policies and proposals?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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		<p>Reason for score: The SA/SEA assesses plan as a whole and the individual policies within it against the sustainability objectives. The appraisal considers the certainty, permanence, scale and secondary/cumulative/synergistic effects.</p>			
		<p>Implications of taking no further action:</p>			
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p>			
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>			
17.	<p>Is it clear how the Sustainability Appraisal has influenced the local plan policies update including how any policies or site allocations have been amended as a result and does it show (and conclude) that the local plan policies update is an appropriate strategy?</p>	-2	-1	0	+1
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement
					Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: The assessment of each policy/set of policies includes a section identifying any changes made as a result. The introduction explains the iterative nature of the SA/SEA process. The sustainability appraisal of the SLP: DMP indicates that similar levels of development could come forward under the different options considered and, at a high level, both present largely similarly protective approaches through specific designations and policy restrictions. At a plan level therefore the potential impacts in relation to the majority of sustainability appraisal objectives would be expected to be similar. Nevertheless, the updated policy framework and additional detail in relation to a number of policy areas under the SLP: DMP option would be expected to bring additional benefits in relation to a number of the objectives. These are discussed further in the detailed appraisal of the two options in Annex 5 of the sustainability appraisal.</p>			

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		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
18.	Is it clear how an Equalities Impact Assessment has influenced the local plan policies update?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: A key part of the EIA process for each stage of the Local Plan has been to think about how the plan will affect people and whether they will be treated fairly. Whilst no direct changes have resulted from each EIA undertaken, determining how to bring the Council’s ambitions to deliver a fairer Salford into the plan and ensure that all residents can share in the benefits of development has been an ongoing consideration. The concept of fairness was significantly expanded upon at the Revised Draft Local Plan stage (January 2019) and various amendments were made to the plan to reflect this. These have been carried forward to the SLP: DMP. There is a chapter entitled ‘A fairer Salford’ within the SLP: DMP, which includes a series of policies designed to ensure that development maximises its potential contribution to an inclusive city. Each of the other chapters of the plan cover a different topic area, and at the beginning of each of chapter is an explanation as to how the policies aim to create a fairer Salford. The inclusion of the fairer Salford chapter and the introductory text at the start of each chapter is considered to be a significant positive addition in terms of striving to improve equalities on protected				

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		<p>groups/characteristics. This change should also have a positive impact on all those live and/or work or visit Salford.</p>				
		<p>Implications of taking no further action:</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: None identified.</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
19.	Does the Habitats Regulations Assessment consider the local plan policies update in combination with other plans and projects?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) considers the in-combination effects with other plans and proposals. Local plans within the individual Greater Manchester Unitary Authorities have been taken into account in the 'in-combination' assessment, along with plans in neighbouring local authority areas, such as Warrington Metropolitan Borough Council. This information is detailed in section 8 and appendix 3 of the HRA.				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				

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20.	If the Habitats Regulations Assessment has identified, through 'Appropriate Assessment' that mitigation measures are required, does the local plan policies update adequately identify the measures required and the mechanisms for delivering them?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Three policies were 'screened in' as potentially having a significant effect on the Manchester Mosses SAC (EG2, CT1 and R4). The Appropriate Assessment within the Habitats Regulations Assessment of the SLP: DMP concludes that given the nature of the component parts of the Manchester Mosses SAC, it is unlikely that policies in the plan would lead to an increase in recreational pressure on the Manchester Mosses SAC, either alone or in combination. Policy EG2 was screened into this assessment on the basis of possible impacts from potential changes to hydrogeology. However given that the wording of the policy specifically states "Development of geothermal schemes shall protect the hydrology of the Manchester Mosses Special Area of Conservation", the assessment considered that there are sufficient safeguards in place to deal with any subsequent schemes or plans and that the policy will have no effect on the integrity of the any European Site. There are therefore no mitigation measures identified.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				

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		Reviewer Comments:				
21.	Is it clear how the outcomes and conclusions of the Habitats Regulations Assessment have influenced the local plan policies update?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score:				
		The Habitats Regulations Assessment process has been iterative during the plan's production, and the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit and Natural England have been engaged in this process. Policies GI2 (Chat Moss), EG2 (Renewable and low carbon energy schemes) and BG2 (Development and biodiversity) in the SLP: DMP have all been subject to amendments between the revised draft and publication stages further to these discussions. This is documented in appendix D8 of the Consultation Statement (January 2020).				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
	<i>Housing Strategy</i>					
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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22.	Can you demonstrate that the policies and proposed allocations in your local plan policies update meet your housing requirement in full and that this can be achieved as a minimum? If not [<i>for instance, because another local authority has agreed to plan for your unmet need</i>], can you explain and robustly justify why?	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.</p> <p>Through the production of the GMSF, including the preparation of joint evidence and through various related meetings, Greater Manchester authorities are working together to identify an appropriate scale, distribution and type of dwellings across the Greater Manchester conurbation. Warrington, along with other local authorities adjoining the Greater Manchester conurbation have been consulted as part of this process. Discussions and joint working in this regard will continue as the GMSF progresses and this will involve discussions with local authorities adjoining Greater Manchester to determine whether they could accommodate any of GM’s housing need, and vice versa. This is explained in section 7 of the Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action for local plan soundness and/or effectiveness: N/A</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move score to right: N/A</p>				

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		Reviewer Comments:				
G	Is there any unmet need in neighbouring areas that you have been formally asked to accommodate? If yes, then list the amount by each local authority area.	<p>This is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document.</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.</p> <p>Through the production of the GMSF, including the preparation of joint evidence and through various related meetings, Greater Manchester authorities are working together to identify an appropriate scale, distribution and type of dwellings across the Greater Manchester conurbation. Warrington, along with other local authorities adjoining the Greater Manchester conurbation have been consulted as part of this process. Discussions and joint working in this regard will continue as the GMSF progresses and this will involve discussions with local authorities adjoining Greater Manchester to determine whether they could accommodate any of GM's housing need, and vice versa. This is explained in section 7 of the Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement.</p>				
23.	Does your local plan policies update accommodate any of this unmet need where you can sustainably to do so?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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24.	Is there a housing trajectory which illustrates the expected rate of housing delivery and ensures the maintenance of a 5-year supply during the plan period?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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	Is your strategy for delivery and implementation clearly articulated and justified to support the trajectory?	<p>Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.</p> <p>Until the GMSF is adopted, for the purposes of calculating the five year supply the housing target for the city will be the Local Housing Need figure calculated using the latest published Government methodology, which as of 31 December 2019 is 1,370 dwellings per annum. This is explained in paragraph 11.1 of the SLP: DMP document. For information, the City Council's latest Five Year Housing Land Supply Report was published in September 2019. This explains that there is a supply of deliverable sites sufficient to provide 11.1 years-worth of housing against Salford's Local Housing Need figure for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024. This takes into account the fact that as of 31 March 2019 there were 20,512 dwellings with planning permission for housing across the city (as identified in the 2018-19 residential monitoring report that was published by the city council in June 2019).</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action: N/A</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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25.	Can you confirm: (i) that the local plan policies update will provide for a 5-year supply of specific deliverable sites on adoption; and (ii) that beyond this 5 year period sites are developable and (iii) if relevant, you have included a 5 or 20 percent buffer to deal with under-delivery.	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.</p> <p>Until the GMSF is adopted, for the purposes of calculating the five year supply the housing target for the city will be the Local Housing Need figure calculated using the latest published Government methodology, which as of 31 December 2019 is 1,370 dwellings per annum. This is explained in paragraph 11.1 of the SLP: DMP document.</p> <p>The City Council’s latest Housing and Economic Availability Assessment (HELAA) and associated Five Year Housing Land Supply Report were published in September 2019. The Five Year Housing Land Supply Report explains that there is a supply of deliverable sites sufficient to provide 11.1 years-worth of housing against Salford’s Local Housing Need figure for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024 (section 5). The Five Year Housing Land Supply Report considers that a 5% buffer is appropriate in line with paragraph 73a of the NPPF and this is applied to the annual housing requirement in calculating the number of years of supply. Over the period 2019-237 the HELAA identifies a potential supply of 38,055 dwellings (see table 7 of the HELAA report).</p>				

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		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
26.	Does the level of supply provide any 'head room' (that is additional supply above that required) to enable you to react quickly to any unforeseen changes in circumstances and to ensure that the full requirement will be met during the plan period?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: See response to question 25.				
		Implications of taking no further action: N/A				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
27.	Is the Council reliant on the delivery of any 'windfall' sites (sites not specifically identified in the development plan) during the plan period and if so, how many and when? Is there compelling	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Scored 2 (in line with the notes at the start of the template) as this is not considered applicable having regard to the scope of the SLP: DMP document. The				

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	evidence to confirm that such sites will continue to come forward?	<p>Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and a subsequent Salford Core Strategy will identify the appropriate scale and distribution of growth for the city, and the key site allocations required to deliver it.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action: N/A</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
28.	Does the local plan policies update make it clear what size, type and tenure of housing is required?	<p>-2</p> <p>No, we do not meet this requirement</p>	<p>-1</p> <p>No, we may not fully meet this requirement</p>	<p>0</p> <p>Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not</p>	<p>+1</p> <p>Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement</p>	<p>+2</p> <p>Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement</p>
		<p>Reason for score: Policies H1 (type of housing), H2 (size of dwellings) and H4 (affordable housing) directly address these issues. Other policies in the housing chapter also deal with issues relating to the type of housing including: policy H5 (build to rent); policy H6 (housing for older people); policy H7 (student housing); policy H8 (gypsies, travellers and traveling showpeople); and policy H9 (custom, self-build and community led housing).</p>				
		<p>Implications of taking no further action: None</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				

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29.	Does the local plan policies update specifically address the needs of different groups in the community?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Various policies in the housing chapter seek to ensure that all housing needs are met, including H4 (Affordable Housing), H6 (Housing for older people), H7 (Student housing) H8 (Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople) and H9 (Custom, self-build and community-led housing).				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
30.	Can your affordable housing requirements, including any geographical variations, be justified?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
	Does the local plan policies update provide for the delivery of the full need for affordable housing? If not, can you explain and justify why?	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The latest Residential Viability Appraisal (January 2020) suggests that at a strategic level affordable housing is not viable in some parts of the city. However, the city council has made the decision that there should be a minimum requirement of 20% across the city which developers need to demonstrate that they have made every effort to				

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		<p>meet. This will help to maximise the chances of meeting the needs for affordable housing, delivering mixed communities, which is a vital component in delivering a fairer Salford. Higher levels of affordable housing are sought in some areas, based on the viability evidence.</p> <p>The emphasis in the plan is on delivering a significant improvement in the availability of affordable housing in Salford, rather than seeking to meet a specific target (paragraph 11.13 identifies a need for 613 affordable homes per annum if the existing backlog were to be addressed over the next five years using the government methodology for assessing affordable housing need). There is no estimate in the plan about how many affordable homes will be delivered, and this is very difficult to provide given how much viability can change over a short space of time, the impacts of negotiations on individual sites, and uncertainties over investment programmes through registered providers and government grant funding.</p> <p>Alongside the affordable housing requirements of policy H4, policies H5 (build to rent) and H7 (student housing) set out requirements for 20% of dwellings (at a rent that is at least 20% less than the local market rent inclusive of service charges) to be affordable in the form of affordable private rent. This approach is considered to fully reflect the NPPF and associated build to rent planning guidance.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action:</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: Although the need for affordable housing may not be fully met due to uncertainties identified above, policy H4 of the SLP:DMP (alongside the affordable housing requirements in policies H5 and H7)</p>

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		seeks to put in place an appropriate framework that will significantly increase the supply of affordable housing across the city though planning obligations. The city council will continue to work with partners to maximise the supply of affordable housing through other means. It has also set up its own local housing company (Derive).				
		Reviewer Comments:				
31.	Have the needs for travellers and travelling showpeople been adequately assessed in accordance with national policy and have they been based on robust evidence? Does the local plan policies update make adequate provision for the identified needs?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Salford is already well served with sites for travelling people, with one site for gypsies and travellers at Duchy Road (25 pitches) and three sites for travelling showpeople at Lower Broughton, Duchy Road and Little Hulton (collectively providing 87 plots). The latest assessment (The Greater Manchester Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment (May 2018) indicates that additional sites may be required for gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople, and the existing site at Lower Broughton is subject to a greater than 1 in 100 year risk of flooding, and the relocation of this site is therefore a priority. The allocation of new sites for gypsies and travellers, and the relocation of the Fairways site, relate to issues that fall outside of the scope of the SLP:DMP; sites to meet need will be identified through the Core Strategy and Allocations document. The SLP:DMP				

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		includes a criteria based policy for the provision of sites for travelling people (see policy H8 Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople) to ensure that sites identified are sustainable economically, socially and environmentally.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
32.	Will the local plan policies update provide for a 5-year supply of deliverable travellers and travelling showpeople pitches to meet identified needs?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The SLP: DMP does not identify a 5 year supply of pitches to meet identified needs, as this falls outside of the scope of the plan. The plan does however contain a criteria based policy on which any planning applications will be determined. Issues around a deliverable supply of pitches, including the allocation of sites for travellers, will be considered through the Core Strategy and allocations document.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				

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H	List any travellers and travelling showpeople sites identified to meet need and the timescales for their delivery	None - see response to question 31.				
	Justified approaches to plan policy and content					
33.	Where thresholds are set in policies which trigger specific policy requirements, are these thresholds justified by evidence and is this clear in the supporting text?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
	[You may wish to check each policy setting a threshold]	Reason for score: Chapter 4 Fairness The requirement for developments to submit a social value strategy is triggered where it is a major development (i.e. 10 or more dwellings). Fairness is central to everything the plan is seeking to accomplish, and is a wider corporate priority of the city council. It is considered that in planning for development at this scale, consideration can be given as to how social value and inclusion can be maximised, and measures and opportunities identified through positive engagement with the city council. This threshold is therefore considered appropriate. Chapter 9: Economic development				

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		<p>Policy EC1 (existing employment areas) includes a definition of an existing employment area for the purposes of the policy requirements. The thresholds identified seek to draw out proposals that could affect the city's more significant employment sites/ premises. The definition includes thresholds based on the number of business units, site area and total floorspace. The thresholds identified have been in use for a number of years through Policy E5 of the Saved Policies of the Unitary Development Plan, and associated Established Employment Areas Supplementary Planning Document. It is felt that they have been effective in drawing out proposals for non-employment uses that could have the potential to have a significant impact on existing premises/occupiers and/or future employment development opportunities.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Housing</p> <p>Policy H2 (size of dwellings) requires that a minimum of 50% of apartments shall contain at least two bedrooms. This is in order to ensure that a good mix of dwellings comes forward in terms of size, as justified in the supporting text at paragraphs 11.6 to 11.8. The approach reflects the long standing policy (HOU2 of the Housing Planning Guidance) that was adopted by the city council in 2006, and has been successfully implemented since that date, which requires that where apartments are proposed they should provide a broad mix of dwelling sizes, with small dwellings (i.e. studios and one bedroom apartments) not predominating.</p> <p>Policy H4 (affordable housing) requires that affordable housing is required for all developments that provide 10 or more net additional dwellings, or are on a site of 0.5 hectares or more in size and provide any number of dwellings. Paragraph 11.20 of the</p>

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		<p>SLP:DMP notes that the affordable housing requirements only apply to major developments in accordance with government policy (as set out in paragraph 63 of the NPPF)</p> <p>Policy H5 (build to rent) requires that all build to rent schemes of 10 or more dwellings, or having an area of 0.5 hectare or more irrespective of the number of dwellings, shall provide a minimum of 20% of the dwellings in the form of affordable private rent (at a rent at least 20% less than the local market rent inclusive of service charges). The threshold for when affordable private rent will be sought is in line with paragraph 63 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Policy H7 (student housing) allows for the provision of student housing outside of the campus areas where this does not exceed 100 individual bedrooms/studios. The rationale for this approach is set out in the supporting text at paragraphs 11.30 to 11.31, and is considered to be of a modest level which will ensure that student accommodation coming forward is not detrimental to the character of areas. The policy also requires that in new purpose built student housing schemes of 10 or more dwellings, or on sites having an area of 0.5 hectares or more irrespective of the number of bedrooms / studios, 20% of the bedroom shall be in the form of affordable private rent. The threshold for requiring this is consistent with paragraph 63 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Chapter 12: Town centres and retail development</p> <p>Policy TC2 (development involving main town centre uses) sets out a local floorspace threshold for when a retail impact assessment is requirement and for what uses this will be applied to. The approach taken is in accordance with the guidance set out in the NPPF</p>

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		<p>and NPPG. A background paper also sets out further information justifying the approach taken.</p> <p>Policy TC2 explains how the sequential approach should be applied in the context of designated centres. This is in accordance with guidance set out in the NPPF and NPPG.</p> <p>Policy TC3 (retail frontages, changes of use and redevelopments within designated centres) sets out when proposals for Class A3, A4 and A5 uses will be supported. In Monton local centre, this will include evidence that expensive marketing has taken place over a period of at least 12 months and there is a lack of demand for reoccupation by active main town centre uses other than A3, A4 or A5 uses or community facilities. The reasoning for this approach is set out in the introduction to the policy.</p> <p>Chapter 17: Energy</p> <p>Policy EG1 (sustainable energy in new development) sets out energy efficiency requirements for all new build residential and non-residential schemes. The energy efficiency requirement for new build residential schemes is repeated in policies CC1 and D7. A background paper has been produced justifying the approach taken.</p> <p>The Policies Map identifies district heat network development areas. Policy EG1 confirms where there is an existing or proposed district heat network development area, development involving ten or more dwellings and /or over 1000m² of non-residential floorspace shall connect into the heat network, or be designed to do so, unless it can be demonstrated that there are more effective alternatives for minimising carbon emissions</p>

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		<p>or such connection is impracticable or financially unviable. A background paper has been produced justifying the approach taken.</p> <p>Chapter 18: Water</p> <p>Policy WA4 (development and flood risk) sets out the circumstances in which a flood risk assessment will be required. This includes any site within a critical drainage area measuring 0.5ha or more. This threshold was recommended by the 2011 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and is considered a suitable balance between requiring a flood risk assessment on all sites in critical drainage areas (which cover the majority of the city) and the national threshold of 1 hectare for all developments in Flood Zone 1. It is included in the current validation checklist for Salford which dates from 2013. Paragraph 18.18 of the supporting text discusses critical drainage areas.</p> <p>Chapter 23: Biodiversity</p> <p>Policy BG2 (development and biodiversity) requires major development to use the biodiversity metric to demonstrate a 10% net gain in biodiversity value, whereas other development would only need to demonstrate a net gain. All development would be required to provide a net gain, but for smaller developments (for example householder developments) it is considered disproportionate to require the use of the full metric. This is explained in the supporting text (paragraph 23.11). Government documents released in 2019 (namely the Spring Statement and the Environment Bill) indicated that the government was moving towards a position of mandatory net gain for all development, with few exceptions. The different treatment for major and minor developments outlined in</p>

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		<p>policy BG2 and its supporting text is considered to be a reasonable way of implementing biodiversity net gain for all developments, in advance of more detailed national policy or legislation.</p>				
		<p>Implications of taking no further action:</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
34.	Does the local plan policies update avoid deferring details on strategic matters to other documents? If it does, is it clear why matters will be covered in other Development Plan Documents or Supplementary Planning Documents and why this is appropriate?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: The council initially started producing a single local plan, the scope of which would have covered the contents of the SLP: DMP and the Core Strategy and Allocations document. The intention was that this would be produced in parallel with the GMSF. However, due to delays in the GMSF process, it is considered preferable to adopt a more narrowly focussed document, enabling the City Council to update the development management policies and designations rather than delay this until the GMSF is adopted. It is not considered that taking this approach is deferring strategic matters to other documents, rather it is not possible to incorporate elements relating to the scale and distribution of development in this document as this will be set out in the GMSF. The relationship between the SLP: DMP, GMSF and Core Strategy and Allocations document is explained in chapter 1 (Introduction) of the SLP: DMP.</p>				

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		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
35.	<p>Where the local plan policies update defines a hierarchy do policies throughout the Plan consistently: (i) reflect this hierarchical approach; (ii) make clear the level of protection afforded to designations depending on their status within the hierarchy; and (iii) is the approach consistent with National Policy?</p> <p>[For example, hierarchies could relate to nature conservation, heritage assets, town centres/retail, settlements.]</p>	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: The plan includes hierarchies on town centres (Policy TC1), development involving town centre uses (Policy TC2) transport (Policy A2), energy hierarchy for new development (Policy EG1), agricultural land (Policy GB2), biodiversity assets and mitigation (Policy BG2) and sustainable drainage (WA5). The approaches in the various policies are considered to be appropriate and consistent with national policy.</p> <p>The hierarchy contained within policy WA5 is consistent with though more detailed than the one contained within paragraph 080 of the national planning policy guidance on flood</p>				

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		<p>risk. Given the significance of flood risk in Salford, the extra detail is considered to be appropriate.</p> <p>Policy BG2 contains a hierarchy of nature conservation sites A-E, as required by paragraph 174 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Also within BG2, is the requirement that harm to biodiversity should be avoided, minimised where it cannot be avoided and as a last resort compensated for. This is line with paragraph 175 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action:</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
36.	Where policies seek to limit certain uses, is this justified by evidence and is the rationale clear in the supporting text to the policy and in the evidence.	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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	[For example, policies relating to town centres, employment or retail may seek to limit certain uses.]	<p>Reason for score: The following policies limit specified uses, in some cases within defined locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-employment uses in existing employment areas (Policy EC1) • Apartments in areas outside of City Centre Salford, Ordsall Waterfront, Salford Quays and the other town centres (Policy H1) • The number of apartments with less than two bedrooms (Policy H2) • Student housing outside of the identified locations (Policy H7) • The conversion and change of use of existing houses (Policy H10) • The approach to town centres and town centres uses (Policies TC2-4) • Uses with the potential to have adverse impacts on health and well-being (Policy HH1) • Identified uses in areas subject to a 1 in 100 year risk of flooding (Policy WA4) • Figure 14 which accompanies policy EG2 (renewable and low carbon energy schemes) shows the locations with the greatest potential for renewable and low carbon energy schemes. This includes wind energy development which following guidance in the NPPF and NPPG is limited to identified parts of Salford (subject to further technical investigation by the applicant) <p>The supporting text to the policies generally provide a brief explanation of the rationale.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action:</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>					
		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">-2</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">-1</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center; background-color: #cccccc;">+1</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">+2</td> </tr> </table>	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
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37.	<p>Is it clear that any standards proposed for development are justified and deliverable, taking into account the scale of the development?</p> <p>[For example, onsite provision of open space, optional technical standards, internal and external space standards.]</p>	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: Policies involving the nationally described space standards (Policy H2), minimum cycle parking standards (A3) maximum car parking standards and minimum standards for car parking for disabled people (A7) electric vehicle charging points (Policy A10), full fibre connections (Policy DG1), energy efficiency (Policy EG1), accessible and adaptable dwellings (Policy D7), surface water discharge rate (WA5), biodiversity net gain and 10% biodiversity net gain for major development (Policy BG2) and recreation standards (Policy R1) all include a justification that explains the need for the standard. Background notes are being produced that will provide further explanation for some these (H2, A7, A10 and D7). The Greenspace Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (2019) provides further background to policy R1.</p> <p>The cost implications of the standards are reflected in the plan viability appraisal where appropriate.</p>				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
	Deliverability					

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38.	Has the viability of the local plan policies update been suitably tested and does this testing cover all requirements including in respect of any required standards, affordable housing provision and transport and other infrastructure needs and if relevant the implications of CIL?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The cost implications of the plan policies and requirements are reflected in the strategic viability assessment (January 2020). The viability assessment suggests that the minimum affordable housing requirement of 20% is not viable in some locations and/or forms of development. This is explained in the justification to the affordable housing policy (paragraphs 11.17-18). The policy explains that the city council will accept lower levels of affordable housing where it can be demonstrated that all practicable options have been exhausted for delivering the minimum requirement. This will help to ensure that development is delivered whilst maximising the provision of affordable housing, which is a city council priority and a vital component in delivering a fairer Salford.				
		Implications of taking no further action: There may be concerns that the affordable housing policy does not fully reflect the conclusions of the viability assessment, but this is considered an appropriate response given the speed with which viability can change and				

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		<p>the extent of local concerns about the lack of affordable housing being provided through new developments.</p>				
		<p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p>				
		<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
39.	<p>Does the local plan policies update reflect the conclusions and recommendations of your viability evidence?</p> <p>Is it clear the viability and delivery of development will not be put at risk by the requirements in the local plan policies update?</p>	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		<p>Reason for score: The January 2020 viability assessment takes into account the policies of the SLP:DMP, including affordable housing. The assessment identifies that in some areas / forms of development, affordable housing at a strategic level would not be viable. Notwithstanding this, policy H4 (affordable housing) requires a minimum of 20% affordable housing with more required in areas of greater viability. The rationale for this approach is set out in the supporting text to policy H4.</p> <p>Policy H5 (build to rent) requires that 20% affordable private rent housing is provided; the viability of this requirement has not been assessed given that the city council is proposing to use the suitable benchmark set out in paragraph 002 of the build to rent planning guidance. The approach to affordable housing set out in policy H5 has also been taken forward in policy H7 (student housing).</p>				

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		<p>Policies H4, H5 and H7 are very clear when a reduced proportion of affordable housing from that sought by the policies will be acceptable, with cross reference to criteria i. to iv. of policy PC1. Policy PC1 applies to all planning obligations; criteria i. to iv. will ensure that the delivery of development will not be put at risk by the policy requirements in the plan.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action:</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: The requirement for a minimum 20% affordable housing could be removed from the plan. However, the city council is seeking to maximise the delivery of affordable housing secured through planning obligations and so therefore this is not considered to be appropriate and would be contrary to a central theme of the plan which is to create a Fairer Salford.</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
40.	Does the monitoring framework clearly set out what matters will be monitored, and the indicators used? Are these measurable and	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
Reason for score: The strategic objectives located in chapter 3 (Purpose and objectives) all have targets attached to them. Each chapter has indicators and targets at the end, and						

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	can the data be readily secured/captured?	for each indicator a baseline position is provided, hence it has been established that the data can be readily secured. Chapter 27 contains a section on monitoring (paragraphs 27.5-27.9). Implications of taking no further action: None Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: May be useful to produce a note that pulls all of the indicators and targets together, to help demonstrate the full extent of the monitoring framework. Reviewer Comments:				
41.	Does the local plan policies update and monitoring framework identify a clear framework for <u>plan review</u> ? Where triggers for plan review and/or update are identified are they justified and proportionate?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Chapter 27 contains a section on the review and updating of the plan (paragraphs 27.10-24.14). This identifies the factors that will be used to determine whether a review or update is necessary. Specific triggers are not included, as this may be restrictive and the ever-changing context means that what is currently considered something that could trigger a review may not in a few years, and vice versa.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				

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		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
	Plan effectiveness (and associated policy clarity)					
42.	Does the local plan policies update clearly set out the timeframe that it covers? Is it clear which policies are strategic? Will the strategic policies provide for a minimum of 15 years <u>from adoption</u> ? Does the evidence relied on to support those policies correspond/cover this whole period?	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The plan identifies that it covers the period 2019-2037, and the evidence relates to this period. Annex E of the plan lists all of the policies, identifies whether they are strategic or not, and the reason for this.				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				
		Reviewer Comments:				
		-2	-1	0	+1	+2

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43.	Does the local plan policies update clearly set out which <u>adopted</u> Development Plan policies it supersedes?	No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Annex D of the plan lists the saved UDP policies that will be replaced by the plan. It also explains for the avoidance of doubt, that the plan does not supersede any policies in the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document or the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
44.	Are the objectives the policies are trying to achieve clear, and can the policies be easily used and understood for decision making?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Fairness is at the heart of the plan and so at the start of each chapter, an explanation is provided as to how the policies within this chapter will collectively contribute towards the wider objective of creating a fairer Salford. With regards to individual policies, many of the				

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		<p>policies contain an opening statement which explains what the policy is seeking to achieve or this can be understood in reading the reasoned justification for the policy.</p> <p>Efforts have been made to ensure the policies are easy to use. Policy text is shown in bold and before each policy is a reasoned justification which explains and justifies the approach in the policy. Paragraph 1.6 of the SLP: DMP explains the above to assist people in understanding how to use the plan.</p> <p>Implications of taking no further action:</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
45.	<p>For each policy area you have designated or defined in the Plan: (i) are these clearly referenced and explained in the Plan; <u>and</u> (ii) clearly defined on the Policies Map?</p> <p>Where you have included maps or graphics within the local plan policies update are these legible and is it clear if and how they are to be used in decision making?</p>	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Policy text is shown in bold and before each policy is a reasoned justification which explains and justifies the approach in the policy. Paragraph 1.6 of the SLP: DMP explains the above to assist people in understanding how to use the plan. The plan also contains a series of diagrams which illustrate the various policies and assist in their understanding.				

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		<p>A Policies Map has been produced which shows the areas that have been given a protective designation or otherwise relate to specific policies in this plan. The relevant policies are listed in the Policies Map legend. Reference to designations and policy areas being shown on the Policies Map are made within individual policies.</p> <p>Most policy areas are shown on the Policies Map. The exceptions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The City Centre sub-areas (Policy CC1), which are shown on a map within the plan as they are too small to show on the Policies Map and the policy explains the role of these areas rather than specific policy requirements 2) Residential value areas for the affordable housing policy (Policy H4), which does involve policy requirements but would be difficult to show on the Policies Map without it becoming very cluttered and will potentially be updated through a supplementary planning document in response to changing levels of viability. <p>Implications of taking no further action: None</p> <p>Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A</p> <p>Reviewer Comments:</p>				
46.	Does each local plan policies update policy: (i) make clear the type of development it will promote; (ii) use positive rather than negative wording?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement

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				requirement or not		
		Reason for score: Each policy relates to all types of development unless otherwise stated. Most policies are worded positively, but this is not always appropriate and so some include negative wording. Examples of this such policies are WA4 (Development and flood risk), PH1 (Pollution control) and PH3 (Development near hazardous installations).				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: None. The wording of the policies reflects the best way of explaining and delivering what is intended, and a strict approach of using only positive wording would weaken the plan and reduce its clarity.				
		Reviewer Comments:				
47.	Do policies make clear where they are intended to be applied differently for the purposes of decision-making dependent on (i) scale; (ii) use; or (iii) location of development proposed. [Note: If you have said 'all development' this implies equal application irrespective of the development scale/use/location	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
		No, we do not meet this requirement	No, we may not fully meet this requirement	Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: Policies apply to all scales, uses and locations unless otherwise specified. Scale thresholds have been used where appropriate.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				

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	and this may not be either justified or deliverable]	
I	<p>State how many policies are in your local plan update?</p> <p>Can you list any policies within the local plan update that: (i) repeat parts of other policies within the plan; (ii) replicate or repeat paragraphs in the NPPF (iii) cross reference other policies.</p>	<p>There are 97 policies in the SLP: DMP.</p> <p>i) Some policies repeat other policies within the plan, at least in part, as it is useful to have overarching policies that show how key issues are being dealt with throughout the plan, such as climate change (Policy CC1) and policies within chapter 4 (A fairer Salford).</p> <p>ii) Replication of the NPPF has been minimised as far as possible, but there are examples where this is considered necessary to clarify the overall policy approach. These are policies F1, A6, TC2, EG2, GI6/1 and BG2. Policies H5 and H7 replicate the planning practice guidance on built to rent with regards to the requirement for affordable private rent dwellings</p> <p>iii) There are many cross references to other SLP:DMP policies within policies. This is generally where it is considered useful to identify an issue for consideration within a policy, but more details are provided in respect of this issue elsewhere in the plan or it is considered useful to refer to development requirements or designations contained within another policy. These policies include: F2, CC1, EF1, EF2, PC1, AP1, AP2, AP3, AP4, AP5, H1, H4, H5, H6, H9, TC1, TC2, TC4, ED2, HH2, A3, A5, A6, EG2, WA5, D3, D7, GB3, GI1, GI6, R1, R5, PH1.</p>

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48.	Based on the above, have you tried to avoid unnecessary repetition (of the NPPF or other policies within the local plan policies update) and cross referencing in policies? If you find duplication or repetition you may want to take minute to consider whether this is appropriate.	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: See response to question 47 I).				
		Implications of taking no further action: The plan remains easy to understand, as the cross-referencing and repetition improves readability.				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				
49.	Do policies avoid duplicating other regulatory requirements (for example, building regulations)?	-2 No, we do not meet this requirement	-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement	0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not	+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement	+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement
		Reason for score: The policies do not duplicate other regulatory requirements. However, they do go beyond them in some cases, such as in relation to energy efficiency (Policy EG1) and sustainable drainage (Policy WA5).				
		Implications of taking no further action: None				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right: N/A				

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		Reviewer Comments:				
50.	<p>Does the wording of plan policies avoid ambiguity? Are requirements clear to the decision-maker?</p> <p>[For instance, policies should avoid using overly subjective terms such as “to the Council’s satisfaction”, “considered necessary by the Council” or “appropriate” without associated clarification.]</p>	<p>-2 No, we do not meet this requirement</p>	<p>-1 No, we may not fully meet this requirement</p>	<p>0 Unclear whether our plan meets this requirement or not</p>	<p>+1 Yes, we are likely to meet this requirement</p>	<p>+2 Yes, we are confident our plan will meet this requirement</p>
		Reason for score: Efforts have been made to ensure that the factors that will be taken into account are clear. The word ‘appropriate’ is used numerous times within the policies, but this is considered to be appropriate.				
		Implications of taking no further action:				
		Mitigation / Action required (if necessary) to move scale to right:				
		Reviewer Comments:				

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