

## Sustainability Appraisal

LPXX: Affordable Housing																							
Policy	SA Objective:																						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+	-	Overall Effect
LPXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	++	++	++	+	0	+9	0	Likely Positive Effect +9
No Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	-	0	0	-5	-5	Likely Negative Effect -5

The Local Plan review seeks to split up what was CS09 Housing from the Core Strategy. CS09 dealt with housing in general including quantum and distribution, this has now been moved to a separate policy focusing on this issue. Likewise, Affordable Housing was an element of CS09, but this **has** now **been** given its own policy, which given the importance of the issues seems appropriate. It also now seeks to incorporate SADMP Policy DM8 Delivering Affordable Housing on Phased Developments. The policy as proposed is completely different to that which was consulted upon in 2019 and takes onboard the majority of responses to the draft consultation in that the evidence base required updating. This is achieved through a Housing Need Assessment (HNA) (2020) which replaces the 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and a new Local Plan review Viability Assessment (2020). Given this the SA above compares the policy against the option of having no policy on the issues, which the results show isn't really an option. There is little to be achieved by providing a SA of the original policy as it has changed so much, as explained, and has been updated accordingly with regards to the latest evidence and the NPPF.

It is vital the Borough Council has an up-to-date policy with regards to affordable housing to endeavour to meet the affordable housing need ~~are made~~ and to clearly outline how this is to be achieved. The SA assumes that with or without the policy the same number of houses are likely to be built, however, ~~that~~ the housing provided may not meet the identified need within the Borough. By having the policy, it has the potential to ensure that housing is delivered that meets the identified need, ~~reduces~~ inequalities, ensure that all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing. It could also encourage active involvement of local people and assist with providing housing in proximity to employment opportunities. It should overall assist in creating a mixed and sustainable community.

LPXX: Adaptable & Accessible Homes																							
Policy	SA Objective:																						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+	-	Overall Effect
LPXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	+	++	++	++	+	0	+10	0	Likely Positive Effect +10
No Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	-	0	0	-5	-5	Likely Negative Effect -5

This is a new policy which has been introduced following the draft Local Plan review consultation in 2019. This is a response to the Housing Need Assessment (HNA) (2020), the older persons and specialist care study (2020) and the Local Plan review Viability Study (2020). The intention of this approach will be to maximise the flexibility of new housing to accommodate a wider spectrum of housing needs. This will support housing needs of older people but also those with specialist needs such as those who are disabled and wheelchair users, leading to positive impacts on health and well-being. Making homes adaptable and accessible from the start will reduce the likelihood of people having to leave their homes as their needs change and **will** allow people to stay within their local communities, ensuring they are mixed and inclusive. This is in line with the NPPF and the studies mentioned. The SA clearly demonstrates the positives of having such a policy over not having one. It has the potential to ensure **that** human health is maintained/enhanced and create inclusive communities by readdressing inequalities and provide appropriate housing.

LPXX: Housing for the elderly and specialist care																							
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+	-	Overall Effect
LPXX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	++	++	+	0	0	+6	0	Likely Positive Effect +6
No Policy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	-	0	0	-5	-5	Likely Negative Effect -5

This is a new policy which has been introduced following the draft Local Plan review consultation in 2019. This is a response to the Housing Need Assessment (HNA) (2020), the older persons and specialist care study (2020) and the Local Plan review Viability Study (2020). The policy is intended to ensure that housing for the elderly and specialist care is delivered in the Borough at appropriate locations and that it meets the identified need. The SA illustrates that having a policy response to these issues is far more advantageous to achieving the Local Plan review's SA objectives than not. Again, much like the affordable housing policy its isn't really an option to not have a response to these issues given the results of the latest evidence studies/base and the requirements of the NPPF. The policy should ensure that healthy, inclusive, mixed and sustainable communities are created with a view to going some way to meeting the need.