

**Assessment of reasonable alternatives to the policies
set out in the Joint Development Management Policies Document**

Methodology – see paragraph 2.11 of the SA/SEA

- ++ Major positive impact – likely to result in substantial progress towards the objective**
- + Minor positive impact – likely to result in limited progress towards the objective**
- 0 Neutral**
- Major negative – likely to be substantially detrimental to achieving the objective**
- Minor negative – likely to be to the limited detriment of achieving the objective**

Policy DM1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

The impact and effect of not having this policy has not been assessed as this is the model policy advised by the Planning Inspectorate for inclusion in Local Plans in order to place the presumption in favour of sustainable development firmly at the front and heart of Local Plans, and in order to comply with the NPPF.

Policy DM2 Creating places – development principles and local distinctiveness

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils’ Core Strategies - The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	SA score	Comment
1.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	Whilst both councils each have a number of policies covering aspects of this policy, not having Policy DM2 that brings these strands together is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, quality, variety and appropriateness of new housing development and social inclusivity and make it unlikely this objective could be met.
2.	To reduce anti-social activities	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
3.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A

4.	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies on Design/Quality and Local Distinctiveness not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and character of new development potentially damaging the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	--	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that promote accessibility to key services not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new development, and social inclusivity making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6.	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	--	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a medium, long-term, and cumulative social and environmental impact, and a reduction in the quality of new development, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10.	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	Whilst the Core Strategy policies encourage sustainable means of transport, Policy DM2 reinforces this as part of a comprehensive approach to development principles, and not having the policy may result in long term and cumulative economic, environmental and social impacts.

11.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12.	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13.	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14.	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in long-term, and cumulative environmental impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15.	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that seek to protect the biodiversity of their areas Policy DM2 reinforces this as part of a comprehensive approach to development principles, and not having the policy may result in short, medium, long term and cumulative environmental impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16.	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17.	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	-	The policy incorporates the need to address sustainable design and energy efficiency measures and signposts more detailed policies in the document. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18.	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	-	The policy incorporates the need to address access for all and the provision of pedestrian and cycle links. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19.	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A

20.	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in long term, and cumulative impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21.	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22.	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	-	The policy incorporates the need to address energy efficiency measures and signposts more detailed policies in the document. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
23.	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	--	The policy incorporates the need to address sustainable design and energy efficiency measures and signposts more detailed policies in the document. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
24.	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in long-term, and cumulative impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25.	To reduce waste	-	The policy incorporates the need to incorporate refuse and recycling facilities in new development. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		10 x 0 10 x - 5 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM2.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	--	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that promote accessibility to key services not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new development, and social inclusivity making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	Whilst both councils each have a number of policies covering aspects of this policy, not having Policy DM2 that brings these strands together is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, quality, variety and appropriateness of new housing development and social inclusivity and make it unlikely this objective could be met.
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	--	The policy seeks to set out a comprehensive, overarching set of principles to guide good design and improvements to the quality of the environment not having the policy is likely to

			result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential areas which may have a detrimental effect on community life and participation making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9.	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12.	To reduce waste	-	The policy incorporates the need to incorporate refuse and recycling facilities in new development. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	The policy encourages the provision of pedestrian and cycle links. Not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in less sustainable transport links which would have a long term impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that seek to protect the biodiversity of their areas Policy DM2 reinforces this as part of a comprehensive approach to development principles, and not having the policy may result in short, medium, long term and cumulative environmental impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	-	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in long term, and cumulative impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and	-	The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are

	local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes		insufficient to address this objective, and not having Policy DM2 is likely to result in long term, and cumulative impacts making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		13 x 0 6 x - 3 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM2.

Policy DM3 Masterplans

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies - The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2.	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
3.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4.	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6.	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10.	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12.	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13.	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14.	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15.	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16.	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including addressing design principles and measures to minimise climate change risks. Not having the policy is likely

			to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17.	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the need to address greenhouse gas emissions. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18.	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19.	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	-	The policy encourages the application of resource efficiency measure, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
20.	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21.	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22.	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	-	The policy seeks to maximise energy efficiency measures and secure on-site renewable, decentralised or low carbon energy generation to cut carbon dioxide emissions, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
23.	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including addressing the need to improve energy efficiency of buildings. Not having the policy is likely to result

			in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
24.	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25.	To reduce waste	-	The policy encourages the application of waste reduction measures, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
SA score		14 x 0 8 x - 3 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM3.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy encourages provision of open space, sport, leisure and cycle and pedestrian footpath linkages. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the

			environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Good design can improve the quality of where people live and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	-	The policy encourages the application of resource efficiency measure, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
12	To reduce waste	-	The policy encourages the application of waste reduction measures, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.

13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the need to address climate change. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including encouraging the use of design principles and measures to minimise climate change risks. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	--	Masterplans can facilitate efficient patterns of movement, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
22	To encourage and accommodate both	-	Inclusion of employment areas within Masterplans for land

	indigenous and inward investment		allocations will facilitate indigenous and inward investment. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and location of new employment areas and the local economy of the plan area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		10 x 0 11 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM3

Policy DM4 Development Briefs

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies - The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy requires (where appropriate) a mix of housing including provision of affordable housing and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.

6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including addressing design principles and measures

			to minimise climate change risks. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the need to address greenhouse gas emissions. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	-	The policy requires details of energy efficiency measures, and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including requiring details of energy efficient measures to be incorporated into developments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.

24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the need for developments to achieve local distinctiveness. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		14 x 0 8 x - 3 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM4

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy encourages the provision of cycle-ways and pedestrian footpaths. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of access to key services. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A

7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design which can improve the quality of where people live. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9.	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	-	The policy encourages the application of resource efficiency measure, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
12.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	--	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of public transport and cycle links and travel plans. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time to the detriment of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including requiring details of sustainable design and construction measures. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including requiring details of sustainable design and construction measures. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.

16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	-	Good design and lay-out and provision of pedestrian and cycle links will encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	Inclusion of employment areas within Development Briefs will facilitate indigenous and inward investment. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and location of new employment areas and the local economy of the plan area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		10 x 0 11 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM4

DM5 Development in the Countryside

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies - The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2.	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4.	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	Whilst both councils each have a number of policies covering aspects of this policy, not having Policy DM5 that brings these strands together is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and character of the area. and make it unlikely this objective could be met.
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A

8.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10.	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12.	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13.	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14.	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15.	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	-	The policy focuses on protection of the countryside which will help to protect the District's natural capital and the strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective
16.	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17.	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18.	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19.	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20.	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	The policy restricts development in the countryside which will help to maintain the rural environment. Not having the

			policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality of the rural environment, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21.	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22.	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23.	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24.	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 x 0 3 x -	There are no --, + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM5

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all	0	N/A

	sectors of the population		
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9.	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	-	The policy focuses on protection of the countryside which will help to conserve biodiversity and Geodiversity, and the strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy restricts development in the countryside which will help to conserve the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality of the rural environment, making it unlikely this objective could be met.

19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 x 0 2 x -	There are no --, + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM5

DM6 Flooding and Sustainable Drainage

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies - The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2.	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4.	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10.	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12.	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13.	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14.	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15.	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	-	The policy seeks to protect biodiversity vulnerable to flooding which will help to protect the District's natural capital. SUDSs systems also provide habitat for biodiversity. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to biodiversity and the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16.	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	The policy requires that development proposals address flood risk and water management, and is specific about the incorporation of SUDs or other forms of natural surface water drainage, and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17.	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A

18.	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19.	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20.	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21.	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22.	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23.	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24.	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 x 0 2 x -	There are no --, + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM6

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A

3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9.	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	--	The policy specifically encourages the efficient use and recycling of water. Not having the policy is likely to result in a detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
12.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy requires development proposals to address flood risk and water management, and is specific about the incorporation of SUDs or other forms of natural surface water drainage which help to reduce vulnerability to climatic events. Not having the policy is likely to have a detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	-	The policy seeks to protect biodiversity vulnerable to flooding. Some SUDs systems also provide habitats for biodiversity. Not having the policy is likely to have a detrimental impact on biodiversity and geodiversity making

			it unlikely this objective could be met.
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		19 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM6

DM7 Sustainable Design and Construction

Option: Not including a policy and relying on policies in the two Councils' Core Strategies and the NPPF.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2.	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4.	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the	0	N/A

	plan area		
9.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10.	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12.	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13.	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14.	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques and measures will help reduce some types of pollution, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
15.	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16.	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques and measures, including SUDs help to reduce the impact climate change may have in the District, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective
17.	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	--	This policy is focussed on the promotion of sustainable development particularly climate change measures in the design and construction of new development and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.

18.	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19.	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	-	Sustainability measures include improving efficiency of water usage (including re-use and recycling). The strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
20.	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21.	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22.	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	--	This policy is focussed on the promotion of sustainable development including encouraging environmentally friendly energy uses, and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
23.	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	--	This policy is focussed on the promotion of sustainable development including improving the rate of energy efficiency in the design and construction of new development. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
24.	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25.	To reduce waste	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques should include waste reduction and recycling measures, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective

SA score	18 x 0 4 x - 3 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM7
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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques and measures should improve the quality of the buildings in which people live, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
9.	To improve water and air quality		This policy is focussed on the promotion of sustainable

		-	development particularly climate change measures in the design and construction of new development and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques and measures improve mineral resource efficiency and promote recycling, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
12.	To reduce waste	-	Sustainable design and construction should encourage appropriate waste recycling measures, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	--	This policy is focussed on the promotion of climate change measures in the design and construction of new development and not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	Sustainable design and construction techniques and measures will incorporate SUDs and similar measures that will help to reduce the impact that climate change may have on the Borough, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance	0	N/A

	areas of historical and archaeological importance		
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		16 x 0 5 x – 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM7

Policy DM8 Improving Energy Efficiency and Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	This policy seeks to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Renewable energy provision can help reduce levels of pollution, and not having Policy DM8 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	+	Renewable energy schemes could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. Not having the policy may result in less schemes coming forward and being approved leaving biodiversity capital undisturbed.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	--	This policy seeks to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Renewable energy can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and not having Policy DM8 may result in less renewable energy schemes coming forward to the detriment of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A

19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	--	This policy will encourage environmentally friendly energy uses in new developments, and not having Policy DM8 may result in less renewable energy schemes coming forward to the detriment of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		1 x + 21 x 0 1 x - 2 x --	There are no ++ scores for not having Policy DM8 Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population	0	N/A

	overall and reduce health inequalities		
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	-	The policy should encourage improvements in mineral resource efficiency and therefore not having Policy DM8 may result in schemes coming forward making it unlikely this objective could be met.
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	--	This policy seeks to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Renewable energy can help to reduce contributions to climate change, and not having Policy DM8 may result in less schemes coming forward to the detriment of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and	0	N/A

	geodiversity		
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 x 0 1 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM8

Policy DM9 Low and Zero Carbon Energy Generation

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

Option 2. Include a shorter, less specific policy.

The impact of a) not having this policy, and b) having a shorter, less specific policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) - b) --	The policy encourages the provision of renewable energy which can help reduce levels of pollution. Not having Policy DM9 may result in less renewable energy schemes coming forward. Option b), having a shorter, less specific policy, may result in less control over schemes, including noise

18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) -- b) --	This policy encourages low and zero carbon energy generation, and not having the policy or having a shorter, less specific policy with insufficient criteria and guidance on what is acceptable will create less certainty, and either case may result in less schemes coming forward making it unlikely this objective could be met.
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a)	There are no ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM9. Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that

	1 x + 20 x 0 2 x - 2 x -- b) 20 x 0 2 X - 3 X --	the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.
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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	a) - b) -	This policy encourages low and zero carbon energy generation, and not having the policy or having a shorter, less specific policy with insufficient criteria and guidance on what is acceptable will create less certainty, and either case may result in less schemes coming forward making it unlikely this objective could be met.

12	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) -- b) --	This policy encourages low and zero carbon energy generation, and not having the policy or having a shorter, less specific policy with insufficient criteria and guidance on what is acceptable will create less certainty, and either case may result in less schemes coming forward making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) + b) -	Low and zero carbon energy generation schemes could have an adverse effect on the rural environment. Not having the policy may result in less schemes coming forward and being approved leaving the landscape undisturbed. Option b), having a shorter, less specific policy, may result in less control over schemes, to the detriment of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.

19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 1 x + 19 x 0 1 x - 1 x - b) 19 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	<p>Although there is one + score (Objective 18), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.</p> <p>There are no ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM9.</p>

Policy DM10 Infrastructure Services and Telecommunications Development

Option 1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

Option 2. Include a shorter, less specific policy

The impact of a) not having this policy, and b) including a shorter, less specific policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) -- b) --	Infrastructure development, such as telecommunications masts, has the potential to adversely affect the character of the District. Not having the policy, or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the

			environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that could improve access to services such as broad band, but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on access to services, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that may enable more employment (e.g. faster broad band, working from home etc.), but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling more employment opportunities, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) 0	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that may enable greater economic development, but at the expense of

		b) -	the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling greater economic development, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that could help reduce social exclusion, but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on helping to reduce social exclusion, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0	N/A

		b) 0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	a) -- b) --	Development could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. The criteria-based policy includes a requirement for an appraisal of the impact of any proposed schemes.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) -- b) --	Development could have a potential negative impact on the rural environment. The criteria-based policy includes requirements for developments to achieve "least visual harm" and the highest standards of siting and design in Special Landscape Areas, nature conservations sites or sites visible from conservation areas. Not having the policy or having a shorter, less specific policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of	a) 0	N/A

	environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	b) 0	
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 22 x 0 3 X - b) 18 x 0 4 x - 3 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM10

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that could help reduce poverty and social exclusion, but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that could improve access to services such as broad band, but at the expense of the environment.

		b) -	b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on access to services, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that may enable more opportunities for employment (e.g. faster broad band, working from home etc), but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling more employment opportunities, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) -- b) --	Development could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. The criteria-based policy includes a requirement for an appraisal of the impact of any proposed schemes.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) -- b) --	Infrastructure development, such as telecommunications masts, has the potential to adversely affect the character of the District. Not having the policy, or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.

19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that may enable greater economic development, but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling greater economic development, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0 b) -	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that could reduce the need to travel, but at the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on reducing the need to travel, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) 0	a) Not having a criteria-based policy could result in more infrastructure and telecommunications development that may encourage indigenous and inward investment, but at

		b) -	the expense of the environment. b) Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on encouraging indigenous and inward investment, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
	SA score	a) 20 x 0 2 x - b) 14 x 0 6 x - 2 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM10

Policy DM11 Impact of Development on Sites of Biodiversity and Geodiversity Importance

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	Sites of biodiversity and Geodiversity importance form part of the character of the District and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the environment and character of the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	-	The policy will help to protect open space, particularly that which has biodiversity and geodiversity interest. Not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the environment and the ability of the District to protect publically accessible open space, making it unlikely this objective could be met.

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Biodiversity and geodiversity assets can act as tourist attractions, and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a long-term detrimental impact on the environment and range of tourist attractions in the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	--	The policy seeks to protect the District's vast biodiversity and natural capital and not having a specific and detailed policy is likely to have an immediate and long-term detrimental impact on the environment and ability of the District to protect its biodiversity and natural capital making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	Protection of native areas of wildlife sites will help to counteract the potential impacts on biodiversity that may be associated with climate change/events. Not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a detrimental impact on the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.

17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	-	Protection of native areas of wildlife sites contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	-	Wildlife sites in combination with SUDs and other measures contribute to improved water quality, and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	--	The policy should safeguard against inappropriate development and maintain a quality rural environment.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	Sites of biodiversity and geodiversity interest form part of the District's heritage, and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		16 x 0	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM11

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Protecting and enhancing sites of biodiversity and geodiversity can improve the quality of the environments in which people live. Not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	-	Wildlife sites in combination with SUDs and other measures contribute to improved water quality, and not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a detrimental impact making it unlikely

			this objective could be met.
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	-	The policy will work to safeguard soil resources and quality, particularly where there is biodiversity and/or geodiversity value. Not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	Protection of native areas of wildlife sites will help to counteract the potential impacts on biodiversity that may be associated with climate change/events. Not having Policy DM11 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	--	The policy seeks to protect the Borough's vast biodiversity and geodiversity interests and not having a specific and detailed policy is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy should safeguard against inappropriate development and maintain a quality rural environment.

19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	-	Access associated with natural areas and wildlife corridors could contribute to sustainable movement patterns and not having Policy DM11 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		15 X 0 6 X - 1 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM11

Policy DM12 Protected Species

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	Protected species contribute to the character of the District, and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	-	The policy will prevent the loss of open space, particularly where there is biodiversity interest, and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Protected species can act as tourist attractions and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	--	The policy seeks to protect areas of biodiversity and allow them to flourish. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	Protection of species is important to ensure long-term survival in the face of climatic events. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality	0	N/A

	supply of water		
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	--	Protected species and biodiversity interests contribute to a high quality rural environment. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	Protected species and areas of biodiversity value form part of the District's heritage, and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		18 X 0 5 X - 2 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM12

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1.	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2.	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3.	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4.	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5.	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6.	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7.	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8.	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Protecting rare species and biodiversity can improve the quality of the environments in which people live. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9.	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10.	To conserve soil resources and quality	-	The policy should contribute to conserving soil resources particularly where there is biodiversity interest and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11.	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A

12.	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13.	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14.	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	Protection of species is important to ensure long-term survival in the face of climate change. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15.	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	Protection of species is important to ensure long-term survival in the face of climatic events. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16.	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	--	The policy seeks to conserve and enhance areas of biodiversity and allow them to flourish. Not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18.	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Protected species contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Borough and not having Policy DM12 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19.	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20.	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21.	To encourage efficient patterns of	0	N/A

	movement in support of economic growth		
22.	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
	SA score	16 X 0 5 X - 1 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM12

Policy DM13 Mitigation, Enhancement, Management and Monitoring of Biodiversity

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	Protection of biodiversity contributes to the character of the district and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	-	The policy will prevent the loss of open space, particularly where there is a biodiversity interest, and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Protected species can act as tourist attractions and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	--	The policy seeks to protect areas of biodiversity and allow them to flourish. Not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	In the long and medium term habitat creation including wildlife corridors will help to counteract the potential impacts and biodiversity that would be associated with climatic events. Not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A

19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	-	Landscape areas/natural areas when combined with SUDs contribute to improved water quality, and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	Biodiversity interests contribute to a high quality rural environment and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	Areas of biodiversity interest are part of the District's heritage and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		17 X 0 7 X - 1 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM13

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy seeks to protect areas of biodiversity value allowing them to flourish which, in the long term, will improve the quality of the environments in which people live. Not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a long-term detrimental impact on the quality of where people live making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	-	Landscape areas/natural areas when combined with SUDs contribute to improved water quality, and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	-	The policy should contribute to the conservation of soil resources particularly where there is biodiversity interest, and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative

			and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	In the long and medium term habitat creation including wildlife corridors will help to counteract the potential impacts and biodiversity that would be associated with climatic events. Not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	--	The policy seeks to protect and enhance areas of biodiversity value and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Biodiversity contributes to the local distinctiveness of the Borough and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of the area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A

20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	-	Footpaths and cycle-ways developed in combination with landscaping and wildlife links could contribute to future sustainable movement patterns and not having Policy DM13 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		15 X 0 6 X - 1 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM13

Policy DM14 Landscape Features

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	The character and quality of landscape features are essential parts of the character of the District, and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative detrimental impact on the character of the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the	0	N/A

	plan area		
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Landscape features can act as tourist attractions and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	--	Landscape features can help maintain and improve biodiversity and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	-	The policy seeks to protect landscape features, and watercourses are important landscape features. Not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the maintenance and variety of landscape features making it unlikely this objective could be met.

20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	--	Landscape features are an essential part of the rural environment, and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	-	The policy seeks to protect areas of acute landscape sensitivity and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on environmentally sensitive sites making it unlikely this objective could be met.
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	Landscape features are an essential part of Forest Heath's heritage, and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		18 X 0 4 X - 3 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM14

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	--	Landscape features can help conserve and enhance biodiversity and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a

			cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Landscape features help to define the visual character of the Borough, and not having Policy DM14 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of the area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 1 X - 1 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM14

Policy DM15 Safeguarding from Hazards

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	The policy requires remediation in certain circumstances that could result in a net decrease in pollution levels. Not having Policy DM 15 could make it difficult to maintain low levels of pollution in Forest Heath and have a cumulative and long term impact on pollution levels making it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	This policy contributes to the maintenance of a high quality rural environment by prohibiting inappropriate development. Not having Policy DM15 is likely to have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact on the rural environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 X 0 2 X -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM15

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the	0	N/A

	whole community		
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy requires remediation in certain circumstance which could improve the quality of where people live, and not having Policy DM15 may have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it difficult to meet this objective in full.
9	To improve water and air quality	-	The policy requires remediation in certain circumstance that could result in a net decrease in pollution levels and an improvement in water quality, and not having Policy DM15 may have a cumulative and long-term detrimental impact making it difficult to meet this objective in full.
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan	0	N/A

	area		
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 2 X -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM15

Policy DM16 Listed Buildings

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	Listed buildings are an essential part of the character of the District. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the character of the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for	0	N/A

	rewarding and satisfying employment		
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	Listed buildings are part of the rural environment. Listed buildings are an essential part of the character of the District. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact

			over time of detriment to the high quality of the rural environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	Listed buildings are an essential part of Forest Heath's heritage. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 X 0 1 X - 2 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM16

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A

17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	--	This policy aims to protect and enhance historic buildings and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to areas of historical importance making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	--	This policy aims to conserve and enhance historic buildings that form an essential part of landscapes, and more particularly townscapes in the Borough, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and distinctiveness of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 2 X --	There are no -, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM16

Policy DM17 Local Heritage Assets and Buildings Protected by an Article 4 Direction

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	Buildings of local architectural or historic significance form part of the character of the District. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it difficult to ensure the unique character of the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Buildings of local architectural or historic significance can act as tourist attractions. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A

20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	The policy seeks to maintain buildings of local architectural or historic significance which in turn can contribute to maintaining a high quality rural environment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the high quality rural environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	Buildings of local architectural or historic significance form part of the District's heritage. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 X 0 2 X - 2 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM17

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy seeks to maintain buildings of local architectural or historic significance which in turn can contribute to improving the quality of where people live. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality of where people live making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A

13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	--	The policy seeks to conserve and enhance historical areas and it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM17 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	--	This policy aims to conserve and enhance historic buildings that form an essential part of landscapes, and more particularly townscapes in the Borough, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM16 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and distinctiveness of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		19 X 0	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM17

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Policy DM18 Conservation Areas

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

Option 2. Include a shorter, less specific policy

The impact of a) not having this policy, and b) including a shorter, less specific policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) -- b) -	Conservation Areas are an essential part of the character of the District. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the character of the District making it unlikely this objective

			could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to protect and enhance Conservation Areas where open spaces are important components. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) 0	N/A

		b) 0	
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to protect and enhance Conservation Areas which contribute to maintaining a high quality rural environment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the high

			quality rural environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) -- b) -	Conservation Areas are an essential part of the District's heritage. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 21 X 0 4 X - 2 X --	There are no + or ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM18

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to preserve and enhance Conservation Areas which in turn can contribute to improving the quality of where people live. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality of where people live making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) 0	N/A

		b) 0	
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) -- b) --	The policy seeks to preserve or enhance Conservation Areas which contribute to conserving and enhancing areas of historical and archaeological importance. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) -- b) --	The policy seeks to protect and enhance Conservation Areas that form an essential part of landscapes and townscapes in the Borough, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM18 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and distinctiveness of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

20	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 19 X 0 1 X - 2 X -- b) 19 x 0 1 x - 2 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for having a shorter policy/not having Policy DM18

Policy DM19 New Uses for Historic Buildings

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	Historic buildings are an essential part of the character of the District. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the character of the District making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for	0	N/A

	rewarding and satisfying employment		
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Maintaining and enhancing historic buildings are an essential part of Forest Heath's heritage and can improve the attractiveness of the District to tourists. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A

20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	Maintaining and enhancing historic buildings can help to maintain a high quality rural environment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	Historic buildings are an essential part of Forest Heath's heritage. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0 4 x -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM19

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A

2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	This policy aims to protect the special architectural or historic interest of historic buildings and to control new uses for them, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality of where people live, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A

17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	-	This policy aims to conserve and enhance historic buildings. These buildings often form an essential part of areas of historical and archaeological importance in the Borough, and the policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to areas of historical and archaeological importance making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	--	Protecting historic buildings and their uses makes a contribution to conserving and enhancing the quality of locally distinctive landscapes and townscapes. Not having Policy DM19 is likely to result in a cumulative impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of town and landscapes in the Borough making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		19 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM19

Policy DM20 Development Affecting Parks and Gardens of Special Historic or Design Interest

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	This policy aims to protect parks and gardens of special historic and design interest that contribute to the unique character of the District and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the character of the district making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Parks and gardens of special historic and design interest contribute can improve the attractiveness of the District to tourists. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A

20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	-	The protection and enhancement of parks and gardens of special historic and design interest contributes to the maintenance of a high quality rural environment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	The protection of parks and gardens of special historic and design interest contributes to safeguarding the heritage of the District, and not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0 3 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM20

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A

17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	-	This policy aims to conserve and enhance parks and gardens of special historic or design interest, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and distinctiveness of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	This policy aims to conserve and enhance parks and gardens of special historic or design interest that form part of landscapes and townscapes in the Borough, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM20 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the quality and distinctiveness of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 x 0 2 x -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM20

Policy DM21 Archaeology

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	This policy aims to protect Scheduled Ancient Monuments and sites of archaeological or potential archaeological importance which form part of the character of the district and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM21 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to areas of archaeological or potential archaeological importance making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Archaeological sites and features can act as tourist attractions. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM21 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A

19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	This policy aims protect the archaeological heritage of the district, and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM21 is likely to result in a detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to protect the heritage of the local area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A

17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	--	This policy aims to protect Scheduled Ancient Monuments and sites of archaeological or potential archaeological importance and as such it reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM21 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to areas of archaeological or potential archaeological importance making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Archaeology forms part of the character and distinctiveness of the Borough's landscapes, and townscapes and the policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM21 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 x 0 1 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM21

Policy DM22 Enabling Development

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

Option 2. Include a shorter, less specific policy

The impact of a) not having this policy, and b) including a shorter, less specific policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets that contribute to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.

5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets that contribute to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in specific short-term and cumulative detrimental impacts over time making it unlikely in specific circumstances that this objective could be met.

12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) - b) -	Listed buildings and other heritage assets can contribute to and/or act as tourist attractions, and this policy seeks to enable securing the future of such assets. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets that are important to safeguarding the heritage of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
25	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 21 X 0 4 X - b)	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM22, or for having a shorter policy.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) -- b) --	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a substantially detrimental effect on the ability of the local planning authority to conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance making it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets that are important to conserving and enhancing the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes in the Borough. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	a) - b) -	The policy seeks to enable securing the future of listed buildings and other heritage assets that contribute to the unique character of the borough. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy and not having Policy DM22 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in specific short-term and cumulative detrimental impacts over time making it unlikely in specific circumstances that this objective could be met.

21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 19 X 0 2 X - 1 X -- b) 19 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM22, or for having a shorter policy.

Policy DM23 Residential Design

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy seeks to ensure quality in the design of residential development that will meet the needs of the local community. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments that can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that promote accessibility to key services not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time,

			particularly to the quality of new residential development, and social inclusivity making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing which can reduce social exclusion. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that encourage sustainable means of transport Policy DM23 reinforces and adds to national policy on good design. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time, particularly with regard to layout and design and the creation of sustainable transport links, and access to public transport in new residential developments making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11	To revitalise town centres	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design. Not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time of detriment to the

			quality of the built environment in town centres making it unlikely this objective could be met.
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that encourage sustainable means of transport Policy DM23 reinforces and adds to national policy on good design. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time, particularly with regard to layout and design and the creation of sustainable transport links, and access to public transport in new residential developments making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A

22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		18 x 0 7 x -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM23

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy seeks to ensure quality in the design of residential development that can contribute to improving the health of the population. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the creation of safe and accessible environments that can contribute to reducing crime and

			anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design, including the provision of different housing types and affordable housing which can reduce poverty and social exclusion. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that promote accessibility to key services not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development, and social inclusivity making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy seeks to ensure quality in the design of residential development that will meet the needs of the local community. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy seeks to ensure quality in the design of residential development. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A

10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that encourage sustainable means of transport Policy DM23 reinforces and adds to national policy on good design. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	--	The policy seeks to ensure quality and good design in all residential development that will contribute to conserving and enhancing the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes in the Borough. Not having the policy is likely to result in a significant, cumulative, detrimental impact over time, particularly to the quality of new residential development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres		The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good

		-	design. Not having Policy DM23 is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time of detriment to the quality of the built environment in town centres making it unlikely this objective could be met.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	-	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on good design that can facilitate efficient patterns of movement, and strategic policies in the councils' Core Strategies are insufficient to address this objective.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		12 x 0 9 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM23

Policy DM24 Special Housing Needs

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	--	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that plan to meet the housing needs of the whole community Policy DM24 provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing to meet the needs of the community. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing that can improve access to key services fro all sectors of the population, and not having Policy DM24 is likely to result in poorer design and location of special needs housing making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	--	The primary objective of the policy is to provide housing to meet the needs of all sectors of the population which can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion, and not having Policy DM24 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A

19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 x 0 2 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM24

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing and as a consequence can reduce health inequalities, and not having Policy DM24 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education	0	N/A

	and skills in the population overall		
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	--	The primary objective of the policy is to provide housing to meet the needs of all sectors of the population which can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion, and not having Policy DM24 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing that can improve access to key services fro all sectors of the population, and not having Policy DM24 is likely to result in poorer design and location of special needs housing making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that plan to meet the housing needs of the whole community Policy DM24 provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing to meet the needs of the community. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that provide encouragement and guidance on the quality of design and layouts of new development Policy DM24 provides specific support and guidance on the provision of specialist housing to meet the needs of the community. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative detrimental impact over time on the quality of where elderly and vulnerable people live making it unlikely this objective

			could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		17 x 0 4 X -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM24.

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Policy DM25 Alteration or Extensions to Dwellings, including Self Contained Annexes and Development within the Curtilage

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils’ Core Strategies.

Option 2. Include a shorter, less specific policy

The impact of a) not having this policy, and b) including a shorter, less specific policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) 0 b) 0	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on sustainable design and the provision of housing. Not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) - b) -	The policy allows for the provision of annexes where necessary and appropriate that may enable less-able people to live closer to key services. Not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) - b) -	The policy allows the provision of annexes where necessary and appropriate which can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion, and not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
SA score		a) 22 x 0 3 x - b) 22 x 0 3 x -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM25, or for having a shorter policy

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) - b) -	The policy allows the provision of annexes where necessary and appropriate and as a consequence can reduce health inequalities, and not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) - b) -	The policy allows the provision of annexes where necessary and appropriate which can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion, and not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) - b) -	The policy allows the provision of annexes where necessary and appropriate which can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion, and not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) 0	N/A

		b) 0	
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) - b) -	The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on sustainable design and the provision of housing. Not having Policy DM25 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, is likely to result in a detrimental impact on meeting the housing needs of a small element of the community making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) - b) -	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that seek to ensure that the quality of the built environment is improved Policy DM25 provides specific guidance on the provision of residential extensions and annexes that can improve the quality of where people live, and not having Policy DM24 or having a shorter, less specific policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0 b) 0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) 0 b) 0	N/A

	<p>SA score</p> <p>a) 17 X 0 5 X -</p> <p>b) 17 X 0 5 X -</p>	<p>There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM25, or for having a shorter policy.</p>
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Policy DM26 Extensions to Domestic Gardens within the Countryside

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/AN/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for	0	N/A

	future generations		
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
	SA score	25 x 0	This policy is neutral, however there is a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment that is mitigated by the wording of the policy, so not having Policy DM26 is likely to result in a cumulative and detrimental long-term impact on the environment making it unlikely these objectives could be met.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy could improve the quality of where a small proportion of people live, and therefore not having the

			policy could result in a minor detriment to meeting this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0 1 x -	This policy is mostly neutral, however there is a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment that is

		mitigated by the wording of the policy, so not having Policy DM26 is likely to result in a cumulative and detrimental long-term impact on the environment making it unlikely these objectives could be met.
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Policy DM27 Agricultural and Essential Workers Dwellings

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	--	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that plan to meet the housing needs of the whole community Policy DM27 specifically allows for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	Because this policy is specifically designed to allow for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers not having the policy could deny people access to rural employment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	Policy DM27 is specifically designed to allow for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers, and not having the policy could have a detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development through the whole plan area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	A consequence of this policy is that it allows workers to live in close proximity to their place of work, and not having the policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met in full.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to	0	N/A

	sustainable modes of transport.		
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0 3 x - 1 x --	There are no + or ++ scores for not having Policy DM27

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education	0	N/A

	and skills in the population overall		
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	Because this policy is specifically designed to allow for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers not having the policy could deny people access to rural employment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	Whilst both councils have Core Strategy policies that plan to meet the housing needs of the whole community Policy DM27 specifically allows for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers. Not having the policy is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	A consequence of this policy is that it allows workers to live in close proximity to their place of work, and not having the policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met in full.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and	0	N/A

	geodiversity		
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	Policy DM27 is specifically designed to allow for the provision of dwellings for agricultural and essential workers, and not having the policy could have a detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth through the whole plan area making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		18 x 0 4 x -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM27

Policy DM28 Housing in the Countryside

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	The policy allows for provision of housing in the countryside that can contribute to the District meeting its overall housing requirements. However, this has been given a neutral score as the impact of the policy is likely to be so limited as to have little effect on achieving the objective. In addition, the potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	This policy is neutral and any potential impact on the quality of the character of the district is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	
11	To revitalise town centres	0	
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	This policy is neutral and any potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the

			policy.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	
25	To reduce waste	0	
SA score		25 x 0	This policy is neutral, however there is a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment that is mitigated by the wording of the policy, so not having Policy DM28 is likely to result in a cumulative and detrimental long-term impact on the environment making it unlikely these objectives could be met.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
5	To improve access to key services for all	0	

	sectors of the population		
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	The policy allows for provision of housing in the countryside that can contribute to the Borough meeting its overall housing requirements. However, this has been given a neutral score as the impact of the policy is likely to be so limited as to have little effect on achieving the objective. In addition, the potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	
9	To improve water and air quality	0	
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	
12	To reduce waste	0	
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	Development could impact upon biodiversity and/or natural capital although policies elsewhere in the Plan seek to mitigate against such impacts.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and	0	This policy is neutral and any potential impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes in the

	townscapes		Borough is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	
20	To revitalise town centres	0	
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	
	SA score	22 x 0	This policy is neutral, however there is a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment and biodiversity and natural capital that is mitigated by the wording of this policy and policies elsewhere in the Plan, so not having Policy DM28 is likely to result in a cumulative and detrimental long-term impact on the environment making it unlikely these objectives could be met.

Policy DM29 Residential use of Redundant Buildings in the Countryside

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy restricts the residential use of redundant buildings in the countryside in favour of proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy

			DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy restricts the residential use of redundant buildings in the countryside in favour of proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy restricts the residential use of redundant buildings in the countryside in favour of proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	The policy restricts the residential use of redundant buildings in the countryside in favour of proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A

13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	+	New uses for rural buildings could have an adverse impact on biodiversity, and having a policy that allows new uses in special circumstances can have a minor but cumulative detrimental impact on biodiversity and natural capital limiting progress in achieving this objective.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	-	The policy supports the reuse of existing rural buildings. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for	0	N/A

	future generations		
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
	SA score	1 x + 19 x 0 5 x -	There are no ++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM29. Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy supports proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy thus contributing to reducing rural poverty. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a detrimental cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy supports proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy thus helping to provide opportunities for employment in rural areas. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a detrimental cumulative

			impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	+	New uses for rural buildings could have an adverse impact on biodiversity, and having a policy that allows new uses in special circumstances can have a minor but cumulative detrimental impact on biodiversity limiting progress in achieving this objective.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy supports proposals that make a positive contribution to the quality and local distinctiveness of rural landscapes, and not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a cumulative impact of detriment to the quality of rural landscapes making it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity		The policy supports proposals that make a positive

	and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	contribution to the rural economy thus contributing to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a detrimental cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy supports proposals that make a positive contribution to the rural economy and which would contribute to encouraging and accommodating indigenous and inward investment. Not having Policy DM29 is likely to result in a detrimental cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		1 x + 16 x 0 5 x -	There are no++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM29. Although there is one + score (Objective 16), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

Policy DM30 Appropriate Employment Uses and Protection of Employment Land and Existing Businesses

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and diminish opportunities for employment and associated training. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of making it difficult for the local planning authority to maintain and improve levels of education and skills, and therefore unlikely this objective could be met.
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	--	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and diminish opportunities for employment and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a significant detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	--	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would make it difficult to maintain and grow levels of prosperity and economic development in the district, and it adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a significant detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and diminish opportunities for employment and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to making it difficult for the local planning authority to reduce poverty and social exclusion and therefore unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions	0	N/A

	in the District		
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21X 0	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM30
		2 X -	

	2 X --	
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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and diminish opportunities for employment and associated training. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of making it difficult for the local planning authority to maintain and improve levels of education and skills, and therefore unlikely this objective could be met.
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and diminish opportunities for employment and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to making it difficult for the local planning authority to reduce poverty and social exclusion and therefore unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	--	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would restrict and

			diminish opportunities for employment and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a significant detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	
9	To improve water and air quality	0	
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	
12	To reduce waste	0	
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	--	The policy seeks to protect employment land and existing business from changes of use that would make it difficult to maintain and grow levels of prosperity and economic growth

			in the district, and it adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a significant detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	--	The policy encourages the continued use of employment land and existing business premises that would accommodate indigenous and inward investment, and it adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM30 is likely to result in a significant detrimental impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		17 X 0 2 X - 3 X --	There are no ++, or + scores for not having Policy DM30

Policy DM31 Farm Diversification

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can provide local services (such as shops). Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can include tourist attractions. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	+	Policy DM31 supports farm diversification which includes new uses for rural buildings, and this could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. Not having the policy could result in biodiversity interests remaining undisturbed.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	

17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	Policy DM31 supports farm diversification which can include development in the countryside which could have a minor impact on the rural environment. However the potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		1 x + 19 x 0 5 x -	There are no++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM31. Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can provide local services (such as shops). Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A

11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	+	Policy DM31 supports farm diversification which includes new uses for rural buildings, and this could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. Not having the policy could result in biodiversity interests remaining undisturbed.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	Policy DM31 supports farm diversification which can include development in the countryside which could have a minor impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of rural landscapes. However the potential impact on the quality of existing landscapes is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A

22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to providing accommodation for indigenous and inward economic development. Not having Policy DM31 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		1 x + 16 x 0 5 x -	There are no ++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM31. Although there is one + score (Objective 16), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

Policy DM32 Business and Domestic Equine Related Activities

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	+	Policy DM32 supports equestrian development which could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. Not having the policy could result in biodiversity interests remaining undisturbed.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to	0	

	sustainable modes of transport.		
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	Policy DM32 supports equine development which can include development in the countryside which could have a minor impact on the rural environment. However the potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
	SA score	1 x + 21 x 0 3 x -	There are no++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM32. Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for farm diversification schemes that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	
9	To improve water and air quality	0	
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	

12	To reduce waste	0	
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	+	Policy DM32 supports equestrian development, and this could have an adverse impact on biodiversity. Not having the policy could result in biodiversity interests remaining undisturbed.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	Policy DM32 supports equine development which can include development in the countryside which could have a minor impact on the quality and distinctiveness of landscapes in the Borough. However the potential impact on the quality of landscapes is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy supports and provides criteria for equestrian development that can provide opportunities for indigenous and inward investment in rural areas. Not having Policy DM32 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over

			time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
	SA score	1 x + 17 x 0 4 x -	There are no ++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM32. Although there is one + score (Objective 16), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

Policy DM33 Re-Use or Replacement of Buildings in the Countryside

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

Option2. Include a shorter, less specific policy

Option3. Have a more prohibitive policy.

The impact of a) not having this policy; b) including a shorter, less specific policy; and c) having a more prohibitive policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing requirements of the district. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing requirements of the district. Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on meeting the housing requirements of the district, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing

			requirements of the district. Having a more prohibitive policy is likely to be substantially detrimental to achieving the objective
2	To reduce anti-social activities	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) --	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building in the countryside which includes community services and not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building in the countryside which includes community services and having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on improving access to key services, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building including for a community service use. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such service uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A

		c) 0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside for uses that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling more employment opportunities, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such uses coming forward and being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment use, and can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development in the district. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to a detrimental long-term impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it

			unlikely this objective could be met.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building including for economic development uses. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses that can contribute to providing employment opportunities in rural areas and thereby reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such employment uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of a building for uses that can include tourist

			attractions. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) -	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, may result in more tourism development coming forward, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for uses that can contribute to improving the range of tourist attractions in the District. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside which could have a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment and biodiversity and natural capital. The potential impact is mitigated by the wording of this policy, and therefore not having the policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside and having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient

			criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable could have a minor but cumulative detrimental impact on biodiversity limiting progress in achieving this objective.
		c) +	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside which could have an adverse impact on biodiversity, and having a more prohibitive could have a minor beneficial impact on protecting biodiversity and natural capital.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the	a) 0	N/A

	energy efficiency of buildings in the District	b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
SA score		a)	
		19 x 0	
		6 x -	
		b)	
		23 x 0	
		2 x -	
		c)	Although there is one + score (Objective 15), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.
		1 x +	
		18 x 0	
		6 x -	

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1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses that can contribute to providing employment opportunities in rural areas and thereby reducing poverty and social exclusion. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses that can contribute to reducing poverty and social exclusion. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such employment uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.

5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building in the countryside which includes community services and not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building in the countryside which includes community services and having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on improving access to key services, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building including for a community service use. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such service uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside for uses that can provide employment opportunities in rural areas. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a minor negative impact over time, making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on enabling more employment opportunities, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment uses. Having a more a prohibitive policy could

			prevent such uses coming forward and being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing requirements of the district. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) 0	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing requirements of the borough. Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on meeting the housing requirements of the borough, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for residential use, and can contribute to meeting the housing requirements of the district. Having a more prohibitive policy is likely to be substantially detrimental to achieving the objective
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources	a) 0	N/A

	efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside which could have a potential impact on the quality of the rural environment and biodiversity and geodiversity. The potential impact is mitigated by the wording of this policy, and therefore not having the policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside and having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable could have a minor but cumulative detrimental impact on biodiversity limiting progress in achieving this objective.
		c) +	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside which could have an adverse impact on biodiversity and geodiversity,

			and having a more prohibitive could have a minor beneficial impact on protecting biodiversity and geodiversity interests.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	a) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside that could contribute to maintaining the quality and local distinctiveness of rural landscapes, and not having Policy DM33 is likely to result in a cumulative impact of detriment to the quality of rural landscapes making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) -	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside and having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable could have a minor but cumulative detrimental impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes limiting progress in achieving this objective.
		c) +	The policy allows and provides criteria for the re-use or replacement of buildings in the countryside which could have a minor adverse impact on the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes, and having a more prohibitive policy could have a minor beneficial impact on protecting the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment use, and can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth in the borough. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to a detrimental long-term impact making it unlikely this objective could be

			met.
		b) 0	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		c) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building including for economic development uses. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	a) 0	N/A
		b) 0	N/A
		c) 0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	a) -	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building for employment use, and can contribute to encouraging indigenous and inward investment. Not having Policy DM33 is likely to a detrimental long-term impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
		b) -	Having a shorter, less restrictive policy that provides insufficient criteria, guidance and clarity on what is acceptable, would have little or no effect on encouraging indigenous and inward investment, but may result in poor quality schemes to the detriment of the quality and character of the environment making it unlikely this objective could be met.

		c) --	The policy allows the re-use or replacement of a building that could encourage indigenous and inward investment. Having a more a prohibitive policy could prevent such uses being implemented making it unlikely this objective could be met.
SA score		a) 14 x 0 8 x - b) 19 x 0 3 x - c) 2 x + 14 x 0 5 x - 1 x --	<p>Although there are two + scores (Objectives 16 and 18), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.</p>

Policy DM34 Tourism Development

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy encourages tourism which creates more employment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM34 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to

			the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy encourages tourism which creates employment and can contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM34 is likely to result in a cumulative impact making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	--	The policy supports provision of tourist attractions in appropriate locations. Not having Policy DM34 is likely to have a major and cumulative impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	Tourism development in rural areas could potentially have a minor adverse impact on biodiversity and natural capital, however the policy mitigates against harm to the District's biodiversity and natural capital, which is also protected through other policies in the document.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	

17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	This policy is neutral and any potential impact on the quality of the rural environment is mitigated by the wording of the policy.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 X 0 2 X - 1 X --	There are no ++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM34

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy encourages tourism which creates more employment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM34 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time of detriment to the environment, and the quality of new development making it unlikely this objective could be met.
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the	0	N/A

	environment		
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	Tourism development in rural areas could potentially have a minor adverse impact on biodiversity and geodiversity, however the wording of the policy mitigates against harm to the District's biodiversity and geodiversity, which is also protected through other policies in the document.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy allows tourism development in certain circumstances which could have a minor adverse impact on the rural environment and distinctiveness of landscapes. However not having the policy would be unlikely to result in less pressure for such developments, and it contains strict criteria for controlling tourism development. Not having these measures in such a policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The policy encourages tourism which creates employment and can contribute to sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development. Not having Policy DM34 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A

22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy may enable growth in the tourism sector and thereby encourage investment, and not having such an enabling policy would make it unlikely this objective could be met in full.
SA score		18 x 0 4 x -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM34

Policy DM35 Proposals within the Town Centre Boundaries

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy supports the provision of residential accommodation on upper floors of properties within town centre boundaries, and not having Policy DM35 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy should result in improvements to access to services in town centres and not having Policy DM35 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy defines town centre boundaries as areas for specific types of economic development, and not having such a positive policy would have a detrimental cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	--	The purpose of this policy is to encourage and increase the vitality and viability of town centres, and not having the policy would have an immediate and on-going major impact on the revitalisation of town centres.
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0 3 x - 1 x --	There are no ++, or + scores for not having Policy DM35

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy should result in improvements to access to services in town centres and not having Policy DM35 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it

			unlikely this objective could be met.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy supports the provision of residential accommodation on upper floors of properties within town centre boundaries, and not having Policy DM35 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan	-	The policy defines town centre boundaries as areas for specific types of economic development, and not having

	area		such a positive policy would have a detrimental cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met.
20	To revitalise town centres	--	The purpose of this policy is to encourage and increase the vitality and viability of town centres, and not having the policy would have an immediate and on-going major impact on the revitalisation of town centres.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		18 x 0 3 X - 1 x --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM35

Policy DM36 Protection of Local Centres

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy supports services in designated local centres and not having Policy DM36 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The purpose of this policy is to protect and support certain types of economic development (i.e. retail and services) in local centres, and not having the policy would have a

			detrimental and cumulative impact on the continued vitality and viability of local centres.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	
11	To revitalise town centres	0	
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	-	Protection of existing and provision of more services in local centres reduces the need to travel, especially by car, and not having Policy DM36 would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	
22	To encourage environmentally friendly	0	

	energy uses.		
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	
25	To reduce waste	0	
SA score		22 X 0 3 X -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM36.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy supports services in designated local centres and There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM22, or for having a shorter policy. Not having Policy DM36 is likely to result in a cumulative impact over time making it unlikely this objective could be met
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	

8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	
9	To improve water and air quality	0	
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	
12	To reduce waste	0	
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	Protection of existing and provision of more services in local centres reduces the need to travel, especially by car, and not having Policy DM36 would make it unlikely this objective could be met.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The purpose of this policy is to protect and support certain types of economic development (i.e. retail and services) in local centres, and not having the policy would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on the continued vitality and viability of local centres.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	
21	To encourage efficient patterns of	0	

	movement in support of economic growth		
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	
	SA score	19 X 0 3 X -	There are no --, +, or ++ scores for not having Policy DM36.

Policy DM37 Public Realm Improvements

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	Good design and active and attractive streets create safe and pleasant street environments that can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for	0	N/A

	rewarding and satisfying employment		
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	Good design and attractive streets and town centre can help encourage and attract economic investment. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	--	Good design and attractive streets and town centres make a major contribution to revitalising town centres. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	
25	To reduce waste	0	
SA score		22 X 0 2 x - 1 x --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM37

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	Good design and active and attractive streets create safe and pleasant street environments that can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.

4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Good design and active and attractive streets improve the quality of town centres and people live and work in town centres. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	Improvements to the public realm in town centre streets can include schemes that reduce the impact traffic has on the local environment. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	-	Improving the public realm will enhance the historic setting of heritage assets in town centres. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.

18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Improving the public realm will contribute to conserving and enhancing the quality of townscapes. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	Good design and attractive streets and town centre can help encourage and attract economic investment and growth. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
20	To revitalise town centres	--	Good design and attractive streets and town centres make a major contribution to revitalising town centres. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	Good design and attractive streets and town centre can help encourage and attract economic investment and growth. Not having Policy DM37 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
SA score		14 X 0 7 X - 1 X --	There are no ++, or + scores for not having Policy DM37

Policy DM38 Shop Fronts and Advertisements

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy will help to prevent 'dead' frontages and create safe and pleasant street environments that can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for	0	N/A

	rewarding and satisfying employment		
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	--	Good design and attractive shop fronts and advertisements in town centres make a significant contribution to revitalising town centres. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 X 0 1 X - 1 x --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM38

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy will help to prevent 'dead' frontages and create safe and pleasant street environments that can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.

4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	Good design and attractive shop fronts and advertisements will improve the quality of town centres and people live and work in town centres. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	-	Good design and attractive shop fronts and advertisements will enhance the historic setting of heritage assets in town centres. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and	-	Good design and attractive shop fronts and advertisements will enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of

	townscapes		townscapes. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	--	Good design and attractive shop fronts and advertisements in town centres make a significant contribution to revitalising town centres. Not having Policy DM38 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		17 X 0 4 X - 1 X --	There are no ++, or + scores for not having Policy DM38

Policy DM39 Street Trading and Street Cafes

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	-	The policy could result in an increase in vibrancy and vitality in town centres. Not having Policy DM39 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	Street markets (including specialist and Christmas markets) can act as tourist and visitor attractions. Not having Policy DM39 would have a detrimental and cumulative effect on achieving this objective.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A

22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 x 0 2 x -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM39

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Co mment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A

9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	-	The policy could result in an increase in vibrancy and vitality in town centres. Not having Policy DM39 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		21 x 0	There are no++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM39

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Policy DM40 Ancillary Retail Uses

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy may have a minor beneficial impact on access to key (retail) services. Not having Policy DM40 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy could result in additional employment opportunities and not having Policy DM40 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.

8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy could result in an increase in employment that would contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development through the plan area. Not having Policy DM40 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	
11	To revitalise town centres	0	
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	

22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	
25	To reduce waste	0	
SA score		22 X 0 3 X -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM40

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	The policy may have a minor beneficial impact on access to key (retail) services. Not having Policy DM40 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy could result in additional employment opportunities and not having Policy DM40 would have a

			detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	
9	To improve water and air quality	0	
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	
12	To reduce waste	0	
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The policy could result in an increase in employment that would contribute to achieving sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth through the plan area. Not having Policy DM40 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
20	To revitalise town centres	0	

21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy supports ancillary retail uses which could contribute to encouraging and accommodating indigenous and inward investment. Not having Policy DM40 could have a minor detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
SA score		18 x 0 4 x -	There are no++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM40

Policy DM41 Community Facilities and Services

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which may include the provision of educational facilities and activities. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	--	The policy protects and encourages enhancement of community facilities which can have a major beneficial impact on improving access to key services and facilities. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly	0	N/A

	accessible open space		
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		22 x 0 2 X - 1 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM41

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which may include the provision of health facilities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which may include the provision of educational facilities and activities. Not having Policy DM41

			would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which can contribute to reducing anti-social activities. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement of community facilities which can contribute to the reduction of social exclusion. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	--	The policy protects and encourages enhancement of community facilities which can have a major beneficial impact on improving access to key services and facilities. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The provision and enhancement of community facilities can improve the quality of where people live and encourage community participation. Not having Policy DM41 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where	0	N/A

	possible		
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		16 X 0 5 X - 1 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM41

Policy DM42 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help reduce anti-social behaviour and activities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help improve levels of sports skills. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A

6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	--	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities and the protection of such facilities against further loss. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a significant, detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help promote social cohesion. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A

15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of recreational open space which form part of the District's natural capital. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of recreational open space which can help in adapting to the impact of climate change. Not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		19 X 0	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM42

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	---	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can improve the health of the population and assist in reducing health inequalities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a significant detrimental impact on achieving this objective.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help improve levels of sports skills. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help reduce anti-social behaviour and activities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative

			impact on achieving this objective.
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can help promote social cohesion. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	--	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of amenity, sport and recreation open space and facilities which can improve the quality of where people live and encourage community participation. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A

14	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of recreational open space which can help reduce contributions to climate change. Not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of recreational open space which can help vulnerability to climatic events. Not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	-	The policy encourages the provision and enhancement and expansion of recreational open space which forms part of the biodiversity of the Borough. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	Open space contributes to the quality of landscapes and townscapes, and not having Policy DM42 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both	0	N/A

	indigenous and inward investment		
	SA score	13 X 0 7 X - 2 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM42

Policy DM43 Leisure Facilities

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	-	The policy encourages the provision of new and the improvement and extension of existing leisure facilities which can help reduce anti-social behaviour and activities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy encourages the provision of new and the improvement and extension of existing leisure facilities which will increase employment opportunities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy encourages the provision of new and the improvement and extension of existing leisure facilities which will increase employment opportunities and help achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	-	The policy encourages the provision of new and the improvement and extension of existing leisure facilities which can be appropriately located in and help to revitalise town centres. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.

12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	The policy encourages the provision of new and the improvement and extension of existing leisure facilities which can be visitor/tourist attractions. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	+	Certain types of leisure proposals could have a minor adverse impact on biodiversity and as the policy encourages new leisure facilities there is a minor benefit to not having such a policy.
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	+	Certain types of leisure proposals could have a minor adverse impact on the quality of the rural environment and as the policy encourages new leisure facilities there is a minor benefit to not having such a policy.
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A

22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		2 X + 18 X 0 5 X -	There are no++, or -- scores for not having Policy DM43. There are two + scores (Objectives 15 and 20), however, overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy encourages the provision, improvement and extension of leisure facilities which can improve the health of the population and assist in reducing health inequalities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a significant detrimental impact on achieving this objective.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity		The policy encourages the provision, improvement, and

		-	extension of leisure facilities which can help reduce anti-social behaviour and activities. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	--	The policy encourages the provision, improvement and extension of leisure facilities which can improve the quality of where people live and encourage community participation. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and	+	Certain types of leisure proposals could have a minor

	geodiversity		adverse impact on biodiversity and as the policy encourages new leisure facilities there is a minor benefit to not having such a policy.
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	+	Certain types of leisure proposals could have a minor adverse impact on the quality of rural landscapes and as the policy encourages new leisure facilities there is a minor benefit to not having such a policy.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	-	The policy encourages the provision, improvement and extension of leisure facilities which can create employment opportunities to the benefit of the economy generally and in addition attract investment and economic growth. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
20	To revitalise town centres	-	Leisure developments can make a beneficial contribution to the vitality and viability of town centres, and not having Policy DM43 would have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	-	The policy encourages the provision, improvement and extension of leisure facilities which can create employment opportunities to the benefit of the economy generally and in addition encourage investment and economic growth. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting healthy communities and not having Policy DM43 would

			have a detrimental and cumulative impact on achieving this objective.
	SA score	2 X + 14 X 0 5 X - 1 X --	There are no++ scores for not having Policy DM43. Although there two + scores (Objectives 16 and 18), overall the policy scores indicate that the effect would be neutral, but would likely have a positive effect on helping to achieve the Council's Sustainability Appraisal Objectives.

Policy DM44 Rights of Way

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	Improvements to Rights of Way have the potential to improve access to services, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way have the potential to increase the ability for more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way have a part to play in attracting tourists and visitors to the District for activities such as horse riding, walking and cycling, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way have the potential to increase the ability for more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the

			local planning authority to achieve this objective.
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 X 0 4 X -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM44

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way have the potential to encourage activities such as walking, horse riding and cycling thereby improve the health of the population, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.

2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	-	Improvements to Rights of Way have the potential to improve access to services, and not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way can encourage access and leisure pursuits such as walking, horse riding and cycling, thus improving people's quality of life. Not having Policy DM44 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	The protection of existing and improvements to and provision of new links to Rights of Way have the potential to increase the ability for more sustainable forms of transport which would reduce the effects of traffic on the environment, and not having Policy DM44 would have a

			minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		18 X 0 4 X -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM44

Policy DM45 Transport Assessments and Travel Plans

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	--	The policy requires Transport Assessments and Travel Plans for major developments and development with significant transport implications. These will help identify and promote sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 would have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	Encouraging sustainable transport will help maintain low pollution levels, and not having Policy DM45 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help adapt to the impact of climate change, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor

			detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	--	The policy requires Transport Assessments and Travel Plans for major developments and development with significant transport implications. These will help identify and promote access to sustainable forms of transport. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 would have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 3 X - 2 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM45

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel modes such as cycling and walking which can contribute to improving the health of the population. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which can reduce the impact of vehicles on the environment improving the quality of where people live. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A

11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which can reduce the impact of vehicles on the environment. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help adapt to the impact of climate change. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will contribute to reducing vulnerability to climatic events. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will contribute to reducing the impact of traffic on townscapes. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on

			promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	-	The policy requires Transport Assessments and Travel Plans for major developments and development with significant transport implications. These will encourage efficient patterns of movement. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM45 would have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		15 X 0 7 X -	There are no++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM45

Policy DM46 Parking Standards

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of not having this policy has been assessed for both councils using their objectives: -

Forest Heath

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A

9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable forms of transport, and reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport. Not having Policy DM46 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable forms of transport, and reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport. Not having Policy DM46 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help adapt to the impact of climate change, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.

18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	-	The policy helps to promote access to sustainable forms of transport. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 would have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	0	N/A
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 5 X -	There are no ++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM46

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No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities		The policy helps to promote sustainable travel modes such as cycling and walking which can contribute to improving the health of the population. The policy reinforces and adds

		-	to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which can reduce the impact of vehicles on the environment improving the quality of where people live. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	-	Parking standards can reduce over-reliance on the car and promote more sustainable forms of transport. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting

			sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help reduce contributions to climate change, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	-	The policy helps to promote sustainable travel which will help reduce vulnerability to climatic events, and it reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	-	The policy encourages a reduction in car travel and promotes sustainable modes of travel which will contribute to enhancing the quality of townscapes. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan area	0	N/A

20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	--	Parking standards can reduce over-reliance on the car and promote more sustainable forms of transport. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on promoting sustainable transport and not having Policy DM46 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		15 X 0 6 X - 1 X --	There are no ++, or + scores for not having Policy DM46

Forest Heath Specific Policies – Horse Racing

Policy DM47 Development Relating to the Horse Racing Industry

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of Forest Heath District Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and makes provision for accommodation for HRI workers. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development, and not having Policy DM47 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket which makes a significant contribution to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development, and not

			having Policy DM47 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A
7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and supports the provision of employment opportunities in the HRI. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development, and not having Policy DM47 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports the economic development of the HRI in Newmarket. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development, and not having Policy DM47 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter	0	N/A

	commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport		
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations		The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse

		--	Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and seeks to protect this important part of the District's heritage for future generations. Not having Policy DM47 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		20 X 0 3 X - 2 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM47

Policy DM48 Development Affecting the Horse Racing Industry

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of Forest Heath District Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket which makes a significant contribution to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM48 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and supports the provision of employment opportunities in the HRI. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM48 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports the economic development of the HRI in Newmarket. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM48 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A

15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and seeks to protect this important part of the District's heritage for future generations. Not having Policy DM48 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		21 X 0	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM48

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Policy DM49 Re-development of Existing Sites Relating to the Horse Racing Industry

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of Forest Heath District Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket which makes a significant contribution to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM49 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and supports the provision of employment opportunities in the HRI. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM49 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	-	The policy supports the economic development of the HRI in Newmarket. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on achieving a balance in the three dimensions of sustainable development and not having Policy DM49 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	-	The policy supports the re-development of sites for appropriate HRI related uses which may result in the creation or enhancement of tourist attractions. Not having Policy DM49 could have a minor impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.

13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A
21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	-	The policy supports the appropriate re-use of brownfield HRI sites, and not having Policy DM49 could have a minor impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and seeks to protect this important part of the District's heritage for future generations. Not having Policy DM49 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this

			objective.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
	SA score	19 X 0 4 X - 2 X --	There are no++, or + scores for not having Policy DM49

Policy DM50 Securing the Restoration of Horse Racing Related Historic Assets

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of Forest Heath District Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket which makes a significant contribution to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment and not having Policy DM50 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	--	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and seeks to protect this important part of the District's heritage for future generations. Not having Policy DM50 will have a major detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 X 0 2 X --	There are no ++, +, or - scores for not having Policy DM450

Policy DM51 Horse Walks

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of Forest Heath District Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	0	N/A
2	To reduce anti-social activities	0	N/A
3	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
4	To ensure the unique character and population of the district are addressed	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket, including horse walks, which make a significant contribution to the unique character of the district. The policy reinforces and adds to national policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment and not having Policy DM51 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To prevent further loss of publicly accessible open space	0	N/A

7	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
8	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic development throughout the plan area	0	N/A
9	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	0	N/A
10	To increase the ability for shorter commuting times and more sustainable forms of transport	0	N/A
11	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
12	To improve the range of tourist attractions in the District	0	N/A
13	To mitigate the noise pollution impact of American military aircraft.	0	N/A
14	To maintain low levels of all other pollution which are present in Forest Heath.	0	N/A
15	To protect the District's vast biodiversity natural capital.	0	N/A
16	To adapt to the impact climate change will have on Forest Heath	0	N/A
17	To mitigate greenhouse gas emissions arising from activities in the District	0	N/A
18	To improve the availability and access to sustainable modes of transport.	0	N/A
19	To ensure a sustainable and good quality supply of water	0	N/A
20	To maintain a high quality rural environment	0	N/A

21	Maximise the redevelopment of 'brownfield sites' and avoid the development of environmentally sensitive 'greenfield sites'.	0	N/A
22	To encourage environmentally friendly energy uses.	0	N/A
23	Increase the rate of improvement to the energy efficiency of buildings in the District	0	N/A
24	To safeguard Forest Heaths heritage for future generations	-	The policy recognizes the specific economic, social and historic circumstances that relate to the Horse Racing Industry (HRI) in Newmarket and seeks to protect this important part of the District's heritage for future generations. Not having Policy DM51 will have a minor detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
25	To reduce waste	0	N/A
SA score		23 X 0 2 X -	There are no++, +, or -- scores for not having Policy DM51

St. Edmundsbury Specific Policy – Rural Housing Exception Sites

Policy DM52 Rural Housing Exception Sites

Option1. Do not include a policy and rely on policies in the Councils' Core Strategies.

The impact of St Edmundsbury Borough Council not having this policy has been assessed using their objectives: -

No.	Sustainability Objective	Summary SA score	Comment
1	To improve the health of the population overall and reduce health inequalities	0	N/A
2	To maintain and improve levels of education and skills in the population overall	0	N/A
3	To reduce crime and anti-social activity	0	N/A
4	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	--	The policy makes provision for rural affordable housing schemes adjoining but outside Housing Settlement Boundaries subject to certain criteria. It reinforces and adds to national policy on delivering a wide choice of high quality homes. Not having Policy DM52 will have a significant, long term and cumulative detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
5	To improve access to key services for all sectors of the population	0	N/A
6	To offer everybody the opportunity for rewarding and satisfying employment	0	N/A
7	To meet the housing requirements of the whole community	--	The policy makes provision for rural affordable housing schemes adjoining but outside Housing

			Settlement Boundaries subject to certain criteria. It reinforces and adds to national policy on delivering a wide choice of high quality homes. Not having Policy DM52 will have a significant, long term and cumulative detrimental impact on the ability of the local planning authority to achieve this objective.
8	To improve the quality of where people live and to encourage community participation	0	N/A
9	To improve water and air quality	0	N/A
10	To conserve soil resources and quality	0	N/A
11	To use water and mineral resources efficiently, and re-use and recycle where possible	0	N/A
12	To reduce waste	0	N/A
13	To reduce the effects of traffic on the environment	0	N/A
14	To reduce contributions to climate change	0	N/A
15	To reduce vulnerability to climatic events	0	N/A
16	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity	0	N/A
17	To conserve and where appropriate enhance areas of historical and archaeological importance	0	N/A
18	To conserve and enhance the quality and local distinctiveness of landscapes and townscapes	0	N/A
19	To achieve sustainable levels of prosperity and economic growth throughout the plan	0	N/A

	area		
20	To revitalise town centres	0	N/A
21	To encourage efficient patterns of movement in support of economic growth	0	N/A
22	To encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment	0	N/A
SA score		20 x 0 2 x --	There are no ++, +, or - scores for not having Policy DM52