

Policy: INF1 - Planning Obligations

Preferred Approach: The policy seeks to ensure that the impact of Craven's growth is mitigated, supports the provision of local infrastructure and secures community benefits and achieves sustainable development. This will be achieved through developer contributions.

Reasonable Alternatives: No reasonable alternative identified.

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	Timescale of Impact		Location of Impact			
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SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that help to mitigate any negative impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to create new accessible employment opportunities and enable people to move from lower to higher paid jobs. The policy is therefore considered to have positive benefits to the objective of maximising employment opportunities within Craven but is likely to have little or no transboundary impact.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that help to mitigate any negative impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to create new accessible employment opportunities and enable people to move from lower to higher paid jobs. The policy is therefore considered to have positive benefits to the objective of maximising employment opportunities within Craven but is likely to have little or no transboundary impact.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to reduce inequalities between neighbourhoods and reduce poverty. This may be achieved by securing for example the provision of training programmes to improve skills in the local workforce, thereby enabling people to move from lower to higher paid jobs. The implementation of Travel Plans that are aimed at enhancing the accessibility/connectivity of employment areas through the provision of walking and cycling routes, or the provision of new bus services to connect with residential areas or railway/bus stations, may be also be achieved. The policy is therefore considered to have positive benefits to the objective of promoting equality and diversity and fostering community cohesion within Craven but is likely to have little or no transboundary impact.

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SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to enhance access to services, employment and education, support village services and facilities and the vitality of town centres by securing for example the provision of local training programmes/apprenticeships which are easily accessed by the local workforce or contributions towards improving capacity at local schools or providing new schools and the implementation of Travel Plans that are aimed at enhancing the accessibility/connectivity of employment areas through the provision of walking and cycling routes or the provision of new bus services to connect with residential areas, town and village centres and railway/bus stations. The policy is therefore considered to have positive benefits to the objective of enhancing access for all to essential facilities within Craven but is likely to have little or no transboundary impact.
SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing by securing for example environmental improvements such as the provision of open space or sport and recreational facilities within employment and residential areas or contributions to improving the quality and accessibility of open space and recreational facilities close to employment and residential areas and the implementation of Transport Assessments and Travel Plans to provide well designed, safe pedestrian and cycling routes that reduce crime and the fear of crime connecting employment areas to residential areas and town centre services, facilities and open space. The policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits to the objective of promoting physical, mental and social health and wellbeing for residents/workers within Craven but is likely to have little or no transboundary impact.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	+	++	++	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits including securing the provision of affordable housing to meet affordable housing need within the plan area and to improve housing choice. The policy is therefore considered to have positive benefits to the objective of enabling residents to live in suitable and affordable housing and may also have minor positive transboundary impact by reducing pressure on affordable housing in nearby authority areas.

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SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	+	++	++	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to enhance access education and training by securing for example the provision of local training programmes/apprenticeships which are likely to support improved opportunities and life chances for young people and help to improve the qualifications and skills of residents within Craven and contributions towards improving capacity at local schools or providing new schools. The policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits to the objective of enabling everyone to access a good standard of education and training to augment skill levels and may have minor positive transboundary impacts by reducing pressure on educational infrastructure in nearby authority areas.
SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	+	++	++	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel and ensure proposed developments have safe access by securing for example the implementation of Transport Assessments and Travel Plans to provide well designed, safe pedestrian and cycling routes that reduce crime and the fear of crime connecting employment areas to residential areas and town centre services, facilities and open space. The policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective and is likely to have minor positive transboundary impacts by reducing pressure on services/facilities in nearby authority areas.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	++	++	++	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment by securing the provision and implementation of off site flood prevention and alleviation measures, including SuDs. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective and is likely to have minor positive transboundary impacts by also potentially reducing the risk of flooding in nearby authority areas.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	+	++	+	++	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to maintain soil quality and grow food in Craven by securing the provision of allotments where a deficiency in allotment provision within the catchment area of a proposal is identified. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. There is considered to be no or little transboundary impact.

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SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to ensure the prudent use of land resources by securing schemes to remediate contaminated land prior to development. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. There is considered to be no or little transboundary impact.
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	+	++	++	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases help to ensure the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment including the beneficial use of heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archeological interest by securing, for example, the provision and implementation of a suitable historic landscape management plan or a listed building or conservation maintenance, repair and/or management plan or contributions towards the investigation and protection of archaeological remains and ancient monuments in advance of development or a requirement to reinstate and repair historic features directly affected by the development and its construction impacts. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. There is considered to be no or little transboundary impact.
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	+	+	+	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, including protected habitats and species by securing, for example, restrictions to development in identified / sensitive areas to avoid harm to existing biodiversity features, improving habitat of significant specific species, on-site works to enhance existing features such as woodlands, hedgerows, ponds etc or habitat creation, protection, restoration and /or future management for targeted species or habitats. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy will have minor positive effect in respect of transboundary impact where habitat improvement occurs close to the plan area boundary with other authorities, helping to create habitat corridors.

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SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	+	++	0	++	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character by securing for example the restriction of development to protect existing features from damage or the implementation of on site or off site works and long term management measures needed to improve an existing feature. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy will have minor positive effect in respect of transboundary impact where landscape protection and improvement occurs close to the plan area boundary with other authorities helping to enhance green infrastructure corridors.
SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	+	++	++	++	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages by securing, for example public realm works including public art which can help to enhance local character and identity through helping create a 'sense of place', and promoting better visual 'legibility' of the local area by contributing to more recognisable and distinctive places and townscape. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. There is considered to be no or little transboundary impact.
SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	+	++	+	++	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases minimise air, noise and light pollution by securing for example mitigation measures identified within Air Quality, Noise or Light Impact Assessments. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy is likely to have minor positive effects in respect to transboundary impacts where proposals are located close to the boundary of the plan area with neighbouring authorities. impact.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	+	++	++	++	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases minimise impacts on climate change by securing for example mitigation measures identified within Transport Assessments and Travel Plans for minimising car use. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy is likely to have minor positive effects in respect to transboundary impacts.

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SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	+	++	++	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use by securing for example mitigation measures to reduce the risk of pollution and deterioration of water resources and the implementation of schemes for water conservation and re-use of water on site. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy is likely to have minor positive effects in respect to transboundary impacts.
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	+	+	+	+	0	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases minimise waste production and increase recycling rates by securing for example the provision for waste and recycling infrastructure, either on- or off-site. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy is likely to have minor positive effects in respect to transboundary impacts.
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	+	+	+	+	+	The policy aims to secure where necessary, planning obligations that mitigate impacts of growth, support the provision of local infrastructure and secure community benefits which may in relevant cases safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets by securing the extraction of mineral resources before development takes place. The safe management of hazard risks may be secured through the provision of safety management plans. This policy is therefore considered to have major positive benefits for this objective. It is also considered that the policy is likely to have minor positive effects in respect to transboundary impacts.

Policy: INF2 - Community facilities and social spaces

Preferred Approach: Support suitable proposals to create new facilities and support existing ones. Development proposals that result in the loss of existing facilities will have to be fully justified in terms of providing evidence of lack of demand, lack of viability or replacement by an equivalent facility.

Reasonable Alternatives: NPPF requires planning policies to plan positively for the provision and use of , community facilities and protect them against unnecessary loss while allowing them to develop and modernise (paragraph 70). Therefore no alternative approach is identified.

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SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	+	+	+	0	Community facilities and social space can provide and maintain employment including opportunities for better paid work. These benefits will apply equally across urban and rural areas and will apply in both the short and long term. Transboundary employment benefits are likely to be limited
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	++	++	++	++	0	Some community facilities may support the tourist economy as well as serving residents of Craven. They may also contribute to business growth both directly and by making Craven a more attractive location for investment.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	+	+	+	+	0	Retention and growth of local community facilities will become particularly important for the ageing population. They play an important role in overcoming isolation of individuals within the community. Generally, they support engaged and diverse communities in towns and the countryside and contribute to the reduction of inequalities.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	++	++	++	++	0	Community facilities can be important in providing access to education and services and play an important role in supporting village service. Equally, they help support the vitality of town centres.
SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	+	+	+	+	0	The provision of health centres obviously enhance access to health facilities and the location of facilities may also promote physical and mental health, by for example encouraging walking and cycling to local facilities, reducing isolation and acting as centres for advice and services.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play an obvious role in the provision of suitable housing although the existence of nearby facilities may make areas more attractive to house occupiers. Other policies in the draft plan seek to achieve this objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	++	++	++	++	+	Community facilities such as schools and colleges are of obvious importance providing access to education to communities in Craven and other nearby communities. Other facilities such as libraries, community centres and places of worship may also play a role in education provision

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SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	++	++	++	++	0	Retention and growth of local community facilities can help reduce the need to travel and encourage the use of more sustainable travel patterns.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in reducing the risk and impact of flooding. Community facilities will be expected to meet policy ENV6 Flood Risk.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a role in the protection of natural and agricultural conditions. Proposals for community facilities will be expected to comply with policies in the draft Local Plan which seek to achieve this (ENV7).
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in the prudent use of land resources. Proposals for community facilities will be expected to comply with policies in the draft Local Plan which seek to achieve this (ENV7).
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment although individual historic buildings may serve as community facilities and facilities may provide a suitable use for individual historic buildings which helps promote heritage based tourism
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in protecting and enhancing Craven's biodiversity. Policy ENV4 requires that development makes a positive contribution to biodiversity and this will apply to the development of community facilities such as schools.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in protecting and enhancing Craven's open countryside. Proposals for community facilities will be required to help achieve this objective however.
SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in promoting and enhancing innovative design in Craven. The design policy (ENV3) requires all development to seek to achieve good design standards. This policy applies equally to community facilities.

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SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in minimising pollution. Policies ENV3, ENV7 and ENV8 seek to achieve this and apply to community facilities.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	+	+	+	+	+	The provision and retention of local community facilities can reduce the need for travel and encourage sustainable travel pattern and thus positively impact on carbon reduction. Community renewable energy projects will also contribute to this objective and may be considered as a community facility. The positive impact of achieving this objective will have a benefit beyond Craven.
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in conserving water resources. Policy ENV8 sets out the requirements for the conservation of water quality and quantity and community facilities should comply with this policy.
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a direct role in minimising waste production and encouraging recycling but will be expected to comply with these requirements.
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	Community facilities do not play a role in safeguarding mineral resources and the scale of development involved in the provision of community facilities would not normally have a significant effect on mineral resources. If necessary conditions can be added to a planning permission requiring prior extraction.

Key: (++) = Double Positive [colour: dark green], (+) = Positive [colour: light green], 0 = Neutral [colour: grey], (-) Negative [colour: pink], (--) Double Negative [colour: maroon].

Policy: INF3 - Sport, Open Space & Recreational Facilities						
Preferred Approach: The policy seeks to promote health, wellbeing and equality by safeguarding and improving sport, open space and recreational facilities						
Reasonable Alternatives: The NPPF requires planning policies to be based on up to date assessment of need and opportunities for new provision. Assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative and qualitative deficits or surpluses in the local area and be used to determine what provision is required.						
SA Objective	Proposed Approach: Support provision of new facilities, require housing developments of more than 5 dwellings to provide or contribute towards new or improved facilities and safeguard existing facilities from unnecessary loss.					Commentary
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SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	+	+	+	0	Sport, recreation facilities and some open spaces can provide and maintain employment including opportunities for better paid work. These benefits will apply equally across urban and rural areas and will apply in both the short and long term. Transboundary employment benefits are likely to be limited.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	+	+	+	0	Some sport, recreation facilities and open spaces may support the tourist economy as well as serving residents of Craven. They may also contribute to business growth both directly and by making Craven a more attractive location for investment.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	++	++	++	++	+	Retention and growth of sport, open space and recreational facilities are important to Craven's communities, especially the ageing population. They play an important role in overcoming isolation of individuals within the community. Generally, they support engaged and diverse communities in towns and the countryside and contribute to the reduction of inequalities. Some facilities may be accessed by residents and visitors outside the plan area, resulting in this policy having a transboundary impact.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	++	++	++	++	+	Sport, open space and recreational facilities are important in providing access to opportunities to maintain and improve health and wellbeing of the community both within and outside the plan area.

SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	++	++	++	++	+	The provision of new together with the safeguarding and improvement of existing sport, open space and recreational facilities will promote physical and mental health, by providing opportunities for spaces and facilities to promote physical, mental and social health and well being both to residents and visitors within and outside the plan area.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreational facilities do not play an obvious role in the provision of suitable housing although the existence of nearby facilities may make areas more attractive to house occupiers. Other policies in the draft plan seek to achieve this objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	+	+	+	+	+	Some sport, open space and recreation facilities may provide opportunities to provide education and training, particularly within the tourism sector, to communities in Craven and other nearby communities.
SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	+	+	+	+	+	Retention, improvement and provision of new sport, open space and recreational facilities can help reduce the need to travel and encourage the use of more sustainable travel patterns both within and outside the plan area.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in reducing the risk and impact of flooding. Community facilities will be expected to meet policy ENV6 Flood Risk.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a role in the protection of natural and agricultural conditions. Proposals for such facilities will be expected to comply with policies in the draft Local Plan which seek to achieve this (ENV7).
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a role in the prudent use of land resources. Proposals for community facilities will be expected to comply with policies in the draft Local Plan which seek to achieve this (ENV7).
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment.

SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	+	+	+	+	0	The provision or improvement of open spaces throughout the plan area will play a role in protecting and enhancing Craven's biodiversity. This policy will complement Policy ENV4, which requires that development makes a positive contribution to biodiversity and this will apply to existing and new open spaces.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character and provide for green space within new developments.	++	++	++	++	0	The provision or improvement of open spaces throughout the plan area will play a role in protecting and enhancing parts of Craven's open countryside. The policy also requires all new housing and mixed use developments of more than 5 dwellings to provide or contribute towards new or improved sport, open space and recreational facilities. This may be achieved through new spaces and facilities within new developments or the improvement of existing spaces and facilities off site.
SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in promoting and enhancing innovative design in Craven. The design policy (ENV3) requires all development to seek to achieve good design standards. This policy applies equally to sport, open space and recreational facilities.
SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in minimising pollution. Policies ENV3, ENV7 and ENV8 seek to achieve this and apply to Sport, open space and recreation facilities.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	+	+	+	+	+	The provision, improvement and retention of sport, open space and recreation facilities can reduce the need for travel and encourage sustainable travel pattern and thus positively impact on carbon reduction. The positive impact of achieving this objective will have a benefit beyond Craven.
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in conserving water resources. Policy ENV8 sets out the requirements for the conservation of water quality and quantity and sport, open space and recreation facilities should comply with this policy.
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a direct role in minimising waste production and encouraging recycling but will be expected to comply with these requirements.

SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	Sport, open space and recreation facilities do not play a role in safeguarding mineral resources and the scale of development involved in the provision of sport, open space and recreation facilities would not normally have a significant effect on mineral resources. If necessary conditions can be added to a planning permission requiring prior extraction.
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Policy: INF4 - Parking Provision						
Preferred Approach: Contain a specific policy on parking provision.						
Reasonable Alternatives: No alternative approach identified.						
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SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA Objective.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	+	+	+	0	Generally there will be minimal impact on inward investment. The tourism economy may benefit from a managed approach to car parking as car parking is an important factor influencing visitor experience.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA Objective.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	++	++	++	++	0	The policy has been prepared to ensure good accessibility to services either through car or sustainable modes.
SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	+	+	+	+	0	The policy has been prepared to ensure satisfactory access to facilities including health facilities. Enabling sufficient parking will have positive effects on the wellbeing of people. Ensuring sufficient parking is important to highway safety as it minimises the impact of anti social parking. The policy has also been prepared to ensure new car parking is designed to minimise opportunities for crime.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA Objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	+	+	+	+	0	North Yorkshire's Parking Standards refer to educational establishments, therefore in planning for new or expanded facilities, the policy will help to ensure good access to education. The use of Travel Plans can also help to maximise accessibility.

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SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	++	++	++	++	0	The policy will help to ensure good access is achieved in new developments. The aim of the policy is also to ensure sustainable travel is possible including through cycle storage.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	0	+	+	+	0	The policy includes provision to incorporate SuDS within car parking schemes. However, generally the policy will have little impact on reducing flood risk and preventing inappropriate development in floodplains.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	New car parking may involve the loss of soil through direct land take. However, strategically this is likely to be insignificant.
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA Objective.
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	0	0	0	0	0	The direct impact on heritage assets will be influenced by individual schemes. However, the policy could be strengthened to include reference to the historic environment.
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	0	+	0	+	0	Other policies within the plan seek to protect and enhance biodiversity value. However, an indirect link exists in promoting sustainable travel patterns and the provision of a managed approach to parking which reduces the potential for parked cars damaging the natural environment.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	0	+	0	+	0	Providing a managed approach to car parking helps people to enjoy the countryside and reduce the risk for parked cars to be a visual nuisance in tranquil areas or beauty spots.

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SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	+	+	+	+	0	The design policy will consider this matter in more detail. However, the provision of satisfactory parking and means to promote sustainable travel patterns all come under the umbrella of good design.
SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	+	+	+	+	0	The promotion of sustainable travel patterns including cycling and measures to promote the use of low emission vehicles will help to minimise the impacts of new development on air quality, although ultimately this will depend on individual behaviours.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	+	+	+	+	0	Whilst car use generally has negative effects on climate change, the policy includes reference to promoting the incorporation of sustainable travel patterns including cycling as well as charging points for low emission vehicles.
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use	+	+	+	+	0	The policy includes reference to protecting water quality through the use of oil interceptors.
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and this SA objective.
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and this SA objective.

Policy: INF5 - Communications Infrastructure						
Preferred Approach: The policy consists of two main areas, to ensure communications infrastructure is suitable on design grounds, and the delivery of infrastructure to drive forward Next Generation Access broadband within Craven including developer requirements.						
Reasonable Alternatives: The NPPF states that Local Plans should support the expansion of telecommunications infrastructure. Therefore no alternative approach is identified.						
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	Timescale of Impact		Location of Impact			
	Short term	Long term	Urban	Rural	Transboundary Impact	
SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	++	+	++	+	The policy is likely to present positive benefits for jobs, as improved communications infrastructure particularly given the rural nature of Craven will encourage economic growth and in turn may lead to an increase in jobs. The policy could help to encourage an increase in better paid jobs through opportunities for sectors such as advanced manufacturing and knowledge driven companies. It is likely that this effect will be particularly positive for rural areas where an absence of telecommunications infrastructure can be a barrier economic growth. The policy is also likely to have positive effects on safeguarding key employers. Transboundary effects have been identified as communications infrastructure enables growth at a wider level than Craven.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	++	++	++	0	Supporting improved communications infrastructure will have significant positive effects for the economy as this is a key element of economic growth in an ever increasing digital age and will help attract inward investment particularly where companies may look to be located within an attractive rural environment. The policy will also likely have positive benefits for the tourism sector. Transboundary effects have been identified as communications infrastructure enables growth at a wider level than Craven.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	+	++	+	++	+	The policy may have positive effects on addressing the needs of an ageing population through increasing the ability to access services online for those less mobile. The policy may also present indirect benefits to those communities who may be deprived at the moment in terms of barriers to services, as increased network can enable some services to be delivered online. The internet also has an important democratic role in enable local people to be more engaged in decision making. Transboundary effects have been identified as an improved communications network may help to establish communities that are not defined by geographical boundaries, for example through social networking.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	+	++	+	++	0	The policy is likely to support a reduction in car reliance, through enabling services and employment opportunities to be accessed from home. It is likely the importance of homeworking may improve in line with technological improvements. Whilst the policy could have positive effects on village services and town centres particularly given the support for Wi-Fi networks within Craven's centres, there remains uncertainty within the retail sector over the longer term impacts of online trading. The policy would present direct benefits in addressing unequal access to telecommunications including broadband.

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SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	0	0	0	0	0	Mixed effects are identified for health and wellbeing, as an increase in communications including broadband speed may help people to communicate better across distance which has obvious benefits. However, there is an argument that ever increasing online capabilities can have negative consequences for social isolation as people use technology to communicate rather than face to face.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	+	++	++	++	+	<p>The role of technology in education is becoming increasingly important. Digital technology is important both within schools and colleges as well at home, the policy will support enhancement of facilities.</p> <p>The policy is also considered important in terms of access to education facilities, for example through enabling distance learning.</p>
SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	+	++	+	++	+	Increased telecommunications can have direct positive benefits on improving connectivity, particularly digital connectivity. This can reduce the need for travel.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective

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SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Whilst the policy includes provisions to protect the historic environment it will be important to monitor the cumulative impacts over time to ensure that infrastructure does not result in harm. The policy may have a positive effect on the historic environment through encouraging the re-use of buildings and retaining vitality within historic town centres.</p> <p>The policy may have positive effects on increasing access and enjoyment of the historic environment through increased ability to learn about the historic environment through digital equipment. This is considered to be a transboundary effect as people can learn about Craven's heritage from a distance.</p>
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	0	0	0	0	0	The policy seeks to ensure that communications infrastructure does not have a negative impact on the natural environment including protected sites. However, it is unlikely that the policy would enhance biodiversity within the area. Indirectly negative effects could arise locally through the implications of economic growth arising from improvements in technology.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	0	0	0	0	0	The policy seeks to ensure the impact of new equipment does not harm the visual character of the landscape and countryside within Craven, but effects in terms of enhancement are unlikely to be significant.
SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	0	0	0	0	0	The policy seeks to ensure good design of new infrastructure and equipment. However, it is unlikely the effects of the policy will enhance the visual character of Craven.
SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	+	+	+	+	0	The policy may have some minor positive indirect effects on air quality if improvements in communications reduce the need for travel to access services and employment. Noise and light are unlikely to be affected.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective

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SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective

Policy: INF6 - Education Provision						
Preferred Approach: Seek contributions towards primary and secondary education through development permissions.						
Reasonable Alternatives: No reasonable alternatives.						
SA Objective	Preferred Option					Commentary
	Timescale of Impact		Location of Impact			
	Short term	Long term	Urban	Rural	Transboundary Impact	
SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	++	++	++	+	Investment in education provision is likely to lead to long-term benefits in skilled employment in Craven.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	++	++	++	+	Investment in education provision is likely to lead to long-term benefits in skilled employment in Craven.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	+	++	++	++	+	Investment in education provision is likely to lead to long-term benefits in skilled employment in Craven.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	0	0	0	0	0	There is no direct link between the policy and this objective.
SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	+	++	++	+	+	There are likely to be long-term mental and social health benefits over time with a well educated workforce.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	++	++	++	++	+	Funding of education facilities compliments this objective entirely.

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SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.

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SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective

Policy: **INF7** - Sustainable Transport and Highways

Preferred Approach: The minimisation of greenhouse gases and congestion, and the provision of safe and accessible travel facilities will be supported by maximising the opportunities for travel by sustainable transport modes; avoiding severe residual cumulative impacts of development; and the design of safe and convenient access to transport facilities.

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SO1) Maximise employment opportunities within Craven	+	+	++	+	+	Reducing congestion impacts in the larger settlements in Craven will have a positive impact on business in the district.
SO2) Maximise opportunities for economic and business growth	+	+	++	+	+	Reducing congestion impacts in the larger settlements in Craven will have a positive impact on economic and business growth in the district.
SO3) Promote equality and diversity, and foster community cohesion by reducing all forms of poverty	+	++	++	+	+	Maximising the opportunities for sustainable transport modes, particularly bus transport, certainly would assist those people who cannot afford car travel. Hence it would help promote equality and diversity in terms of access to employment, retail and educational facilities.
SO4) Enhance access for all to essential facilities	+	++	++	+	+	Similar to SO4, maximising the opportunities for sustainable transport modes, particularly bus transport, certainly would assist those people who cannot afford car travel. Hence it would help promote equality and diversity in terms of access to employment, retail and educational facilities.
SO5) Promote physical, mental and social health and wellbeing	+	+	+	+	+	Reducing local urban pollution through the maximisation of public transport opportunities can help promote physical, mental and social health and well-being.
SO6) Enable all residents to live in suitable and affordable housing	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear and direct link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO7) Enable everyone to access a good standard of education and the ability to undertake relevant training and augment skill levels	+	+	+	+	+	There is some positive linkages here as students can have easier access to educational facilities in the district and beyond through the maximisation of public transport opportunities.
SO8) Improve connectivity, reduce the need for travel, and ensure proposed developments have safe access	++	++	++	+	+	There is a direct link between the policy and the SA objective in terms of improving connectivity within the settlements and between the settlements in the district and beyond.

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SO9) Reduce the risk and impacts of flooding on people, property and the environment including through the implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO10) Protect and enhance the natural and agricultural conditions to maintain soil quality and grow food within Craven	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO11) Ensure the prudent use of land resources	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO12) Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment including heritage assets and their settings and areas of identified and potential archaeological interest	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.
SO13) Protect, and where possible enhance, Craven's biodiversity and geodiversity, particularly protected habitats and species	+	+	0	+	0	There is a link in terms of reducing air pollution through the maximisation of public transport, and the protection of key habitats.
SO14) Protect and enhance the open countryside and wider landscape character.	+	+	0	+	0	There is a link in terms of the maximisation of public transport which encourages further residential and employment growth within and adjacent to existing settlements. This policy can help protect the countryside and wider landscape character.
SO15) Promote innovative design which enhances the visual character of Craven's towns and villages	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective.

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SO16) Minimise air, noise and light pollution, and where possible improve local air quality	+	+	+	+	+	There is a clear link between the policy and the SA objective because the maximisation of public transport can help to improve local air quality.
SO17) Minimise impacts on climate change, including supporting energy production through renewable and low carbon sources.	+	+	+	+	+	There is a clear link between the policy and the SA objective because the maximisation of public transport can help to improve local air quality, and hence minimise contributions to climate change.
SO18) Conserve and enhance water quality and resources and improve the efficiency of water use.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO19) Minimise waste production and increase recycling rates in Craven.	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective
SO20) Safeguard minerals resources and other natural material assets, and ensure the safe management of hazard risks of former mining activity where new development is proposed	0	0	0	0	0	There is no clear link between the policy and the SA objective