

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 – Schedule 8(1(3))

**Application to the Secretary of State for a Direction to save
the policies of the West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan
beyond July 2009**

1. Executive Summary

The West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan (“the Replacement Plan”) was prepared under the Transitional Arrangements of the 2004 Act, and adopted on 5 July 2006. It was originally envisaged that a Local Development Framework (LDF) would essentially be in place in the District by July 2009. However, this has not turned out to be the case, and thus West Lancashire District Council is applying for a Direction to save the policies of the Replacement Plan beyond July 2009 (three years after the Plan’s adoption).

This report lists the policies that are proposed to be saved beyond July 2009, and those that are proposed not to be saved beyond that date. It analyses each of the Replacement Plan policies against the government criteria for saving policies, thus providing a justification for the saving (or otherwise) of each policy.

It is proposed that the majority of the Plan’s policies (46 out of 49) be saved.

2. Criteria for saving policies

The six criteria against which policies are to be assessed are set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 paragraph 9.2 as follows:

- (1) Where appropriate, there is a clear central strategy;
- (2) The policies have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy;
- (3) The policies are in general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy;
- (4) The policies are in conformity with the adopted LDF Core Strategy (if it exists);
- (5) There are effective policies for any parts of the authority’s area where significant change in use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged;
- (6) The policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy.

In addition, PPS12 lists a number of other factors to which the government will have particular regard when considering extensions to saved policies. These include supporting the delivery of housing, defining Green Belt boundaries, supporting economic development, regeneration and town centres, and reducing impacts on climate change. Where any of these factors are applicable to a particular policy, they are mentioned in the “any other relevant comments” section of the assessment in Section 3 below.

With regard to Criterion (1), it is considered that the Replacement Plan has a clear central strategy. Early drafts of the Replacement Plan were drawn up while the proposals for the new planning system were being consulted upon, and the Re-Deposit version was prepared in autumn 2004, after the enactment of the new system. Thus the Council was aware of the LDF system when putting together the Replacement Plan, and this is reflected by the inclusion of a “Core Strategy” section (Chapters 2 and 3) which contains a vision for West Lancashire, key aims and objectives, and seven policies (DS1-DS4 and GD1-GD3) whose purpose is to facilitate achieving the aims and objectives. The other policies in the Plan also conform to and support the “Core Strategy” section, and thus it is considered that each policy satisfies the first criterion of there being a clear central strategy.

Criterion (2) relates to the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Replacement Plan as a whole has regard to the 2003-2006 Community Strategy, making reference to it in Chapter 1. The Planning Policy Manager was involved in the drafting of the 2007 Sustainable Community Strategy (which has replaced the Community Strategy), and has ensured that this is in accordance with the Replacement Plan.

Criterion (4) refers to the Core Strategy, where adopted. The West Lancashire Core Strategy is currently at a very early stage of preparation, with adoption not expected before 2011, and thus this criterion does not apply in the analysis below.

Table 2.1. West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan policies to be saved

Development Strategy Policies	Recommendation
DS1 Location of Development	Save policy
DS2 Protecting the Green Belt	Save policy
DS3 Safeguarded Land	Save policy
DS4 Open Land on the Urban Fringe	Save policy
General Development Policies	
GD1 Design of Development	Save policy
GD2 Developer Contributions to Infrastructure	Save policy
GD3 Development of Contaminated Land	Save policy
Policies for Protecting and Enhancing the Environment	
EN1 Biodiversity	Save policy
EN2 Protection of Agricultural Land	Save policy
EN3 Coastal Zone	Save policy
EN4 Conservation Areas	Save policy
EN5 Buildings of Historic Importance	Save policy
EN6 Archaeological Heritage	Save policy
EN7 Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens	Save policy
EN8 Green Spaces	Save policy
EN9 Protection of Trees and Woodlands	Save policy
EN10 Flood Risk	Save policy
EN11 Protection of Water Resources	Save policy
Development and Economy Policies	
DE1 Residential Development	Save policy
DE2 Whalleys, Skelmersdale	Save policy
DE3 Affordable Housing Development	Save policy
DE5 Employment Development	Save policy
DE6 The Rural Economy	Save policy
DE7 Agricultural Produce Packing Facilities	Save policy
DE8 Accommodation for Temporary Agricultural Workers	Save policy
DE9 Removal of Agricultural Workers Dwelling Conditions	Save policy
DE10 Retail and Town Centre Development	Save policy
DE11 Skelmersdale Town Centre	Save policy
DE12 Ormskirk Town Centre	Save policy
DE13 Business and Office Development	Save policy
DE14 Development Opportunity Sites	Save policy
DE15 Tollgate Road /Pippin Street, Burscough	Save policy
DE16 Former Hattersley Works, Burscough Road, Ormskirk	Save policy
Social and Community Policies	
SC1 Sports, Recreational, Leisure and Cultural Facilities	Save policy
SC2 Recreation Facilities	Save policy
SC3 Linear Parks	Save policy
SC4 Educational Facilities	Save policy

SC5	Health Facilities	Save policy
SC6	Roads	Save policy
SC7	Public Transport	Save policy
SC8	Land at the Railway Pad, Appley Bridge	Save policy
SC9	Cycling and Walking Facilities	Save policy
SC10	Infrastructure, Services and Utilities	Save policy
SC11	Telecommunications	Save policy
SC12	Renewable Energy	Save policy
SC13	Cemeteries and Crematoria	Save policy

Reasons for saving these policies

The detailed reasoning for saving these policies is set out in Section 3.1 below. In summary, these policies are considered to be consistent with the principles of LDFs, consistent with regional and national policy, and necessary in the sense that they do not simply repeat regional or national policy, but provide a local interpretation of it.

Table 2.2. West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan policies not to be saved

Development and Economy Policies		
DE4	Caravan Sites for Gypsies and Travelling Show People	Do not save policy
DE17	Tourism Development	Do not save policy
DE18	Advertisements	Do not save policy

Reasons for not saving these policies

The detailed reasoning for not saving these policies is set out in Section 3.2 below. In summary, these policies are considered to be out-of-date or else superfluous, simply repeating national or regional policy.

3.1 Policies proposed for saving beyond July 2009 – detailed assessment

Development Strategy Policies

Policy: DS1 Location of Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “sustainable development” and “better environment”, and, to an extent, “affordable housing” and “quality and accessible services”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is considered to be in general conformity with the RSS “Spatial Principles” Policies (DP1-9). It also conforms with Policies RDF1 (Spatial Priorities), RDF2 (Rural Areas), and LCR3 and LCR4 (Liverpool City Region).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective in that it directs where development is to be located within the District, and sets out clearly the types of development that will be allowed in different areas.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary and locally distinctive as it defines the settlement hierarchy in the District, listing specific settlements. Other policies (e.g. DE1 Residential Development) depend on the settlement hierarchy set out in this policy.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DS2 Protecting the Green Belt		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the “sustainable development” (to an extent) and the “better environment” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is consistent with RSS Policy RDF4 (Green Belts). Any changes to Green Belts deemed necessary after 2011 will be dealt with through the LDF process.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy only allows for significant change in the use of Green Belt land in exceptional circumstances.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	Although a significant part of the text of this policy repeats PPG2, Policy DS2 defines the detailed Green Belt boundary across the District, and therefore is necessary.	Y
Any other relevant comments	PPS12 9.2(ii) supports the retention of policies that provide detailed Green Belt boundaries.	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DS3 Safeguarded Land		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objective of “sustainable development”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with RSS policies W3 (Supply of Employment Land) and L4 (Regional Housing Provision) in that it provides the opportunity to bring forward land later in the RSS period if deemed necessary. It is also considered that the approach taken by this policy is in general conformity with RSS policies DP1-9 (Spatial Principles).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective in safeguarding land against inappropriate change of use until it is needed for development at a future date.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary and locally distinctive as it designates specific sites within the District for development at a future date.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DS4 Open Land on the Urban Fringe		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “sustainable development” and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms to RSS policies DP4 (i.e. the sequential test for development) and RDF2 (Rural Areas).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy as it defines a category of land that is distinct from Green Belts and urban areas, and specifies what types of development would be permitted on such land (including a sequential test). The policy delineates the extent of such land on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

General Development Policies

Policy: GD1 Design of Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This wide-ranging policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “safer communities”, “improved health for all”, “sustainable development”, and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with policies DP7 (Promote Environmental Quality), RT2 (Managing Travel Demand), RP9 (Walking and Cycling) and EM1(A) (Landscape).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy seeks to minimise the impact of new development on landscape and the built environment, e.g. via screening, appropriate materials, and mitigation measures.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary in providing a local dimension for various national policies, including defining the landscape character of the different parts of the District on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	The 2008 Design SPD “hangs off” this policy.	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: GD2 Developer Contributions to Infrastructure		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy seeks to secure various facilities or community benefits as a result of planning permission grants. In this sense, it helps meet the SCS objectives of “safer communities”, “stronger communities”, “improved health for all”, “affordable housing” and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	Although the RSS does not explicitly contain a policy on developer contributions, policies L1 (Health, Sport, Recreation, Cultural and Education Services Provision), L5 (Affordable Housing) and RT9 (Walking and Cycling) are consistent with the “spirit” of WLRLP policy GD2.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A

Policy: GD2 Developer Contributions to Infrastructure (continued)		
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy provides a local dimension to national policy in setting out which types of infrastructure will be required from developers for different types of development.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy relates indirectly to the infrastructure necessary to support housing (PPS12 9.2(ii)). It is anticipated that this policy may cease to be relevant once the Community Infrastructure Levy is enacted and implemented.	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: GD3 Development of Contaminated Land		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The SCS does not go into any detail on contaminated land, but the policy is judged to be consistent with the objectives of "sustainable development and "better environment".	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is consistent with RSS policy DP7 (Promote Environmental Quality)	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	PPS23 (Planning and Pollution Control) simply states that LDDs should include appropriate policies and proposals for dealing with the potential for contamination and the remediation of land so that it is suitable for the proposed development /use. Policy GD3 provides specific criteria and thus goes beyond PPS23.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	-
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policies for Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

Policy: EN1 Biodiversity		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (B).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to Nature Conservation Sites, Wildlife Corridors and Protected Species within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is not necessary to protect statutory sites, but is necessary to protect local sites within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS9 and the RSS by plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN2 Protection of Agricultural Land		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policy DP9.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to the “Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land” (Grades 1, 2 & 3a) within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect agricultural land within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS7 and the RSS by setting out a local sequential test for allowing development on this land.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	-
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN3 Coastal Zone		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7, DP9, RDF3 and EM6.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to the Coastal Zone of the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect the Coastal Zone of the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPG20 and the RSS by plotting the Coastal Zone spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy safeguards water resources (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN4 Conservation Areas		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (C).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to Conservation Areas within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to preserve or enhance the Conservation Areas within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPG15 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting the Conservation Areas spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN5 Buildings of Historic Importance		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (C).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to Listed Buildings and buildings of local architectural or historic interest within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect Listed Buildings and buildings of local architectural or historic interest within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPG15 and the RSS by setting out local criteria.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN6 Archaeological Heritage		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (C).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to sites of archaeological interest within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to preserve or enhance the archaeological heritage of the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPG16 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting sites of archaeological heritage spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN7 Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (A) and (C).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to historic parks and gardens within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect sites included on the “Register of Gardens and Parks of Special Historic Interest” and those of local interest within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPG15 and the RSS by plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN8 Green Spaces		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7, EM1 (B) and EM3.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to the main green spaces and locally important areas of open space within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect local green and open spaces within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to the advice provided by PPS3, PPG17 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN9 Protection of Trees and Woodlands		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7 and EM1 (D).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to trees and woodlands within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect trees and woodlands within the District, and also to back up national legal requirements with planning policy. The policy adds a local dimension to the RSS by setting out local criteria.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN10 Flood Risk		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, DP9, EM5 and EM6.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy gives effective protection to those areas of high flood risk within the District.	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect areas of high flood risk within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS25 and the RSS by setting out local criteria.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy safeguards water resources (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: EN11 Protection of Water Resources		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP7, DP9 and EM5.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use of development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect groundwater and surface water resources within the District. The policy does not directly add a local dimension to PPS23 or the RSS, but the supporting text includes information on groundwater sensitivity within the District and explains how this policy will be applied locally.	In part
Any other relevant comments	This policy safeguards water resources (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Development and Economy Policies

Policy: DE1 Residential Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The policy is consistent with the SCS objective of providing more appropriate and affordable housing to meet the needs of local people, and (indirectly) to accessible jobs and services.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with RSS Policy L4 (Regional Housing Provision) and with the sequential approach to development set out in Policy DP4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A (as this policy does not allocate specific sites for development)	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy provides a local application of national and regional policies. The policy is necessary as it specifies the settlements in the District within which general market housing will be permitted.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports the delivery of housing (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DE2 Whalleys, Skelmersdale		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The policy is consistent with the SCS objective of providing more appropriate and affordable housing to meet the needs of local people.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy helps meet the requirements of RSS Policy L4 (Regional Housing Provision) in that it allocates land for housing.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy allocates a site for housing and provides a clear framework for the change in use of one particular piece of land.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy allocates a specific site for a specific use, and thus is necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DE3 Affordable Housing Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The policy is consistent with the “affordable housing” (AH) objective of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with RSS Policy L5 (Affordable Housing)	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) The policy provides guidance for sites where the use is to change to AH. It also secures AH on larger sites proposed for COU market housing.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	The policy does not simply repeat national policy in that it contains a lower threshold than in PPS3 for AH provision. It specifies different AH requirements for different areas of the District, and thus is necessary.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports the delivery of affordable housing, and is reasonably up-to-date. (PPS12 9.2(ii))	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

(Policy DE4 is proposed not to be saved. See Section 3.2)

Policy: DE5 Employment Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “sustainable development” and “the economy and jobs”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with RSS Policy W3 (Supply of Employment Land), and, in principle, to Policy W4 (Release of Allocated Employment Land) in that it protects land in, or allocated for, employment uses.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) The policy is effective in terms of sites allocated for employment development.	Y
	(b)	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	The policy is necessary in that it allocates specific sites in the District for employment use, as defined on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports economic development and regeneration (PPS12 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE6 The Rural Economy		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “sustainable development” and “the economy and jobs”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with policy RDF2 (Rural Areas) and LCR4 (Remaining rural parts of Liverpool City Region).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	PPS7 allows for such criteria-based policies. Although, much of the policy repeats Green Belt or other RLP policies (EN1, EN2, GD1), criterion (vi) is locally distinctive, as are the farm shop criteria (including the justification text). Therefore this policy is deemed necessary.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports appropriate economic development (PPS12 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE7 Agricultural Produce Packing Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives of “sustainable development”, “the economy and jobs” and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with policies RDF2 (Rural Areas) and W1 (Strengthening the Regional Economy).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	RSS does not cover this matter in any detail. PPS7 contains no detail, but allows for criteria-based policies. Of the six DE7 criteria, three are covered by other policies; three are specific to this policy.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE8 Accommodation for Temporary Agricultural /Horticultural Workers		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is indirectly linked to the “sustainable development” and “the economy and jobs” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	The policy is in general conformity with Policy RDF2 (Rural Areas).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	The policy is considered to be distinctive to West Lancashire, where the need for temporary workers accommodation is significant. Although some of the criteria repeat other RLP policies or national principles, other criteria provide material not given in national or other RLP policies.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE9 Removal of Agricultural Workers Dwelling Conditions		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The SCS does not go into sufficient detail to be compared directly with this policy. The policy is broadly consistent with the “affordable housing” and “sustainable development” SCS objectives.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	There is no directly comparable RSS policy, but policy DE9 is considered to be in general conformity with RSS policies RDF2 (Rural Areas) and L5 (Affordable Housing)	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	The policy is locally distinctive in that it provides detail not given in the RSS nor in national policy (PPS3, PPS7), especially with regard to the marketing exercise needed to justify the removal of an agricultural worker’s dwelling condition.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE10 Retail and Other Town Centre Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives “quality and accessible services” and “sustainable development”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	The policy is in conformity with RSS policy W5 (Retail Development), and, to an extent, RDF2 (Rural Areas) and LCR3 (Outer part of Liverpool City Region).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) The policy is effective in allowing for appropriate development in town centres, including Skelmersdale, where significant change is envisaged.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	The policy designates local settlements within the retail hierarchy by defining them on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports retailing and town centres (PPS12 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE11 Skelmersdale Town Centre		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives “safer communities”, “affordable housing”, “quality and accessible services”, “the economy and jobs” and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with RSS policy RDF1 (Spatial Priorities), W5 (Retail Development), and LCR3 (Outer part of Liverpool City Region).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective for Skelmersdale Town Centre, where major change is envisaged, but requiring the preparation of an SPD for the area.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is locally distinctive, setting out criteria specific for Skelmersdale Town Centre.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy supports economic development, regeneration, town centres and retailing (PPS121 9.2(ii)). A recently-adopted SPD “hangs off” this policy.	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE12 Ormskirk Town Centre		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives "quality and accessible services", "sustainable development", and "better environment".	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with RSS policy W5 (Retail Development) and LCR4 (Remaining rural parts of Liverpool City Region).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) This policy is effective in conserving and enhancing the historical attributes of Ormskirk Town Centre (although no significant change is envisaged).	Y
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	Although some of the criteria in this policy are covered by other policies, overall the policy is locally distinctive, with other criteria tailored to the unique attributes of Ormskirk Town Centre.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy promotes town centres and retailing (PPS 12 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE13 Business and Office Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the SCS objectives "quality and accessible services" and "sustainable development".	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with policy W3 (Supply of Employment Land).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective in controlling the types of development that could take place within business areas.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary as it allocates a specific area within Ormskirk Town Centre on the Proposals Map, and defines the settlements in which office development is encouraged.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: DE14 Development Opportunity Sites		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy links indirectly to the SCS objectives “affordable housing”, “sustainable development”, and “better environment”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	Although the RSS does not go to a site-specific level of detail with respect to West Lancashire, it is considered that this policy is in general conformity with RSS policies DP4, DP7 and LCR4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective in specifying the preferred uses for a number of sites which could be subject to significant change in use.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is locally distinctive, allocating specific sites for specific (different) uses	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy promotes economic development and regeneration on a site-specific basis (PPS12 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE15 Tollgate Road /Pippin Street, Burscough		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is indirectly linked with the “quality and accessible services” and “the economy and jobs” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with policy W3 (Supply of Employment Land).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effective in shaping the development of a key site within the District, setting out the preferred uses for the site.	Y
	(b)	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is site-specific and does not repeat national or regional policy.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save policy	

Policy: DE16 Former Hattersley Works, Burscough Road, Ormskirk		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is indirectly linked with the “quality and accessible services” and “the economy and jobs” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with policy W3 (Supply of Employment Land).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) This policy is effectively a “development brief” for a piece of land which has undergone recent significant change as it has been developed in accordance with Policy DE16.	Y
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy refers to specific uses on a specific site, and therefore is necessary.	Y
Any other relevant comments	Although the site has been developed, Policy DE16 is still considered to be necessary in the case of possible future applications e.g. to change the mix of uses on the site, or to bring in new uses not currently allowed for by the Policy.	Y
Decision:	Save policy	

(Policies DE17 and DE18 are proposed not to be saved. See Section 3.2.)

Social and Community Policies

Policy: SC1 Sports, Recreational, Leisure and Cultural Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “improved health for all”, “quality and accessible services”, “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, L1 and EM3.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect and provide sports, recreational, leisure and cultural facilities within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG17 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC2 Recreation Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “improved health for all”, “quality and accessible services”, “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, RDF2, W6, W7, L1 and EM3.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to protect and provide recreation facilities within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG17 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC3 Linear Parks		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “improved health for all”, “quality and accessible services”, “better environment” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, W6, W7, L1, RT9 and EM3.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to provide new Linear Parks within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG13, PPG17 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC4 Educational Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “stronger communities”, “quality and accessible services”, “young and older people”, “the economy and jobs” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, DP3, RDF2 and L1.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to provide new, and redevelop redundant, educational facilities within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS1 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC5 Health Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “improved health for all” and “quality and accessible services” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, DP3, RDF2 and L1.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to provide new health facilities within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS1 and the RSS by setting out local criteria and by plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC6 Roads		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “quality and accessible services” objective and the underlying “access” theme of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies RT2 and RT4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to safeguard the route of the proposed Ormskirk Bypass and to require developers to provide highway works where necessary. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG13 and the RSS by plotting the Ormskirk Bypass spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC7 Public Transport		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “quality and accessible services” objective and the underlying “access” theme of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP1, DP2, DP5, RDF2, L1, RT2 and RT3.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to safeguard sites of potential public transport improvements and within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG13 and the RSS by plotting these sites spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC8 Land at the Railway Pad, Appley Bridge		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	Although this policy does not meet a specific objective of the SCS, it does not conflict with its underpinning vision.	In part
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies RT7 and RT8.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to safeguard the Railway Pad in Appley Bridge for small-scale rail-based facilities. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG13 and the RSS by plotting this site spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC9 Cycling and Walking Facilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “improved health for all” and the “quality and accessible services” objectives and the underlying “access” theme of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policies DP2, DP5, DP9, L1, RT2, RT9 and EM4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to safeguard future walking and cycling routes within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPG13 and the RSS by plotting these routes spatially on the Proposals Map.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC10 Infrastructure, Services and Utilities		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “quality and accessible services” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy conforms with RSS Policy DP4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is not necessary to prevent development occurring in the District without being served by appropriate infrastructure. However, the policy adds a local dimension to the RSS by allowing infrastructure, services and utilities development in the open countryside as very special circumstances (i.e. Green Belt under Policy DS2). The policy has no direct relevance to any PPG/PPS.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy relates to the infrastructure necessary to support housing (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC11 Telecommunications		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “quality and accessible services” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy has no direct relevance to any RSS policy, but is in general conformity with DP4.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is not necessary to allow the siting telecommunications apparatus in the District. However, the policy adds a local dimension to PPG8 and the RSS by setting out local criteria.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC12 Renewable Energy		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “sustainable development” and “better environment” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in general conformity with RSS Policies DP9 and EM17.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is not necessary to promote, or protect sensitive areas from, renewable energy generation within the District. However, the policy adds a local dimension to PPS22, PPS1 Supplement and the RSS by setting out the main local criteria to assess such proposals.	Y
Any other relevant comments	This policy promotes renewable energy and reduces the impact on climate change (PPS12, 9.2(ii)).	Y
Decision:	Save Policy	

Policy: SC13 Cemeteries and Crematoria		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy meets the “quality and accessible services” objective of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy has no direct relevance to any RSS policy, but is in general conformity with DP2.	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	This policy is necessary to assess proposals for cemeteries and crematoria within the District. The policy adds a local dimension to PPS1 and the RSS by setting out local criteria.	Y
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Save Policy	

3.2 Policies proposed not to be saved beyond July 2009 – detailed assessment

Policy: DE4 Caravan Sites for Gypsies and Travelling Show People		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is in accordance with the SCS objective of creating a place where everyone is valued, and, indirectly, to the objectives: “stronger communities”, and “improved health for all”.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	The RSS does not contain any policy on Gypsies and Travellers. (This will be covered in the Partial Review of the RSS.)	(N/A)
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	There is no national policy in PPSs nor RSS policy to “repeat”. See below.	N/A
Any other relevant comments	The policy justification refers to Circular 01/2006 and states that this will be taken into account in a review of the Local Plan. (C01/06 requires DPDs to identify gypsy sites, rather than use criteria-based policies, and that Core Strategies set out criteria for the location of sites, to be used to guide such allocations.) The criteria in Policy DE4 are covered by other RLP policies: > Green Belt – covered by PPG2 > Visual impact – GD1 and landscape policies > Traffic impacts – covered by highways policies > Impact on neighbouring uses – covered by GD1	N
Decision:	Do not save policy	

Policy: DE17 Tourism Development		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	This policy is consistent with the “quality and accessible services” and “sustainable development” objectives of the SCS.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	This policy is in conformity with RSS policies W6 (Tourism and the Visitor Economy) and W7 (Principles for Tourism Development).	Y
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	National policy set out in Tourism Good Practice Guide. The guide and the RSS appear to cover most of the criteria in the policy.	In part
Any other relevant comments	Criteria in the policy are also covered by other Local Plan policies, e.g. DS2, DE10.	N
Decision:	Do not save policy	

Policy: DE18 Advertisements		
Criterion	Comment	Meets Y/N
1. There is a clear central strategy	Please see covering statement.	Y
2. Policy has regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (WLDC, 2007)	The SCS does not go into sufficient detail to be compared directly with this policy. The policy is indirectly linked to the "safer communities" SCS objective.	Y
3. Policy is in general conformity with the RSS (GONW, 2008)	It appears that the RSS has no policy on advertisements	N/A
4. Policy conforms to Core Strategy	(No Core Strategy adopted in District as yet)	N/A
5. Policy is effective for parts of District where significant change is envisaged: (a) in use or development of land (b) in the conservation of the area	(a) N/A	N/A
	(b) N/A	N/A
6. Policy is necessary; does not merely repeat national or regional policy	There is no reference in the policy or its justification to any national policy. The policy is covered by highways policy, and amenity by Policy GD1. Any special cases (e.g. Conservation Areas) are covered by other saved policies.	N
Any other relevant comments	-	N/A
Decision:	Do not save policy	

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