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Abbreviations

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BHS	Biological Heritage Site
CABE	Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
DPD	Development Plan Document
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
LDF	Local Development Framework
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
MSA	Mineral Safeguarding Area
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
RVBC	Ribble Valley Borough Council
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest

1 Introduction

Ribble Valley Borough Council (RVBC) began the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) in 2006. As part of this process, a combined Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been undertaken (hereinafter referred to as SA). An SA Report¹ was produced in March 2012 for the Publication Core Strategy², documenting the SA process and the assessment results. The Publication Core Strategy and the associated SA were then issued for consultation in Spring 2012. Following a review of the consultation comments, some modifications have been proposed to the Publication Core Strategy.

If any significant changes are made to the Publication Core Strategy, it is vital that the SA Report is also updated to ensure it remains consistent. The purpose of this Addendum Report is therefore to document the proposed changes to the Publication Core Strategy as a result of the representations received, to identify whether the changes affect any of the assessment findings presented in the SA Report and to provide updates if necessary.

1.1 Structure of the Report

The structure of this Addendum Report is presented in Table 1-1 below.

Table 1-1 Structure of the SA Addendum Report

Section of the Addendum Report	Contents
1. Introduction	Outlines the purpose of this Addendum Report.
2. Proposed Changes to the Publication Core Strategy and their Sustainability Impacts	This section documents the changes proposed to the Publication Core Strategy, and discusses how the proposed changes affect the assessment presented in the SA Report.
3. SA Recommendations	This section presents the recommendations for sustainability improvements to the Core Strategy, made within the SA Report. It also indicates whether these recommendations have been incorporated within the Core Strategy.
4. Other changes to the SA Report	This section identifies any other significant changes required to the SA Report.
5. Conclusions	This section sets presents the conclusions of the Addendum Report.

¹ Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (2012) Local Development Framework - Core Strategy Preferred Options Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal (003-UA003663-UE31R-03-F).

² Ribble Valley Borough Council Core Strategy 2008-2028, A Local Plan for Ribble Valley Regulation 19 Consultation Draft (April 2012)

2 Proposed Changes to the Publication Core Strategy and their Sustainability Impacts

The proposed changes to the Publication Core Strategy are presented in Table 2-1, which also identifies whether the change is significant and whether it affects the assessment presented in the SA Report. The green highlighted rows indicate that the findings of the previous assessment have been altered.

In relation to the proposed changes within the table, underlined text identifies new proposed text and strikethrough text identifies text that is proposed to be deleted.

It should be noted that the table presents (in the majority) only the modified wording of the Core Strategy, for example does not reproduce the entire Key Statement or Policy that the proposed change relates to.

Table 2-1 Proposed Changes to the Publication Core Strategy and their Sustainability Impacts

Change Reference	Element of the Publication Core Strategy	Summary of Proposed Changes	Significance of the Change and the Sustainability Impacts
Chapter 1: Introduction and Context			
1	Page 9, Paragraph 1.2	Amendment to paragraph 1.2. In relation to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), references to Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) should be removed.	This Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not previously assessed as it provides contextual information. The proposed amendment to the text ensures correct reference to national planning policy. Shortly after the SA Report was submitted for consultation, the NPPF was implemented. Reference to PPPs in Section 3.2.1 and Appendix A of the SA Report, which present the findings of the review of Plans, Programmes and Environmental Objectives, should therefore be disregarded. No further assessment needed.
Chapter 2: Understanding the Area			
2	Page 19, Paragraph 2.8	Amendment to the second sentence of paragraph 2.8 as follows: There are 39 <u>293</u> Biological Heritage Sites, 6 <u>16</u> Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), accessible countryside plus more formal open spaces and children's play areas.	This Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not previously assessed as it provides contextual information. The numbers of Biological Heritage Sites (BHSs) and SSSIs were presented in Appendix B of the SA Report, and were accurate at the time of writing. The amendment is therefore not considered to be significant and would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
3	Page 19 / 20, Paragraph 2.9	Amendment to paragraph 2.9 as follows: Equally impressive is Ribble Valley's unique built heritage. Across the borough there are 21 Conservation Areas, and over 1000 Listed Buildings, <u>29</u> Scheduled Ancient Monuments and 4 Registered Historic parks and gardens.	This Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not previously assessed as it provides contextual information. Consideration of baseline data relating to cultural

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		<u>The historic town of Clitheroe has an impressive skyline which includes the Castle set on a limestone knoll.</u> The Ribble Valley village of Ribchester is particularly special as it is built on the site of a Roman station and is home to a superb museum, housing information and artefacts relating to Roman life. Both Whalley and Sawley are also home to Cistercian Abbeys, Billington dates back to Saxon times and a pre-historic burial site was discovered at Worston. <u>The borough also has a significant mill heritage. In the village of Hurst Green, Stonyhurst College is an important heritage asset and significant employer.</u> "	heritage was presented within Appendix B of the SA Report, and was accurate at the time of writing. The amendment is therefore not considered to be significant and would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
4	Page 24 / 25, Paragraph 2.24	Addition of new text to the end of paragraph 2.2.4 as follows: A more detailed Level 2 SFRA will be required if insufficient land is available to accommodate the required levels of development outside the areas identified as being at risk of flooding.	This Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not previously assessed as it provides contextual information. No further assessment needed.
Chapter 3: Setting a Vision for the Area			
5	Page 33, Paragraph 3.9	Amendment to the final sentence within paragraph 3.9 as follows: The biodiversity of the district will continue to be protected <u>and enhanced</u> with waste reduction, recycling and energy efficiency being promoted.	As this amendment is not to the wording of the Vision itself, it would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
6	Page 33, Paragraph 3.9	Amendment to the first sentence within paragraph 3.9 as follows: The physical, social, environmental and economic regeneration of Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley will be supported together with existing retail businesses, whilst also ensuring a high quality retail offer in the key service centres and smaller village settlements, <u>especially where this supports local employment opportunities.</u>	As this amendment is not to the wording of the Vision itself, it would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
7	Page 33, Paragraph 3.11	Amendment to the supporting text to Strategic Objective 1 (as numbered in the SA Report) within paragraph 3.11 as follows: A large proportion of the Ribble Valley falls within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it has two Local Nature Reserves, thirteen priority habitats and species, and sixteen Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) <u>and 293 Biological Heritage Sites.</u> Protection, <u>enhancement</u> and conservation of these	The supporting text is not explicitly assessed as part of the SA process and this amendment would therefore not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.

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		will form an important part of the Development Strategy. In addition the area has a rich built heritage with the most <u>more</u> significant elements having statutory protection as designated heritage assets, protected through Conservation Area and Listed Building designations. <u>In addition there may be nationally important but unidentified archaeological assets”</u>	
8	Page 35, Paragraph 3.19	Amendment to Strategic Objective 9 (as numbered in the SA Report, and in bold below) and its supporting text within paragraph 3.19 as follows: <u>Contribute to local, regional and wider sustainable development, including addressing and mitigating against the impacts of climate change.</u> The overall Development Strategy will incorporate these aims. Development should be located where opportunities to reduce the use of the car can be encouraged. This issue has been gaining in importance over the past few years and has even been linked to issues such as overcoming obesity through the design of and location of developments. Facilitating employment growth in the area and providing more affordable housing will be key themes in addressing sustainability in the borough. <u>In addition, high quality services which meet the needs of the Borough’s communities and support their health, social and cultural well-being will be protected and enhanced.</u>	Section 4.2.2 of the SA Report identified a recommendation to add a new Strategic Objective to address and mitigate against the effects of climate change, and refer to renewable energy sources and the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems into new development. The proposed amendment to Strategic Objective 9 therefore strengthens the Objective and partly addresses the recommendation made. The proposed amendments to the supporting text to Strategic Objective 9 would not alter the previous assessment results.
Chapter 4: Development Strategy			
9	Page 37, Paragraph 4.1	Amendment to the first bullet point in paragraph 4.1 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance the wider local environment, <u>both natural and built environment, in rural and urban areas.</u> 	The themes of the three Spatial Principles were used to develop the Alternative Spatial Strategies which were assessed as part of the SA Process. The Spatial Principles were therefore not previously assessed as a separate element of the Publication Core Strategy, and therefore the proposed amendment would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
10	Page 39, Paragraph 4.7	Amendment to the last sentence within paragraph 4.7 of the supporting text to the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option, as follows:	The proposed amendments to the supporting text to the Preferred Spatial Strategy would not alter the

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		Phasing of the development will need to be considered and this will be done through the Development Management process including the detailed preparation of associated master plans, together with development and design briefs, working with the landowner <u>and considering the practical implications of, and timing for, the delivery of key infrastructure.</u>	previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
11	Page 40, Paragraph 4.11	Amendment to the figures presented within paragraph 4.11.	This amendment deems the figures presented within the SA Report (within Section 4.4 relating to the assessment of the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option) incorrect. However, as the total residual housing requirement remains at 4000, and the pattern of distribution remains similar, the amendments are not considered to be significant, and therefore would not alter the results of the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
12	Page 38, Paragraph 4.2 (Key Statement DS1)	Amendment to the beginning of the second paragraph of Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy as follows: <u>'In addition to the identified strategic site at Standen, in general, the scale...'</u>	The proposed minor amendment to the Preferred Spatial Strategy would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
13	Page 38, Paragraph 4.2 (Key Statement DS1)	Amendment to the final paragraph of Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy as follows: Through this strategy, development opportunities will be created for <u>economic, social and environmental</u> well being and development for future generations.	This minor wording modification to the Preferred Spatial Strategy merely strengthens the text and would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
14	Page 41, new paragraph	Addition of a new paragraph 4.12 within the supporting text to the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option, as follows: <u>4.12 The development strategy and the Core Strategy as a whole seek to deliver sustainable development. In particular this demonstrates the economic, social and environmental roles that planning has in contributing to sustainable development.</u>	The insertion of this text to the supporting text to the Preferred Spatial Strategy simply provides context and would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
15	Page 41, new DS2 Key	Addition of a new Key Statement (DS2: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable	The addition of a new Key Statement as part of the

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	Statement	<p>Development), as follows:</p> <p><u>When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. It will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area.</u></p> <p><u>Planning applications that accord with the policies in this Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</u></p> <p><u>Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the Council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise – taking into account whether:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or</u> ▪ <u>Specific policies in that Framework indicate that development should be restricted.</u> 	<p>Preferred Spatial Strategy (i.e. Development Strategy) would require assessment. The Preferred Spatial Strategy Option (the results of which were previously presented within Section 4.4.2 and Appendix C of the SA Report) has therefore been re-assessed. The results of this re-assessment are presented within Appendix A at the back of this Addendum Report. The aim of this assessment was to identify the key sustainability strengths, weaknesses and opportunities associated with the updated Preferred Spatial Strategy Option.</p> <p>The re-assessment indicated that, although the addition of the new Key Statement would not alter the results of the previous assessment, it would provide further commitment to ensuring that sustainable development is inherently considered within all developments, so that social, economic and environmental issues within the borough are considered.</p> <p>Section 4.4.2 of the SA Report identified a recommendation for the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option to include more detail regarding how the strategic site may be developed in line with sustainable development and design principles to ensure it has an appropriate degree of self-sustainability. The proposed new Key Statement DS2: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development addresses the recommendation made.</p>
Chapter 5: Environment			
16	Page 45, Key Statement EN3	Addition of a new paragraph after the second paragraph of Key Statement EN3: Sustainable Development and Climate Change, as follows:	This additional text strengthens the Key Statement by providing more focus upon the need to ensure

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		<u>New development in vulnerable areas should ensure that risks can be managed through suitable measures, including through the conservation of biodiversity, improvement of ecological networks and the provision of green infrastructure.</u>	protection and enhancement of biodiversity, sensitive sites and open space. The previous assessment recorded positive effects against a number of SA Objectives (within the relevant matrix within Appendix D of the SA Report), and the new text further improves its positive scoring against the SA Framework. Positive effects should now be recorded against the SA Objectives <i>'To protect and enhance community spirit and cohesion'</i> , <i>'To improve access to basic goods, services and amenities for all groups'</i> , <i>'To protect and enhance biodiversity'</i> , and <i>'To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality'</i> .
17	Page 45, Key Statement EN3	Addition of a new paragraph after the third paragraph of Key Statement EN3: Sustainable Development and Climate Change, as follows: <u>Ribble Valley Borough Council will liaise with the County Council over development within Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs) in both proposing future site allocations and in determining planning applications. This liaison will include consideration of the issue of preventing the unnecessary sterilisation of mineral resources within MSAs and, where feasible and practicable, the prior extraction of mineral resources.</u>	Although this additional text strengthens the Key Statement by acknowledging the importance of the protection of mineral resources within the borough, it would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
18	Page 45, Paragraph 5.3	Addition of a new sentence to the end of paragraph 5.3 (the supporting text to Key Statement EN3: Sustainable Development and Climate Change) as follows: <u>Lancashire County Council has responsibility for the designation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas, which will be shown on the Proposals Map for Ribble Valley Borough Council.</u>	This minor addition of text would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
19	Page 46, Key Statement EN4	Addition of a new sentence to the end of the first paragraph of Key Statement EN4: Biodiversity and Geodiversity, as follows:	Although this additional text strengthens the Key Statement's provisions for the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity by

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		<u>Where appropriate, cross-Local Authority boundary working will continue to take place to achieve this.</u>	ensuring consideration of transboundary issues, it would not alter the previous assessment results.
20	Page 46, Key Statement EN4	<p>Amendment to the second paragraph of Key Statement EN4: Biodiversity and Geodiversity, as follows:</p> <p><u>Negative impacts on biodiversity through development proposals should be avoided.</u> Development Proposals that adversely affect a site of recognised environmental or ecological importance will only be permitted where a developer can demonstrate that the negative effects of a proposed development can be mitigated, or as a last resort, compensated for. This could be managed through a variety of mechanisms such as conservation credits. It will be the developer's responsibility to identify and agree an acceptable scheme, accompanied by appropriate survey information, before an application is determined. There should, as a principle, be no net loss of biodiversity.</p>	<p>This amendment provides emphasis upon the need to ensure that development does not generate adverse impacts upon biodiversity resources. However, as this is already insinuated within existing text in the paragraph, the additional text would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>Major positive results were previously assessed against the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance biodiversity.</i></p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
21	Page 46, Key Statement EN4	<p>Amendment to the third paragraph (bullet points) of Key Statement EN4: Biodiversity and Geodiversity, as follows:</p> <p>These sites are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) ▪ Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) ▪ County <u>Local</u> Biological Heritage sites (CBHs) ▪ Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) ▪ <u>Local</u> Geodiversity Heritage Sites ▪ Ancient Semi Natural <u>Ancient</u> Woodlands ▪ Lancashire Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats and species ▪ European Directive on Protected Species and Habitats -Annexe 1 Habitats and Annexe II Species ▪ <u>Habitats and Species of Principal Importance in England</u> 	<p>The proposed minor amendment to Key Statement EN4 would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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22	Page 46, Key Statement EN4	<p>Addition of new sentence to the final paragraph of Key Statement EN4: Biodiversity and Geodiversity, as follows:</p> <p><u>For those sites that are not statutorily designated any compensation could be managed through a mechanism such as biodiversity off-setting via conservation credits.</u></p>	<p>The proposed text addition would not alter the previous assessment results, as it merely strengthens the provisions of Key Statement EN4 for the protection of biodiversity.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
23	Page 47, Key Statement EN5	<p>Amendments to Key Statement EN5: Heritage Assets as follows (note that the final wording is subject to agreement with English Heritage):</p> <p>There will be a presumption in favour of the preservation of heritage assets and their settings where they are recognised as being of importance.</p> <p><u>The Historic Environment and its Heritage Assets and their settings will be conserved and enhanced in a manner appropriate to their significance for their heritage value: their important contribution to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place; and to wider social, cultural and environmental benefits.</u></p> <p><u>This will be achieved through:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Authority Recognising that the best way of ensuring the long term protection of heritage assets is to find an optimum viable use that strikes the correct balance between economic <u>viability or other uses</u> and their impact on the significance of the asset. ▪ <u>Keeping</u> Conservation Area Appraisals will be kept under review to ensure that any development proposals <u>respect and safeguard</u> are in keeping with the historic character and architectural interest of the area <u>the character, appearance and significance of the area.</u> ▪ <u>Carefully considering</u> any development proposals that adversely affect a designated heritage asset or its setting will be given careful consideration in line with the Development Management policies. ▪ <u>Requiring all development proposals to make a positive contribution to local distinctiveness/sense of place.</u> ▪ <u>The consideration of Article 4 Directions to restrict permitted development rights where the exercise of such rights would harm the historic environment.</u> 	<p>Whilst these text amendments would not alter the previous assessment results, it adds further weight to the Key Statement by strengthening the focus of the existing text, providing a clearer focus on the protection and enhancement of the historic environment and heritage assets and their settings. Major positive results were previously assessed against the SA Objective 'To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource'.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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24	Page 48, Paragraph 5.5	Amendment to the first sentence of paragraph 5.5 (the supporting text to Key Statement EN5: Heritage Assets) as follows: The SA Scoping report highlighted a need to protect and enhance the historic environment of Ribble Valley. <u>This includes heritage assets and their settings.</u>	This minor amendment to the Key Statement would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
Chapter 6: Housing			
25	Page 52, Key Statement H2	Addition of a text to the end of the second paragraph of Key Statement H2: Housing Balance, as follows: Determination of planning applications for residential development will be informed by the most recent Housing Needs Surveys, Addressing Housing Needs statement and the most recently adopted SHMA, to identify the type, tenure and size of residential dwellings, required at different locations throughout the borough, <u>as well as reference to relevant housing market information as appropriate.</u>	This is a very minor modification which would not alter the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
89	Page 53, Key Statement H3	Addition of a text to the end of the third paragraph of Key Statement H3: Affordable Housing, as follows: The Council will use open book viability assessments, provided at the developer's cost, within its consideration of affordable housing provision, <u>particularly where thresholds are not being met.</u>	This is a minor modification which would not alter the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
Chapter 7: Economy			
90	Page 60, Key Statement EC1	Amendment to the final paragraph of Key Statement EC1: Business and Employment Development, as follows: The Council considers, in line with neighbouring authorities and other bodies, that the BAe Samlesbury site should be regarded as a regionally significant employment site with considerable potential to accommodate a variety of advanced knowledge based <u>engineering and manufacturing</u> industries in the future. This has been recognised by the Government's proposal to create an Enterprise Zone at this location. <u>The Council will therefore support the delivery of the Enterprise Zone and has produced a Local Development Order to achieve this.</u>	This amendment merely provides clarity to the Key Statement and would not alter the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.

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26	Page 59 / 60, Paragraph 7.4	<p>Additional sentence to the end of paragraph 7.4 as follows:</p> <p><u>The Council considers Barrow Enterprise Park to be an important employment land resource that has the significant potential to provide for economic growth and deliver sustainable development for the borough.</u></p>	<p>Barrow Enterprise Park was considered in the previous SA Report, through the assessment of the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option. This additional text would therefore not affect the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
27	Page 59 / 60, Paragraph 7.4	<p>Amendment to the penultimate sentence of paragraph 7.4 as follows:</p> <p>Growth at the BAe Samesbury site is anticipated to occur given that it is a regionally significant site and now intended to form part of the Lancashire Enterprise Zone.</p>	<p>This is a very minor modification which would not alter the previous assessment.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
28	Page 60, Key Statement EC1	<p>Amendments to the final paragraph of Key Statement EC1: Business and Employment Development, as follows:</p> <p>The Council considers, in line with neighbouring authorities and other bodies that the BAe Samesbury site is a regionally significant employment site with considerable potential to accommodate a variety of advanced knowledge based industries in the future. This has been recognised by the Government's proposal to create <u>creation</u> of an Enterprise Zone at this location. <u>As such the site is not considered part of the borough's general employment land supply.</u></p>	<p>This minor amendment to the Key Statement would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
29	Page 63, Paragraph 7.12	<p>Addition of text to paragraph 7.12 (the supporting text to Key Statement EC2: Development of Retail, Shops and Community Facilities and Services) as follows:</p> <p>This is predominantly led by evidence based research that confirms the requirement for the development of retail, shops and the facilities on offer. <u>The NPPF identifies a range of uses that are appropriate to the town centre which contribute to their vitality and viability and include retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, community, cultural and residential uses.</u> The Clitheroe Town Centre Masterplan will inform the preparation of more detailed policies as appropriate. Recommendations and suggestions from this work will be disseminated across the borough where applicable.</p>	<p>This additional text would not affect the previous assessment results, but would strengthen the supporting text to the Key Statement with regard to the indication of guidance for retail and service provision.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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Chapter 8: Delivery Mechanisms and Infrastructure			
30	Page 68, Paragraph 8.3	<p>Addition of text at the end of paragraph 8.3 as follows:</p> <p>Each have had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the evidence base for the LDF and in drawing up the options presented at this stage. As the preferred strategy is formed and greater certainty is established these groups and bodies will be involved further as detail is established. <u>The need for infrastructure improvements has been identified in the infrastructure plan. The exact implications for infrastructure can only be determined once more detail on the location of the sites and the nature of the development is known. This allows a better understanding of the implications for infrastructure and the identification of holistic solutions in the context of all the development that is proposed in an area through the details established in the site allocations development plan document. It is clear that the phasing of development will be necessary to ensure the capacity of infrastructure can be enhanced.</u></p>	<p>The additional text would not alter the previous assessment results as it simply provides contextual information.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
31	Page 68, Paragraph 8.7	<p>Amendments and additions to the text within paragraph 8.7 as follows:</p> <p>Matters appropriate for Planning obligation contributions can include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Health</u> ▪ <u>Minerals and Waste Development</u> 	<p>The minor modifications to this policy would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
32	Page 71, Key Statement DMI2	<p>Amendment to the second paragraph of Key Statement DMI2: Transport Considerations, as follows:</p> <p>In general, schemes offering opportunities for more sustainable means of transport <u>and sustainable travel improvements</u> will be supported. Sites for potential future railway stations at Chatburn and Gisburn will be protected from inappropriate development.”</p>	<p>The minor amendment to this policy would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
33	Page 72, Key Statement DMI3	<p>Deletion of Key Statement DMI3: Development Management in its entirety:</p> <p>To help determine planning applications and deliver the vision and objectives of the Core Strategy, the Council will apply a range of Development Management policies.</p>	<p>As this Key Statement was assessed as part of the previous assessment, the scoring in the relevant matrix of Appendix D of the SA Report would now be redundant. However, no negative impacts were</p>

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			<p>recorded against the SA Objectives, and no recommendations for improvement were made. In addition, the Key Statement essentially embraced the principle of considering the Core Strategy as a whole, and the Development Management policies it referred to had been assessed separately.</p> <p><i>Note: Paragraph 8.16 should also be deleted, which is the supporting text to the Key Statement.</i></p>
Chapter 9: Strategic Site			
34	Page 76	<p>Amendment to the third and fourth paragraphs of this Chapter as follows:</p> <p>Work undertaken on infrastructure planning as part of the Core Strategy process has shown that in principle, there are no significant barriers to the development and that the site is deliverable within the plan period <u>with appropriate phasing of the development to allow infrastructure enhancements to be co-ordinated and delivered</u>. It is envisaged that the site will be accessed by a minimum of two access points from the existing local highway network with a through route for public transport. The development will also necessitate <u>secure</u> improvements to the strategic highway network at the A59/Clitheroe Road/Pendle Road Junction. Any development should take account of the presence of <u>heritage assets within and in the vicinity of the site, including the line of the Roman Road that runs through the site, which is of archaeological and historic significance</u>. There will be a need for high quality structural landscaping to contribute a good quality development and address the landscape impacts of a development of this scale <u>and consideration will be given to Local Green Space options. On the basis of currently known development in the area and regulatory requirements, United Utilities has stated that the development of this strategic site would necessitate the need for improvements in water and wastewater infrastructure and has therefore identified a need for appropriate phasing to allow for the practical implications associated with infrastructure enhancement.</u></p> <p>The Core Strategy is seeking to identify the site in principle. and The precise</p>	<p>The proposed amendments to the text relate to being more specific about the appropriate phasing of the development to allow the coordinated delivery of associated infrastructure improvements. The previous assessment results would therefore not be altered.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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		mix of uses, developable areas, and development, <u>detailed infrastructure requirements and the need for phasing</u> will be determined in more detail in subsequent Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents which will be subject to separate consultation and through the Development Management process.	
Chapter 10: Development Management Policies			
35	Chapter 10 as a whole	Presentation of the text within Chapter 10 will be amended to make clearer what is policy and what is reasoned justification for all Development Management policies.	Changes to the presentation of text would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
36	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	Amendment to the presentation of Policy DMG1: General Considerations (to identify bullet points with alphabetic characters) and addition of a new bullet point between the existing sixth and seventh bullet points, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Consider the protection and enhancement of public rights of way and access.</u> 	The additional bullet point strengthens the Policy in relation to ensuring protection and enhancement of public access, which can generate indirect health benefits. The previous assessment recorded positive effects against the SA objectives ' <i>To improve physical and mental health for all and reduce health inequalities</i> ' and ' <i>To improve access to basic goods, services and amenities for all groups</i> '. The results of the previous assessment would therefore not be altered. No further assessment needed.
37	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	Inclusion of the Code for Sustainable Homes and Lifetime Homes to be included in the Core Strategy glossary (identified in the last bullet point of Policy DMG1: General Considerations), and amendment to the seventh bullet point as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Also consider the implications of development on heritage assets such as Scheduled Ancient Monuments, listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens. ▪ <u>All development must protect and enhance heritage assets and their settings.</u> 	The amended bullet point relating to the protection and enhancement of heritage assets and their settings would add strength to the policy and provide a positive score against SA Objective ' <i>To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource</i> ', which was previously assessed as positive and negative (within the relevant matrix presented in Appendix D of the SA Report), as the text now directly seeks to ensure that there are no adverse effects on such features.

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38	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	<p>Amendment to the eighth bullet point of Policy DMG1: General Considerations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regards to possible effects upon the natural environment, the council propose that the principles of the mitigation <u>hierarchy be followed. This gives sequential preference to the following: 1) enhance the environment 2) avoid the impact 3) minimise the impact 4) restore the damage 5) compensate for the damage 6) offset the damage.</u> 	<p>The additional text would not alter the previous assessment results, but would provide valuable information relating to the approach to addressing potential adverse impacts upon the natural environment, which would be beneficial in the long term as it will provide clarity on the issues that will be considered as part of the planning process.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
39	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	<p>Amendment to the eleventh bullet point of Policy DMG1: General Considerations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the density, layout and relationship between buildings, which is of major importance. Particular emphasis will be placed on visual appearance and the relationship to surroundings, <u>including impact on landscape character</u>, as well as the effects of development on existing amenities. 	<p>The modification to the bullet point would not alter the previous assessment but would further strengthen the Policy by highlighting the importance of protecting the existing landscape character. The previous assessment recorded positive effects against the SA objective <i>'To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality'</i>.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
40	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	<p>Inclusion of the definition of Social Infrastructure in the Core Strategy glossary and the addition of a new bullet point to Policy DMG1: General Considerations) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Consider the potential impact on social infrastructure provision.</u> 	<p>The inclusion of a new bullet point that seeks to ensure consideration of the potential impact on social infrastructure provision (e.g. health, education and community facilities) is essential as developments will need to demonstrate the local need and benefit. This therefore strengthens the assessment of the Policy against the SA Objective <i>'To improve access to basic goods, services and community facilities for all groups'</i>, and would result in a change in the previous assessment result (presented within the relevant matrix in Appendix D of the SA Report) from a positive/negative score to a positive score.</p>

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41	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	Amendment to the first bullet point of Policy DMG1: General Considerations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be of a high standard of building design <u>which considers the 8 Building in Context Principles (from the CABE/ English Heritage building on context toolkit).</u> 	The insertion of this text simply provides additional clarity about building design standards and would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
42	Page 80 / 81, Paragraph 10.4 (Policy DMG1)	Amendment to the seventeenth bullet point of, and addition of a new nineteenth bullet point to, Policy DMG1: General Considerations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the potential impacts of development on air quality and mitigate adverse impacts where possible. The Code for Sustainable Homes and Lifetime Homes should be incorporated into schemes. <u>Have regard to the availability of key infrastructure with capacity. Where key infrastructure with capacity is not available it may be necessary to phase development to allow infrastructure enhancements to take place.</u> 	The amendment to the seventeenth bullet point is very minor and would not alter the results of the previous assessment. The proposed new bullet point contains a specific requirement for the consideration of the capacity of existing infrastructure and the appropriate phasing of development to allow the coordinated delivery of associated infrastructure improvements. The previous assessment results would therefore not be altered. No further assessment needed.
43	Page 81 / 82, Paragraph 10.5 (Policy DMG2)	Inclusion of the definitions of 'settlement', 'consolidate', 'expansion' and 'rounding off' in the Core Strategy glossary and addition of a new paragraph at the end of paragraph 10.5 (Policy DMG2: Strategic Considerations) as follows: <u>For the purposes of this policy the term settlement is defined in the Glossary. Current settlement boundaries will be updated in subsequent DPDs.</u>	This very minor addition of text would not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
44	Page 82 / 83, Paragraph 10.6 (Policy DMG3)	Amendment to the first bullet point of Policy DMG3: Transport and Mobility as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The availability and adequacy of public transport <u>and associated infrastructure</u> to serve those moving to and from the development. 	This text simply adds strength and clarity to the bullet point, and would therefore not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
45	Page 82 / 83, Paragraph 10.6 (Policy DMG3)	Amendment to the third bullet point of Policy DMG3: Transport and Mobility as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals which promote development within existing developed areas <u>or extensions to them</u> at locations which are highly accessible by means other 	This text simply adds clarity to the bullet point, and would therefore not alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.

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		than the private car.	
46	Page 82 / 83, Paragraph 10.6 (Policy DMG3)	<p>Addition of text to the final paragraph of paragraph 10.6 (Policy DMG3: Transport and Mobility) as follows:</p> <p>In using this policy, reference will be made to the Guidance on Transport Assessments. <u>This should also include an assessment of the impacts on existing bus and rail infrastructure, including level crossings. Where necessary developers will be expected to contribute towards improvements in public transport provision and infrastructure.</u></p>	<p>The additional text adds further clarity and strength to the Policy to ensure that plan-users understand the considerations that should be given in terms of sustainable travel and access. The previous assessment recorded a major positive effect against the SA Objective 'To promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport'. The additional text would therefore not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
47	Page 83 / 84, Paragraph 10.7 (Policy DME1)	<p>Addition of text to the end of the first paragraph of paragraph 10.7 (Policy DME1: Protecting Trees and Woodlands) as follows:</p> <p><u>The Council encourages successional tree planting to ensure tree cover is maintained into the future"</u></p>	<p>The additional text would not alter the previous assessment but would further strengthen the Policy by highlighting the importance of ensuring that planting is maintained sustainably for the future.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
48	Page 84, Paragraph 10.10	<p>Addition of text to paragraph 10.10 as follows:</p> <p>The Borough Council will take measures through appropriate <u>planning conditions</u>, legislation and management regimes to ensure that any tree classified identified as veteran/ancient tree is afforded sufficient level of protection and appropriate management in order to ensure its long term survivability.</p>	<p>This additional text merely provides weight to the statement relating to the protection and management of veteran and ancient trees, and would therefore not alter the results of the previous assessment.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
49	Page 85 / 86, Paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2)	<p>Amendment to the first sentence of paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2: Landscape and Townscape Protection) as follows:</p> <p>Development proposals will be refused which <u>significantly</u> harm important landscape or landscape features including:</p>	<p>This amendment would not affect the previous assessment results as it merely clarifies the text. The previous assessment recorded a positive effect against the SA Objective 'To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality'.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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50	Page 85 / 86, Paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2)	<p>Addition of a new bullet point to paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2: Landscape and Townscape Protection) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Upland landscapes and associated habitats such as blanket bog</u> 	<p>The minor modification to the policy would not affect the previous assessment results which recorded a positive effect against the SA Objectives 'To protect and enhance biodiversity' and 'To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality'.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
51	Page 85 / 86, Paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2)	<p>Addition of a new bullet point to paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2: Landscape and Townscape Protection) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>botanically rich roadside verges (that are worthy of protection)</u> 	<p>The minor modification to the policy would not affect the previous assessment results which recorded a positive effect against the SA Objective 'To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality'.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
52	Page 85 / 86, Paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2)	<p>Amendment to the second sentence of the final paragraph of paragraph 10.13 (Policy DME2: Landscape and Townscape Protection) as follows:</p> <p>In applying this policy reference will be made to a variety of guidance including the Lancashire County Council Landscape Character Assessment, <u>the AONB Landscape Character Assessment 2010</u> and the AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p>This minor amendment simply references additional guidance for future plan users, and would therefore not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
53	Page 86 / 87, Paragraph 10.14 (Policy DME3)	<p>Amendments to the final two sentences of paragraph 10.14 (Policy DME3: Site and Species Protection and Conservation) as follows:</p> <p>In terms of the protection of the soil resource and high quality agricultural land development and land management practices should seek to avoid soil erosion; avoid contamination of land and promote restoration, protect the peat resource and recognise the importance of peat in particular for its carbon sequestration value, <u>water quality improvements for both drinking water and biodiversity, reduction of local flood risk and reduction of moorland wildfire risk.</u> The and recognises the important link between soil quality, the natural environment and the landscape <u>should be recognised.</u></p>	<p>The previous assessment (presented within the relevant matrix in Appendix D of the SA Report) recorded positive effects against the SA Objectives relating to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, water resources and soil resources, as the Policy directly seeks to protect such assets. Positive effects should still be recorded against these SA Objectives, but also now against the SA Objective 'To limit and adapt to climate change', as a result of the additional text relating to the reduction of flood risk.</p>
54	Page 87 / 88, Paragraph	Amendment to the presentation of paragraph 10.15 (Policy DME4: Protecting	Although this text amendment would not alter the

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	10.15 (Policy DME4)	<p>Heritage Assets) and amendment to the first sentence, as follows:</p> <p>In considering development proposals the Council will make a presumption in favour of the preservation of important <u>protection and enhancement of</u> heritage assets and their settings.</p>	<p>previous assessment results (which were assessed as positive against the SA Objective 'To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource'), this Policy is now more robust through the addition of wording directly seeking to protect and enhance heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
55	Page 87 / 88, Paragraph 10.15 (Policy DME4)	<p>Amendment of text of paragraph 10.15 (Policy DME4: Protecting Heritage Assets) as follows (note that the final wording is subject to agreement with English Heritage):</p> <p>Conservation Areas</p> <p>Proposals within or closely related to Conservation Areas should not harm the Area. This should include considerations as to whether it is in keeping with <u>respects and safeguards</u> the architectural and historic character of the area as set out in the relevant Conservation Area Appraisal. Development in these areas will be strictly controlled to ensure that it reflects <u>respects</u> the character of the area in terms of <u>its location</u>, scale, size, design and materials and also respects trees and important open space <u>existing buildings, structures, trees and open spaces</u>.</p> <p>In the Conservation Areas there will be a presumption in favour of the preservation of elements that make a positive contribution to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Listed Buildings and Other Buildings of Significant Heritage Interest</p> <p>Development proposals on sites within the setting of listed buildings or buildings of significant heritage interest, which cause visual harm to the setting of the building, will be resisted. Any proposals involving the partial or full demolition of <u>or loss of important historic fabric from</u> listed buildings will be refused unless it can be demonstrated that this is unavoidable.</p> <p>Registered Historic Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest and other Gardens of Significant Heritage Interest</p>	<p>As above, whilst these text amendments would not alter the previous assessment results, they add further weight to the Policy by strengthening the focus of the existing text, providing a clearer focus on the protection and enhancement of heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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		<p>Developments within or immediately adjacent to registered parks and gardens will be expected to take their special qualities into account and, where appropriate, to make a positive contribution to them.</p> <p><u>Proposals affecting Registered Historic Parks and Gardens and Other gardens of significant heritage interest, or their settings, should respect and safeguard their character.</u></p> <p>Scheduled Monuments</p> <p>Applications for development that would impact a Scheduled Monument will need to demonstrate that they have taken the particular importance of the monument and its setting into account and that Scheduled Monument Consent has either already been obtained or is likely to be granted.</p> <p>Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5) and its associated practice guide, <u>National policy</u> gives additional policy guidance on dealing with both designated and undesignated heritage assets, and will be applied by the Council when determining proposals.</p> <p>Proposals that affect such sites as those mentioned above should also give adequate consideration of how the public understanding and appreciation of such sites could be improved.</p>	
56	Page 87 / 88, Paragraph 10.15 (Policy DME4)	<p>Addition of a new paragraph at the end of paragraph 10.15 (Policy DME4: Protecting Heritage Assets) as follows (note that the final wording is subject to agreement with English Heritage):</p> <p><u>In line with NPPF, Ribble Valley aims to seek positive improvements in the quality of the historic environment through the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Monitoring heritage assets at risk and;</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>supporting development/ re-use proposals consistent with their conservation;</u> ii. <u>considering use of legal powers (Building Preservation Notices, Urgent Works Notices) to ensure the proper preservation of listed buildings and buildings within conservation areas.</u> b) <u>Supporting redevelopment proposals which better reveal the significance</u> 	<p>Although this text amendment would not alter the previous assessment results (which were assessed as positive against the SA Objective 'To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource'), this Policy is now much more robust through the addition of this wording which relates to the measures RVBC will employ to ensure the protection and enhancement of the historic environment.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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		<p><u>of heritage assets or their settings</u></p> <p>c) <u>Production of design guidance</u></p> <p>d) <u>Keeping conservation area management guidance under review</u></p> <p>e) <u>Use of legal enforcement powers to address unauthorised works where it is expedient to do so.</u></p>	
57	Page 88 / 89, Paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5)	<p>Deletion of the second bullet point from paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5: Renewable Energy) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The immediate and wider impact of the proposed development on the landscape, including its visual impact and the cumulative impacts of development. 	<p>This change merely removes repetition and so there is no change to the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
58	Page 88 / 89, Paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5)	<p>Addition of a bullet point within paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5: Renewable Energy) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>The potential impact on biodiversity</u> 	<p>The previous assessment (presented within the relevant matrix in Appendix D of the SA Report) identified an uncertain impact against the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance biodiversity</i>'. This additional text strengthens the Policy to ensure that the potential impact upon biodiversity is an integral consideration within all developments, and therefore positive effects can now be recorded.</p>
59	Page 88 / 89, Paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5)	<p>Addition of a sentence at the end of the second paragraph of paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5: Renewable Energy) as follows:</p> <p>This target will be uprated in line with national targets. Implementation of this requirement will be monitored and enforced by the planning authority. <u>The Council will also have regard to the AONB Renewable Energy Position Statement 2011 in assessing proposals.</u></p>	<p>Although this additional text adds strength to the Policy in terms of consideration of the protection of the AONB within renewable energy developments, the previous assessment recorded positive effects against the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality</i>', and would therefore not alter the results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
60	Page 88 / 89, Paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5)	<p>Additional text within the final paragraph of paragraph 10.16 (Policy DME5: Renewable Energy) as follows:</p> <p>Development proposals within or close to the AONB, Sites of Special Scientific</p>	<p>The addition of a reference to BHSs strengthens the Policy, to ensure their consideration along with the other identified designated sites. However, it does not add any additional information that has not</p>

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		Interest, Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas, notable habitats and species, Local Nature Reserves, <u>Biological Heritage Sites</u> or designated heritage assets and their setting will not be allowed unless:	already been assessed, and would not therefore alter the previous assessment results. No further assessment needed.
61	Page 89, Paragraph 10.17 (Policy DME6)	Addition of a new paragraph at the end of paragraph 10.17 (Policy DME6: Water Management) as follows: <u>All applications for planning permission should include details for surface water drainage and means of disposal based on sustainable drainage principles. The use of the public sewerage system is the least sustainable form of surface water drainage and therefore development proposals will be expected to investigate and identify more sustainable alternatives to help reduce the risk of surface water flooding and environmental impact.</u>	Although this additional paragraph adds strength to the Policy in terms of ensuring developments implement sustainable drainage principles, the previous assessment recorded positive effects against the SA Objectives ‘ <i>To protect and enhance the quality of water features and resources</i> ’, and ‘ <i>To limit and adapt to climate change</i> ’, and would therefore not alter the results. No further assessment needed.
62	Page 91, Paragraph 10.19 (Policy DMH2)	Amendment to the final bullet point and the addition of two new bullet points within paragraph 10.19 (Policy DMH2: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation) as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Proposals must have good access and not have an adverse impact on highway safety.</u> ▪ <u>Proposals should not place undue pressure on local infrastructure and services.</u> ▪ <u>Proposals are not located in areas at high risk of flooding.</u> 	Section 4.5.3 of the SA Report identified two clear recommendations in relation to this Policy: to ensure appropriate planning for drainage and sewerage is part of the site design, and to cross reference to the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Policy to integrate their requirements into dwellings and traveller sites where appropriate. Both of these recommendations have been addressed in some way through the additional text relating to local infrastructure / services and flood risk. The previous assessment (presented within the relevant matrix in Appendix D of the SA Report) recorded positive effects against the SA Objectives relating to access to goods / services / amenities, and the protection and enhancement of water resources. Positive effects should still be recorded against these SA Objectives. However, the previously identified uncertain effects recorded against the SA Objective ‘ <i>To limit and adapt to</i>

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			<i>climate change</i> can be altered to a positive score.
63	Page 91 / 92, Paragraph 10.20 (Policy DMH3)	<p>Amendment to the title, the first sentence, and the final paragraph of paragraph 10.20 (Policy DMH3: Dwellings in the Open Countryside) as follows:</p> <p>Dwellings in the Open Countryside and AONB</p> <p>Within areas defined as Open Countryside or <u>AONB</u> on the proposals map, residential development will be limited to:</p> <p>The creation of a permanent dwelling by the removal of any condition that restricts the occupation of dwellings to tourism/visitor use or for holiday use will be refused <u>on the basis of unsustainability.</u></p>	<p>This additional text strengthens the Policy by providing more specific focus upon the need to ensure protection and enhancement of the AONB, but would not alter the results of the previous assessment which recorded positive effects against a the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality</i>'.</p> <p>The additional text within the final paragraph of the Policy is very minor, and would also not alter the results of the previous assessment.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
64	Page 92 / 93, Paragraph 10.21 (Policy DMH4)	<p>Addition of a new sixth bullet point to paragraph 10.21 (Policy DMH4: The Conversion of Barns and Other Buildings to Dwellings) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>That any existing nature conservation aspects of the existing structure are properly surveyed and where judged to be significant preserved or, if this is not possible, then any loss adequately mitigated.</u> 	<p>Although this additional bullet point adds strength to the Policy in terms of ensuring conversions preserve existing nature conservation aspects, the previous assessment recorded positive effects against the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance biodiversity</i>', and would therefore not alter the results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
65	Page 93, Paragraph 10.22 (Policy DMH5)	<p>Addition of text at the beginning of the last sentence within the first paragraph of paragraph 10.22 (Policy DMH5: Residential and Curtilage Extensions), and amendment to the final paragraph as follows:</p> <p><u>Any existing nature conservation aspects of the existing structure should be properly surveyed and where judged to be significant preserved or, if this is not possible, then any loss adequately mitigated.</u></p> <p>Proposals to extend a curtilage in other circumstances will not be approved other than where it will support the health of the local economy <u>or for highway safety reasons.</u></p>	<p>This additional bullet point adds strength to the Policy in terms of ensuring any extension proposals preserve existing nature conservation aspects. As the previous assessment (presented within the relevant matrix in Appendix D of the SA Report) recorded neutral effects against the SA Objective '<i>To protect and enhance biodiversity</i>', this amendment would therefore result in a change in the assessment result to a positive score.</p> <p>The amendment relating to highway safety is a</p>

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			minor, albeit important, modification and would therefore not alter the results of the previous assessment.
66	Page 97, Paragraph 10.26 (Policy DMB4)	<p>Amendment to the second sentence of the first paragraph of paragraph 10.26 (Policy DMB4: Open Space Provision) as follows:</p> <p>On all residential sites of over 1 hectare, the layout will be expected to provide adequate and usable public open space. <u>On a site-by-site basis</u>, the Council will also negotiate for provision on smaller sites, or seek to secure a <u>an off-site</u> contribution towards provision for sport and recreational facilities or public open space within the area where the overall level of supply is inadequate.</p>	<p>This minor addition of text would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
67	Page 97, Paragraph 10.27 (Policy DMB5)	<p>Addition of a new sentence after the first sentence of paragraph 10.27 (Policy DMB5: Footpaths and Bridleways) as follows:</p> <p><u>In situations where a public right of way will inevitably become less attractive (due to adjacent/surrounding development), the policy should require compensatory enhancements such that there is a net improvement to the public right of way network.</u></p>	<p>The additional text would not alter the previous assessment but would further strengthen the Policy by highlighting the importance of the protection and enhancement of Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>
68	Page 100, Paragraph 10.29 (Policy DMR2)	<p>Amendment to paragraph 10.29 (Policy DMR2: Shopping in Longridge and Whalley) as follows:</p> <p>Proposals for new small scale shopping developments <u>including expansion of existing facilities</u> will be approved on sites which are physically closely related to existing shopping facilities. All proposed shopping developments, will be subject to other relevant policies in the plan and the Borough Council will have particular regard to the effect of the proposals on the character and amenities of the centre and the consequences in respect of vehicular movement and parking.</p> <p>Longridge and Whalley will continue to be the other main shopping areas of the Borough. Their size and facilities are more closely related to local shopping needs than those of Clitheroe. <u>However it is recognised that Longridge serves a wide hinterland.</u> This may change as the pattern of development is shaped in the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>This minor addition of text would not alter the previous assessment results.</p> <p>No further assessment needed.</p>

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Chapter 11: Monitoring			
69	Page 104, Target 1	Amendment to the source of monitoring indicator 1.4 from <u>LCC</u> to <u>AMR</u> , within Target 1: Respect, protect and enhance the high quality environment and biodiversity in the borough.	Although the proposed monitoring framework was considered through the preparation of the SA Report, this Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not explicitly assessed as part of the previous assessment and this amendment would not therefore alter the results. No further assessment needed.
70	Page 104, Target 1	Addition of two new indicators (1.5 and 1.6) to Target 1: Respect, protect and enhance the high quality environment and biodiversity in the borough, as follows: <u>1.5 Number of applications granted contrary to Natural England advice</u> <u>1.6 The number or proportion of the population that has full access to the requirements of the Accessible Natural Green space Standard.</u>	Although the proposed monitoring framework was considered through the preparation of the SA Report, this Chapter of the Publication Core Strategy was not explicitly assessed as part of the previous assessment and these additional indicators would not therefore alter the results. No further assessment needed.
Chapter 12: Glossary			
71	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	Amendment to the definition of Biological Heritage Site as follows: BIOLOGICAL HERITAGE SITE - A national designation <u>A county designation given weight through the NPPF</u> that carries with it certain obligations on the Local Planning Authority when formulating policy or assessing planning applications.	No further assessment needed.
72	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	Definitions to be added to the glossary as follows: <u>SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - Social infrastructure includes provision for: health and social care; education; leisure and pleasure; emergency services; and community facilities which are needed to serve communities.</u> <u>COMMUNITY FACILITIES - Facilities which provide for the health and wellbeing, social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leisure and cultural needs of the community.</u>	No further assessment needed.

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73	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Definitions to be added to the glossary as follows:</p> <p><u>HERITAGE ASSET - A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).</u></p> <p><u>SETTING OF A HERITAGE ASSET - The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.</u></p> <p><u>SIGNIFICANCE (for heritage policy) - The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. That interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset's physical presence, but also from its setting.</u></p>	No further assessment needed.
74	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Definition to be added to the glossary as follows:</p> <p><u>ELDERLY PROVISION - Generally taken as provision for people aged 55 years or over.</u></p>	No further assessment needed.
75	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Amendment to the definition of Five-Year Supply as follows:</p> <p><u>FIVE-YEAR SUPPLY - Each Local Planning Authority is required to demonstrate a five-year supply of land for housing based upon the appropriate strategic requirement. The five year supply position is monitored on a quarterly basis. Ribble Valley is required to provide 161 residential units each year and therefore is required to demonstrate that 805 units (161x5) can be provided. If a five-year supply cannot be demonstrated then it becomes difficult to resist applications for residential development, even if they are not suitable.</u></p>	No further assessment needed.
76	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Deletion of definitions relating to Planning Policy Statements as follows:</p> <p>PPS— PLANNING POLICY STATEMENTS</p> <p>PPS1</p>	No further assessment needed.

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		<p>PPS-3</p> <p>PPS12</p> <p>PPS-25</p>	
77	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Definition to be added to the glossary as follows:</p> <p><u>NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework. This contains the Government's planning policies for England and must be taken into account in preparing local and neighbourhood plans and is a material consideration in planning decisions. The NPPF was issued in March 2012 and supersedes guidance formerly contained in Planning Policy Statements and Guidance (PPS and PPGs).</u></p>	No further assessment needed.
78	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Definition of Settlement to be added to the glossary as follows:</p> <p><u>SETTLEMENT - A settlement for the purposes of this plan is an area that:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Includes all properties physically linked to the main (built) part of the settlement</u> ▪ <u>Includes all undeveloped areas of existing planning consents relating to the settlement</u> ▪ <u>Includes residential curtilages</u> ▪ <u>Boundaries do not include properties separated from the main body of the settlement by areas of open land not forming a residential curtilage</u> ▪ <u>In most cases single depth development (ribbon development) along roads leading out of settlements will be excluded unless they are physically well related to the settlement</u> 	No further assessment needed.
79	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Definitions of 'Consolidation', 'Expansion' and 'Rounding off' to be added to the glossary as per the saved Local Plan.</p>	No further assessment needed.
80	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Replacement of reference to Affordable Housing Memorandum of understanding (AHMU) with <u>Addressing Housing Need.</u></p>	No further assessment needed.
81	Glossary (begins on Page 111)	<p>Amendment to the definition of Open Countryside, and addition of definitions of Code for Sustainable Homes and Lifetime Homes, as follows:</p>	No further assessment needed.

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		<p><u>OPEN COUNTRYSIDE</u> - This is a designation <u>currently defined within the proposals map of the RV Districtwide Local Plan</u> mainly of land outside Settlement Areas but not designated Greenbelt or AONB.</p> <p><u>CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES</u> - The Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) is an <u>environmental assessment method for rating and certifying the performance of new homes</u>. It is a national standard for use in the <u>design and construction of new homes with a view to encouraging continuous improvement in sustainable home building</u>.</p> <p><u>LIFETIME HOMES</u> - The standard is designed to <u>accommodate the changing needs of occupants of housing throughout their lives</u>. There are 16 standards promoted in the Rowntree Foundation report '<u>Meeting Part M and Designing Lifetimes Homes</u>' such as <u>wider doorways, wheelchair access, downstairs toilet and provision for a future stair lift</u>.</p>	
Chapter 13: Evidence Base Documents			
82	Evidence Base Documents (begins on Page 119)	Addition of a new paragraph 13.1, under chapter heading, as follows: <u>13.1 In addition the Council has drawn on information submitted through extensive consultation, which is available for reference.</u>	No further assessment needed.
83	Evidence Base Documents (begins on Page 119)	Addition of the following evidence base documents: <u>Addressing Housing Need in Ribble Valley June 2011 (RVBC)</u> <u>CABE/English Heritage Building in Context Toolkit</u> <u>Employment Land position Statement June 2011 (RVBC)</u> <u>Forest of Bowland AONB Renewable Energy Statement 2011</u> <u>G6 Essential Open Space Designation Audit 2011 (RVBC)</u> <u>LCC Historic Environment Record</u> <u>LCC Extensive Urban Survey reports</u>	No further assessment needed.
Chapter 15: Appendices			
84	Page 132, Appendix 2, Paragraph 15.1	Amendment of footnote 20 within paragraph 15.1 to explain which the other 32 settlements are.	No further assessment needed.

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85	Page 133, Appendix 2	Amendment of figures for housing requirement and distribution to reflect the most up to date monitoring period (June 2012).	As previously discussed in relation to proposed change 11, this amendment deems the figures presented within the SA Report (within Section 4.4 relating to the assessment of the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option) incorrect. However, as the total residual housing requirement remains at 4000, and the pattern of distribution remains similar, the amendments are not considered to be significant, and therefore would not alter the results of the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
Miscellaneous			
86	Core Strategy as a whole	Any other minor textual / typographical / editorial / factual updates.	Such changes would be minor and would therefore not alter the results of the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
87	Core Strategy as a whole	Amend any necessary issues relating to compliance with NPPF in relation to Wildlife Trust comments or other.	Such changes would not alter the results of the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
88	Development Management Policies	Clarification of what is policy / supporting text.	Such changes would not alter the results of the previous assessment. No further assessment needed.
89	For proposed change 89, refer to the previous section of the table relating to Chapter 6: Housing.		
90	For proposed change 90, refer to the previous section of the table relating to Chapter 7: Economy.		

3 SA Recommendations

Within the previous assessment, recommendations and potential mitigation measures were identified that would further improve the sustainability performance of the Publication Core Strategy.

Table 3-1 below outlines a summary of the sustainability recommendations made within the SA Report (refer to the SA Report for the complete wording), and also identifies whether they have been taken on board by RBVC and incorporated into the Core Strategy.

Table 3-1 SA Recommendations

Element of the Core Strategy	SA Recommendation	Recommendation Taken on Board?
The Vision (refer to Section 4.1.2 of the SA Report)		
The Vision	Strengthen the Vision to include direct reference to the provision of affordable housing, improved job opportunities and enhancing the public transport network.	No. Recommendation still stands.
	Include reference to the long-term threat of climate change and for the need for appropriate mitigation and adaptation.	No. Recommendation still stands.
	Amend the final paragraph to ensure the special characteristics of the borough are enhanced, as follows: <i>'New development to meet the needs of the area for growth, services and quality of life will be managed to ensure the special characteristics of the area are preserved <u>and enhanced</u> for future generations'.</i>	No. Recommendation still stands.
The Strategic Objectives (refer to Section 4.2.2 of the SA Report)		
Strategic Objective 1	Amend the supporting text to include reference to the SPA and SAC.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Strategic Objectives 2 and 3	Combine Strategic Objectives 2 and 3 as both seek to ensure new housing meets local needs.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Strategic Objective 1	Expand Strategic Objective 4 to include reference to ensuring there are provisions within the borough to ensure Ribble Valley has an adequately trained labour force to meet business needs now and in the future.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Strategic Objective 9	Expand the supporting text to Strategic Objective 9 to ensure new development is energy efficient, water efficient, incorporates renewable energy (where possible) and encourages recycling. In addition, state that brownfield land would be a preferable location for new development over Greenfield.	No. Recommendation still stands.
New Strategic Objective	Add a new Strategic Objective to address and mitigate against the effects of climate change, and refer to renewable energy sources and the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems into new development.	Partly. The ninth Strategic Objective has been amended to refer to addressing and mitigating against the

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		<p>impacts of climate change.</p> <p>However, the Strategic Objectives collectively still don't refer to renewable energy and sustainable drainage.</p>
The Preferred Spatial Strategy Option (i.e. Development Strategy) (refer to Section 4.4.2 of the SA Report)		
<p>The Preferred Spatial Strategy (Key Statement DS1: Development Strategy)</p>	<p>Provide more detail regarding how the strategic site may be developed in line with sustainable development and design principles to ensure it has an appropriate degree of self-sustainability. Given the size of the site, this development would need an appropriate degree of self-sustenance in terms of local amenities, open space, services and public transport links. Good sustainable transport access (walking/cycling routes and public transport) to the Clitheroe amenities and transport hub would be essential.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A new Key Statement DS2: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development has been included within the Development Strategy, which although does not go into the detail recommended in the SA Report, seeks to ensure that development will meet the principles of sustainable development and the NPPF.</p>
	<p>Create a masterplan for the site to enable a more strategic level of control by the council over what is developed.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Recommendation still stands.</p>
	<p>Include supporting text on training and retention in new business opportunities.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Recommendation still stands.</p>
	<p>Infrastructure development in Longridge would need cohesive support from Ribble Valley and Preston councils.</p>	<p>N/A (mitigation recommendation).</p>
	<p>Broadband access is limited in rural areas. This would need to be improved to help support business development.</p>	<p>N/A (mitigation recommendation).</p>
	<p>A strong policy framework is required to protect environmental, landscape and heritage features at the micro-scale, especially in rural areas associated with the AONB.</p> <p>This would also include strong design policies, and include where large areas of growth are proposed such as in Clitheroe. More direction is required in this option to maximise benefits where they are required and minimise adverse effects.</p>	<p>N/A (mitigation recommendation).</p>
	<p>The line of a roman road passes through the strategic site. It would be beneficial to incorporate the line of this into the design where possible and undertake an appropriate heritage study.</p>	<p>N/A (mitigation recommendation).</p>
	<p>Alleviating potential traffic congestion would be an important aspect for</p>	<p>N/A (mitigation</p>

Element of the Core Strategy	SA Recommendation	Recommendation Taken on Board?
	this option. This could include local highways infrastructure improvements, multiple access points and provision of effective public/sustainable transport linkages.	recommendation).
	New schools infrastructure should be provided to accommodate growth as part of new development, notably in the Standen Estate.	N/A (mitigation recommendation).
	Provide extra wording regarding development in smaller settlements which references the need to protect the local character, environment and built heritage.	No. Recommendation still stands.
General Development Management Policies (refer to Section 4.5.1 of the SA Report)		
Policy DMG1: General Considerations	Policy DMG1 should be more specific in relation to the Council's expectations in relation to Code for Sustainable Homes and Lifetime Homes standards that should be achieved.	No. Recommendation still stands.
	Policy DMG1 should cross reference Policy DME5: Renewable Energy to provide clarity regarding energy efficiency requirements for new developments.	No. Recommendation still stands.
	Policy DMG1 could include a specific statement identifying the need for developments to mitigate and adapt to climate change, for there to be no increase in flood risk and for sustainable drainage systems to be used.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Environment Key Statements and Policies (refer to Section 4.5.2 of the SA Report)		
Key Statement EN2: Landscape Policy DME2: Landscape and Townscape Protection	The landscape Key Statement or Policy should acknowledge the historic value of the landscapes and make reference to the Lancashire Historic Landscape Characterisation programme.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Policy DME5: Renewable Energy	Strengthen Policy DME5 to more thoroughly outline the types of assessment that may be required for renewable energy developments e.g. Environmental Impact Assessment.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Housing Key Statements and Policies (refer to Section 4.5.3 of the SA Report)		
General	The policies could be improved through cross-referencing to Policy DME3: Sites and Species Protection and Conservation and Key Statement EN4: Biodiversity and Geodiversity, to ensure sufficient protection for biodiversity resources.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Policy DMH2: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation	Strengthen the Policy to ensure that appropriate planning for drainage and sewerage is part of the site design.	Yes. This recommendation has been addressed in some way through the additional text relating to local infrastructure / services.
	Cross refer to Key Statement EN3: Sustainable Development and Climate change to integrate the requirements within all dwellings and travellers sites where appropriate.	Yes. This recommendation has been addressed in some way through the

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		additional text relating to flood risk.
General	Provide further clarity in the Core Strategy regarding the Council's expectations in relation to the achievement of Code for Sustainable Homes and Lifetime Homes standards.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Economy Key Statements and Policies (refer to Section 4.5.4 of the SA Report)		
General	New employment developments should be encouraged to provide apprenticeships and training opportunities for local residents.	N/A (mitigation recommendation).
	Development should be designed to facilitate and encourage waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy. Suitable waste management storage and infrastructure should be part of new development.	N/A (mitigation recommendation).
	The AONB Management Plan indicates that a design guide is to be produced to ensure new development is in keeping with or conserves and enhances the character of its locality. Depending upon the publication timetable the use of this document should be recommended to prospective developers considering proposals within the AONB.	No. Recommendation still stands.
Retail Development Key Statements and Policies (refer to Section 4.5.5 of the SA Report)		
No recommendations made.		
Delivery Mechanisms Key Statements and Policies (refer to Section 4.5.6 of the SA Report)		
No recommendations made.		

4 Further Changes to the SA Report

In addition to the amendments to the appraisal findings identified above, other aspects of the SA Report have been reviewed for their currency.

Two key areas were reviewed. Firstly, the baseline data presented in Appendix B was reviewed to determine whether any updates to this would result in significant changes to the appraisal outcomes. Whilst this data was last updated in February 2012, the majority of information presented and key trends discussed are not considered to have evolved sufficiently to result in the appraisal findings needing to be updated. Consequently, the baseline data presented in Appendix B has not been re-issued.

Secondly, the plans, policies and programmes (PPP) review presented in Appendix A of the SA Report was also reviewed. Since this was last updated in February 2012, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been introduced. This seeks to greatly simplify the current guidance on planning policy. At its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Consequently, the Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidance documents referred to in Appendix A under national-level plans should now be removed and replaced with a reference to the NPPF as follows:

Key Objectives Relevant to Plan and SA	Key Targets and Indicators Relevant to Plan and SA	Implications for Plan	Implications for SA
National Planning Policy Framework March 2012			
<p>The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government’s economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. Taken together, these policies articulate the Government’s vision of sustainable development, which should be interpreted and applied locally to meet local aspirations.</p> <p>The Government aims to achieve sustainable development through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building a strong, competitive economy ▪ Ensuring the vitality of town centres ▪ Supporting a prosperous rural economy ▪ Promoting sustainable transport ▪ Supporting high quality communications infrastructure ▪ Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes ▪ Requiring good design ▪ Promoting healthy communities ▪ Protecting green belt land ▪ Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change ▪ Conserving and enhancing the natural environment ▪ Conserving and enhancing the historic environment ▪ Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals 	<p>There are no specific targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The plan should adhere to the principles of the draft Planning Policy Framework ensuring that all aspects of the core land-use planning principles underpin the plan-making process.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to economic, environmental and social issues.</p>

At the time of writing the SA Report, a residual 3007 housing units were required to be built out of the 4000 units identified. Since this time, further houses have been constructed so that only 2,534 residual units are now required. The SA was undertaken to reflect the numbers of houses built at that time so whilst some of these houses have since been constructed, the principles of and the overall distribution of proposed development has not changed.

5 Conclusions

The majority of the proposed changes to the Publication Core Strategy are minor and therefore would not result in any alterations to the findings of the previous assessment presented in the SA Report. However, as indicated within Table 2-1 of this Addendum Report (rows highlighted green), some of the proposed changes would generate positive alterations to the previous assessment results. Although these alterations are not considered to be significant, they demonstrate that the proposed changes to the Core Strategy strengthen it in terms of its sustainability. These alterations occur in the following sections of the SA Report:

- Section 4.2.2 (Strategic Objective recommendations)
- Section 4.4.2 (Appraisal of the Preferred Option) and the associated matrix within Appendix C
- Section 4.5.3 (Housing Key Statements and Policy) and the associated matrix within Appendix D
- The Environment and Development Management related matrices presented within Appendix C

The previous assessment matrix for the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option has been revised owing to the proposed addition of a new Key Statement DS2: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development. However, the results of the re-assessment remain the same as those previously reported, and only minor text additions and the removal of one of the previous recommendations has been made.

Overall, the SA and the consultation process have positively influenced the development of the Core Strategy.

Appendix A

Re-assessment of the Preferred Spatial Strategy Option (i.e. Development Strategy)

Re-appraisal of the Preferred Spatial Option (i.e. the Development Strategy)

The tables below are extracted from the SA Report, and provide an explanation of the notation used in the assessment matrix.

Major Positive Impact	The option strongly supports the achievement of the SA Objective.	++
Positive Impact	This option contributes partially to the achievement of the SA Objective but not completely.	+
Neutral/ No Impact	There is no clear relationship between the option and/or the achievement of the SA Objective or the relationship is negligible.	0
Positive and negative outcomes	The option has a combination of both positive and negative contributions to the achievement of the SA Objective.	+/-
Uncertain outcome	It is not possible to determine the nature of the impact as there may be too many external factors that would influence the appraisal or the impact may depend heavily upon implementation at the local level. More information is required to assess the impacts.	?
Negative Impact	The option is partially detrimental to the achievement of the SA Objective.	-
Major Negative Impact	The option strongly detracts from the achievement of the SA Objective.	--

L-T	Effects likely to arise in 10-25 years of Core Strategy implementation
M-T	Effects likely to arise in 5-10 years of Core Strategy implementation
S-T	Effects likely to arise in 0-5 years of Core Strategy implementation
D	Direct effects.
I	Indirect effects.
R	Effects are reversible
IR	Effects are irreversible
H/M/L	High, medium or low certainty of prediction
C	Potential to have cumulative effect with other proposals or plans on this objective

Preferred Spatial Option					
Key aspects of the option: The majority of new housing development will be concentrated within an identified strategic site located to the south of Clitheroe towards the A59 and the main urban areas of the borough including Longridge, Clitheroe and Whalley. Strategic employment opportunities will be promoted through the development of the Barrow Enterprise Site as a main location for employment, the strategic site and the Samesbury Enterprise Zone. 23% of development will be for local needs in other settlements.					
The Council will ensure that, when considering development proposals, their approach reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained within the NPPF and the development improves the economic, social and environmental conditions within the area.					
SA Objectives	Impact	What does this option do that is beneficial to the SA topics? Who/Where will benefit?	What does this option do that could detract from achieving the topics? Who/Where will be affected?	Is there anything that this option does not do which perhaps it should – e.g. any current issues which it doesn't address? Who/Where is missed out?	Could any of the adverse effects be mitigated easily? Could it be enhanced?
To reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime	0	The option promotes significant development on a new site near Clitheroe – the remainder would be focussed towards Longridge, with a small amount in Whalley, Clitheroe and other settlements. There is good access to services and public transport links in Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley. Clitheroe offers major retail, leisure opportunities and basic services. The centre of Longridge offers a number of amenities and basic services. There are also secondary schools and a number of primary schools in Clitheroe and Longridge. There is access to open space in Clitheroe and Longridge which can encourage the pursuit of healthier lifestyles. The strategic site provides an opportunity to create a development which can draw upon the existing amenities in Clitheroe whilst also providing an element of self-sustainability. 23% of growth in other settlements may help to meet rural housing needs and secure services in those areas depending upon local needs, wants and regeneration requirements. The option is unlikely to have a significant impact on crime levels although there is some uncertainty regarding this. The aims of the option to ensure that the consideration of development proposals reflects the NPPF principle of presumption in favour of sustainable development provides a strong commitment to ensuring that social issues within the borough are positively contributed to.	The levels of growth at the strategic site near Clitheroe are substantial. There is some uncertainty over whether this could put too much pressure on local services and it will be essential for the site to contain some element of self-sufficiency. There will be a long-term shortage of primary school places in Clitheroe, Whalley and the new Standen expansion and a shortage of secondary places in Longridge, Whalley and the Standen Estate. Given development would largely include a new extension to the town there are concerns about achieving cohesion between the new community and the existing.	-	Given the size of the Clitheroe extension, this development would need an appropriate degree of self-sustenance in terms of local amenities, open space, services and public transport links. Good sustainable transport access (walking/cycling routes and public transport) to the Clitheroe amenities and transport hub would be essential. A masterplan for the site should be created to enable a more strategic level of control by the council over what is developed. New schools infrastructure should be provided to accommodate growth as part of new development, notably in the Standen Estate.
To improve levels of educational attainment for all age groups and all sectors of society	+ I S-M-T,R,C				
To improve physical and mental health for all and reduce health inequalities	+ I S-M-T,R,C				
To increase the availability of quality affordable housing and social and sheltered accommodation in areas most at need	+ D S-M-T,R,C				
To protect and enhance community spirit and cohesion	+/- I S-M-T,R,C				
To improve access to basic goods, services and amenities for all groups	++ D S-M-T,R,C				
To encourage sustainable economic growth and business development across the Borough	++ D S-M-T,R,C	The option could bring employment opportunities to Whalley, Clitheroe and Longridge with the latter settlements being well-placed to benefit from this given the existing employment infrastructure present. Peak Zone A Rental data for these towns has increased faster than the Lancashire average in recent years. Employment deprivation is highest in the wards of Clitheroe, Whalley and Langho.	It is not possible to say whether jobs would benefit local people or be taken by people from outside the area. Longridge is potentially more outward looking given its location on the boundary of the borough. It is not clear if the economic benefits created there would all be realised within Ribble Valley. Infrastructure development here would need cohesive support from Ribble Valley	-	Supporting policy on training and retention in new business opportunities would help. Infrastructure development in Longridge would need cohesive support from Ribble Valley and Preston councils. Broadband access is limited in rural areas. This would need to be improved to help support business development.
To develop the skills and training needed to establish and maintain a healthy labour market	+ I S-M-T,R,C				
To encourage economic inclusion	+ I S-M-T,R,C				

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To strengthen the economic base of market towns	++ I S-M-T,R,C	Development in Clitheroe and Whalley should benefit these areas. It would reduce the distance to travel to work by putting homes and jobs closer together in Clitheroe and Longridge. Clitheroe also contains some of the more economically deprived parts of the borough. The strategic site would also include some employment provision. Growth would benefit retail in Clitheroe and Longridge. Employment opportunities are greatest in Clitheroe and Longridge including at the Shay Lane industrial estate in Longridge. Transport connections are strongest in Clitheroe and Whalley. Employment land would also be directed towards the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone and existing Barrow Enterprise Site. The 23% provision for other settlements could help to improve viability of rural services and businesses. The aims of the option to ensure that the consideration of development proposals reflects the NPPF principle of presumption in favour of sustainable development provides a strong commitment to ensuring contribution to sustainable economic growth.	and Preston councils. Significant expansion in Clitheroe may reduce its visual appeal thereby potentially affecting the tourism industry, although this is uncertain.		
To encourage rural regeneration and diversification	+ I S-M-T,R,C				
To develop and market the Borough as a place to live, work, do business and visit.	+ I S-M-T,R,C				
To protect and enhance biodiversity	-/0 D/I S-L-T,I,C	Focussing a 41% of growth in an extension to Clitheroe would result in development avoiding the AONB (although may be visible from it) and statutory nature conservation designations. There may be greater opportunity for brownfield development in Longridge.	The strategic site would be developed on a large area of greenfield land. The development of an extension to Clitheroe on greenfield land would affect the local landscape around the town and may affect views from the AONB. Similarly, as with all Greenfield development, there is a possibility of ground water pollution, increased surface run-off risk and it represents a less sustainable use of land. Similarly, it is not possible to say if localised effects may occur to biodiversity and green infrastructure resources.	-	A strong policy framework is required to protect environmental, landscape and heritage features at the micro-scale, especially in rural areas associated with the AONB. This would also include strong design policies, and include where large areas of growth are proposed such as in Clitheroe. More direction is required in this option to maximise benefits where they are required and minimise adverse effects. More details should be provided in terms of sustainable design principles for the strategic site. The line of a roman road passes through the strategic site. It would be beneficial to incorporate the line of this into the design where possible and undertake an appropriate heritage study.
To protect and enhance the borough's landscape and townscape character and quality	- D S-L-T,I,C	It is not possible to say that heritage constraints will be avoided with any certainty at this scale.	The AQMA in Clitheroe may be put under pressure if traffic is routed through the town centre.		
To protect and enhance the cultural heritage resource	?	There are good public transport links in Clitheroe, Whalley and to a lesser extent in Longridge thereby helping to reduce private car use and hence adverse air and CO ₂ emissions. Also, including a spread of rural development can encourage rural service viability thereby reducing the need to travel longer distances for essential services.	Traffic associated with the strategic site is likely to generate additional movements on the strategic highway network that may		
To protect and enhance the quality of water features and resources	-/? D S-L-T,I,C				
To guard against land contamination and encourage the appropriate re-use of brownfield sites within the urban boundary	-/? D S-L-T,I,C				
To limit and adapt to climate change	?				
To protect and improve air quality	-/? D S-L-T,I,C	The option largely avoids floodplain although there is some uncertainty			

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Key aspects of the option: The majority of new housing development will be concentrated within an identified strategic site located to the south of Clitheroe towards the A59 and the main urban areas of the borough including Longridge, Clitheroe and Whalley. Strategic employment opportunities will be promoted through the development of the Barrow Enterprise Site as a main location for employment, the strategic site and the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone. 23% of development will be for local needs in other settlements. The Council will ensure that, when considering development proposals, their approach reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained within the NPPF and the development improves the economic, social and environmental conditions within the area.					
SA Objectives	Impact	What does this option do that is beneficial to the SA topics? Who/Where will benefit?	What does this option do that could detract from achieving the topics? Who/Where will be affected?	Is there anything that this option does not do which perhaps it should – e.g. any current issues which it doesn't address? Who/Where is missed out?	Could any of the adverse effects be mitigated easily? Could it be enhanced?
To increase energy efficiency and require the use of renewable energy sources	?	regarding Whalley (although a smaller risk than Options 1, 2 and 3).	extend outside the borough. It may attract/generate trips into neighbouring areas such as Preston and Blackburn which could put pressure on the existing network.		Alleviating potential traffic congestion would be an important aspect for this option. This could include local highways infrastructure improvements, multiple access points and provision of effective public/sustainable transport linkages.
To ensure sustainable use of natural resources	?	New developments on a large scale such as at Clitheroe have potential to utilise a high degree of sustainable construction methods, energy efficiency and potentially renewable energy sources such as CHP or district heating schemes.			Extra wording should be provided regarding development in smaller settlements which references the need to protect the local character, environment and built heritage.
To minimise waste, increase re-use and recycling	?	It can be easier to develop recycling schemes in urban areas.			
To promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport	+ D M-L-T,I,C	The aims of the option to ensure that the consideration of development proposals reflects the NPPF principle of presumption in favour of sustainable development provides a strong commitment to ensuring the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment.			