

Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Orkney Local Development Plan Proposed Plan (2016)

Appendix C.1: Assessment of the Vision for the Orkney Local Development Plan

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Significantly positive effects	Positive effects	Minor or neutral effects	Effects uncertain	Adverse effects	Significantly adverse effects

SEA receptors	Assessment findings	Comment
Climatic factors	+	Facilitating active travel is an integral part of the Plan with a commitment to include well-integrated footpaths and cycle-ways within new developments. Policy support has been established to ensure that all appropriate energy generation schemes will be supported and that local solutions to storing energy for alternative uses are encouraged.
Biodiversity, flora & fauna	+	The Plan seeks to protect Orkney's rich natural and cultural heritage assets which underpin its economy and contribute to the quality of life in the islands
Water	+	
Geology	+	
Landscape	+	
Cultural heritage	+	
Soil	+	Locally important agricultural land will be safeguarded against unnecessary development.
Population & Human health	+	In the Plan Orkney's settlements act as a focus for growth in order to support existing facilities and services such as shops, schools and public transport links. A commitment to include well-integrated footpaths and cycle-ways and to connect fragmented sections of the existing network will encourage active and healthy living. The Plan supports the delivery of affordable housing in order that opportunities exist for as many individuals as possible to live in a safe and comfortable home.
Material assets	+	The Plan directs major development to the towns, villages and rural settlements where access is available to existing services and road infrastructure. It also guides relevant developments to key land around ports and harbours.
Assessment summary		The Vision aims to strengthen and support Orkney's communities by enabling those developments which will have a positive and sustainable socio-economic impact. It commits to encouraging development which will make use of and support existing services and facilities and promotes

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	development which will facilitate more active lifestyles	