

Appendix 9 Testing the Local Development Plan (LDP) Objectives against the SEA Objectives

The SEA assessment process involves testing of the LDP objectives against the SEA objectives. This is a preliminary ‘assessment’ of the LDP. It is used as an indicator of consistency and to highlight any areas where there is the potential for conflict. The ‘test’ does not include, or take into consideration, any policies that will be developed under the LDP objectives.

The criteria used to test the LDP Objectives against the SEA objectives comprise:

✓✓	The proposed objectives are compatible
✓	The proposed Objectives are partly compatible
?	The proposed objectives have an uncertain relationship
O	No obvious relationship between the objectives
X	The proposed objectives are incompatible

The results from the assessment of the compatibility of the LDP objectives and the SEA objectives are presented in the Table below. The Local Development Plan Vision and Supporting Objectives are outlined in table 1 below.

Table 1 Vision and Supporting Objectives

Overall Vision:
<i>“Work together for a future that is better and brighter. In particular, we aim to create a secure livelihood, look after our stunning environment and care well for our people and our culture” Shetland Resolution (2004)</i>
Supporting Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Enhancing existing communities throughout Shetland by encouraging sustainable economic development to create strong, healthy, vibrant communities where diversity is recognised and celebrated, ensuring they are attractive and inclusive places to live.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supporting new and existing sustainable economic opportunities, including employment, housing, transport, communications and community facilities.</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promoting the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources and material assets such as land, soil, water buildings and infrastructure whilst minimising waste.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conserving and promoting Shetland’s historic environment and cultural traditions, recognising their contribution to Shetland’s sustainable economic growth, and the quality of life of its people.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Furthering the conservation of biodiversity and geodiversity throughout Shetland including landscapes and seascapes.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Encouraging new development of good quality, is environmentally sensitive, accessible to all, utilises sustainable design techniques and low carbon or renewable energy technologies.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supporting better access across the Islands, in particular supporting sustainable and active transport solutions, such as by foot, cycle and public transport, and enabling people to access services, employment and other opportunities.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protecting and enhancing areas for recreation.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensuring policies reflect the Council’s commitment to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 through encouraging measures to maintain good air quality, reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against or anticipate the effects of global climate change.</i>

Table 2 Compatibility of the Local Plan Objectives and SEA Objectives

SEA Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To further the conservation of biodiversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the quality of life for people and communities across Shetland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the quality of health in Shetland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect Shetland's soil and peat resource and use them in a sustainable manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect and enhance freshwater and marine water quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce or manage flood risk with and from any new developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that Shetland's water resources are used effectively and sustainably 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect Shetland's air quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to Scotland's 80% CO₂ reduction target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To adapt to the predicted effects of climate change such as flood risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the sustainable use of Shetland's natural resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide opportunities for sustainable waste management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the development and /or use of energy generated from renewable energy technologies and contribute to meeting climate change greenhouse gas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve and protect the historic environment including buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To safeguard distinctive cultural heritage features and their settings through the responsible design and siting of development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect the special qualities and characteristics of Shetland's landscapes and seascapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve those landscapes and seascapes that are degraded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To respect urban form, settlement patterns or identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the quality and design of the built environment
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing existing communities throughout Shetland by encouraging sustainable economic development to create strong, healthy, vibrant communities where diversity is recognised and celebrated, ensuring they are attractive and inclusive places to live. 	0	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting new and 																			

<i>existing sustainable economic opportunities, including employment, housing, transport, communications and community facilities.</i>	0	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• <i>Promoting the efficient and sustainable use of natural resources and material assets such as land, water, soil, buildings and infrastructure whilst minimising waste.</i>	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	0	✓✓	✓	✓	✓
• <i>Conserving and promoting Shetland's historic environment and cultural traditions, recognising their contribution to Shetland's sustainable economic growth, and the quality of life of its people.</i>	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓	0	0
• <i>Furthering the conservation of biodiversity and geodiversity throughout Shetland including landscapes and seascapes.</i>	✓✓	0	0	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	✓✓
• <i>Encouraging new development of good quality, is environmentally sensitive, accessible to all, utilises sustainable design techniques and low carbon or renewable energy technologies.</i>	0	✓✓	✓	0	0	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0
• <i>Supporting better access across the Islands, in particular supporting sustainable and active transport solutions, such</i>	0	✓✓	✓✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<i>as by foot, cycle and public transport, and enabling people to access services, employment and other opportunities.</i>										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Protecting and enhancing areas for recreation.</i> 	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ensuring policies reflect the Council's commitment to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 through encouraging measures to maintain good air quality, reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against or anticipate the effects of global climate change.</i> 	0	✓	✓	0	0	✓✓	✓✓	✓	0	0