

APPENDIX 9: RELEVANT MWLP 2013 APPRAISALS (referenced in Appendix 6)

POLICY SP3 Waste capacity

The need for additional facilities in connection with the long-term contract for managing municipal waste will be kept under review.

Sites will be identified for managing and treating around half of the estimated 650,000 tonnes/year of commercial and industrial waste, it is assumed that the remainder will be managed on-site where it arises or at existing facilities.

An integrated network

Sufficient sites will be identified for an integrated network of a range of appropriate and necessary waste management facilities across the county, and preference will be given to sites that can accommodate more than one type of facility.

Any proposal for the alternative of a centralised network will be considered in the context of the Development Control Policies.

Waste facilities

To enable the waste capacity and an integrated network to be provided, the plan will seek to identify:

- 6 sites of between 2 and 3ha for commercial and industrial waste treatment facilities (these could include Materials Recovery Facilities, Mechanical and Biological Treatment plants or Transfer/Bulking stations).
- 2 sites of between 2 and 4.5ha for Energy from Waste plants.
- A total of around 1.3 million cubic metres of landfill capacity will be provided for all waste streams over the plan period*.
- Alternative sites for those Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) which are required to be replaced.
- Innovative HWRC solutions and/or sites will be kept under review for smaller communities.

** This is a much smaller volume than that in existing landfill permissions. Landfill capacity in excess of that total will only be justified if it is necessary to achieve acceptable restoration contours at existing landfills.*

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NR4: To manage mineral resources sustainably and to minimise waste.	Does the policy reflect the waste management hierarchy, with the recycling and re-use of waste as a priority?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, with appropriate capacity to enable recycling and re-use of waste.
	Will it promote the use of renewable forms of energy?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, including energy from waste plants.
	Does the policy seek to provide a steady flow of minerals to meet demand within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy protect mineral resources from sterilisation by development and seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise primary extraction in favour of use of secondary/recycled materials and make adequate provision for this?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support the use of co-products from minerals working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management

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			facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
SP2: To improve access to services, facilities, the countryside and open spaces.	Will the policy improve access to recycling and composting services, where possible within local communities using sustainable transport choices?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, with appropriate capacity to enable recycling of waste, including innovative solutions for smaller communities
SP5: To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people.	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in minimising potential health impacts associated with waste management and mineral extraction activities – e.g. noise and dust emissions?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities across Cumbria, minimising the need for transportation of waste, with associated noise and dust from vehicles.
	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in ensuring a healthy and safe working and living environment both on and off site (e.g. including transportation and other issues)?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities. Provision of sites across Cumbria will help reduce transportation of waste, minimise vehicle emissions and associated noise & dust and road accidents, which have potentially significant impacts on health and living.
	Will the policy impact on the sense of well being of people?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, which enables the safe and hygienic disposal of waste
	Does the policy seek to mitigate the impacts on quality of life of the waste	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management

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	management or minerals sector?		facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN1: To promote and enhance biodiversity.	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management and mineral extraction activities on designated and priority habitats?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management facilities on protected and key species?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy actively seek enhancement of natural/ecological resources?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy actively promote restoration of current and past mineral working sites for biodiversity benefits?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN2: To preserve, enhance and manage landscape quality and character for future generations.	Does the policy protect areas of designated landscape and cultural heritage value and acknowledge wider landscape sensitivity to development?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy recognise the importance of countryside remoteness and tranquillity and seek	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	to protect this?		
EN3: To improve the quality of the built environment.	Does the policy seek to support conservation of the built environment (e.g. locally sourced stone for construction) and to avoid adverse impacts on the built heritage from mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to avoid inappropriate development in flood risk areas?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to reduce noise, light pollution, dust emissions etc. arising from minerals developments and associated land use?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy aim to enhance the degraded urban and rural environment within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR1: To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Does the policy seek to control adequately dust emissions associated with waste management and mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy promote the sustainable transport of waste and	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management

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	minerals where feasible as a means of helping to reduce emissions?		facilities across Cumbria. By keeping the transportation of waste to a minimum, the policy helps minimise vehicle emissions.
	Will the policy stimulate the development and application of clean/carbon efficient technologies?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, which include carbon efficient waste treatment processes that minimise landfill and associated gas emissions.
	Does the policy support energy from waste facilities and contribute to the use of renewable energy sources?	++	Policy is considered very positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, including energy from waste plants.
	Does the policy take into account predicted climate change and proactively promote adaptation within the minerals and waste sectors?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR2: To improve water quality and resources.	Does the policy provide adequate protection for waterbodies and the marine environment and promote the efficient use of water?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR3: To restore and protect land and soil.	Does the policy encourage the siting of waste management facilities on brownfield land and aim to reduce the amount of contaminated land within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy seek to protect good quality agricultural land and Greenfield sites as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy include measures to avoid soil degradation, pollution and the use of peat?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EC1: To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities.	Will the policy encourage the retention of existing jobs in the waste management and minerals sectors and stimulate further employment creation?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, enabling the retention of local jobs. New waste management solutions have the potential to create higher skilled jobs.
	Will the policy support local business development or investment?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities and encourages investment in new waste management solutions.
EC3: To diversify and strengthen the local economy.	Will the policy stimulate private sector investment – generally and within each sector?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities and encourages investment in new waste management solutions.
	Will the policy stimulate diversification within the waste management and minerals sectors?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, encouraging a range of solutions other than landfill.

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	Will the policy stimulate innovation and research relating to emerging waste management technologies and the recycling of mineral products and sustainable use of co-products?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities and encourages investment in new waste management solutions.
	Does the policy support improvements to the environmental performance of waste management and minerals companies?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for a network of waste management facilities, but does not specifically affect this criterion

POLICY SP6 Higher activity range of Low Level radioactive waste

For these wastes, provision will be made for the Low Level Waste Repository, near Drigg, to continue to fulfil a role as a component of the UK's radioactive waste management capability but for no additional site within Cumbria unless it is demonstrated to be needed for the wastes that arise within the county.

Proposals for very long term storage or disposal of waste at that Repository will have to demonstrate that a feasible strategy is in place in relation to the long term integrity of the site with regard to sea level rise and coastal erosion. They will also have to demonstrate that they are within the site's radiological capacity and meet the requirements of the other Local Plan policies that are relevant.

The acceptance, by the County Council, of a national role for the Repository is on the basis of:

- compliance with the waste hierarchy;
- the NDA's and the site operator's initiatives for reducing the proportions of waste that are consigned to the Low Level Waste Repository, and
- restricting the wastes to those that require such highly engineered containment facilities, and
- to a continuation and a review of the obligation for a community fund in recognition of the impacts of hosting the facility.

The success of the initiatives to divert wastes away from the Low Level Waste Repository will be monitored closely, through the reporting requirements of planning permissions and through the Council's membership of the National Low Level Waste Programme Delivery Overview Group.

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NR4: To manage mineral resources sustainably and to minimise waste.	Does the policy reflect the waste management hierarchy, with the recycling and re-use of waste as a priority?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal and encourages compliance to the waste management hierarchy.
	Will it promote the use of renewable forms of energy?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, which will support the operations of the nuclear power industry.
	Does the policy seek to provide a steady flow of minerals to meet demand within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy protect mineral resources from sterilisation by development and seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise primary extraction in favour of use of secondary/recycled materials and make adequate provision for this?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support the use of co-products from minerals working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
SP2: To improve access to services, facilities, the countryside and open spaces.	Will the policy improve access to recycling and composting services, where possible within local communities using sustainable transport choices?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
SP5: To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people.	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in minimising potential health impacts associated with waste management and mineral extraction activities – e.g. noise and dust emissions?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in ensuring a healthy and safe working and living environment both on and off site (e.g. including transportation and other issues)?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy impact on the sense of well being of people?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to mitigate the impacts on quality of life of the waste	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal,

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EN1: To promote and enhance biodiversity.	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management and mineral extraction activities on designated and priority habitats?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management facilities on protected and key species?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy actively seek enhancement of natural/ecological resources?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy actively promote restoration of current and past mineral working sites for biodiversity benefits?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN2: To preserve, enhance and manage landscape quality and character for future generations.	Does the policy protect areas of designated landscape and cultural heritage value and acknowledge wider landscape sensitivity to development?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy recognise the importance of countryside remoteness and tranquillity and seek	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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EN3: To improve the quality of the built environment.	Does the policy seek to support conservation of the built environment (e.g. locally sourced stone for construction) and to avoid adverse impacts on the built heritage from mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to avoid inappropriate development in flood risk areas?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to reduce noise, light pollution, dust emissions etc. arising from minerals developments and associated land use?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy aim to enhance the degraded urban and rural environment within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR1: To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Does the policy seek to control adequately dust emissions associated with waste management and mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy promote the sustainable transport of waste and	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal,

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	minerals where feasible as a means of helping to reduce emissions?		but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy stimulate the development and application of clean/carbon efficient technologies?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support energy from waste facilities and contribute to the use of renewable energy sources?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy take into account predicted climate change and proactively promote adaptation within the minerals and waste sectors?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, and considers sea level rise and coastal erosion.
NR2: To improve water quality and resources.	Does the policy provide adequate protection for waterbodies and the marine environment and promote the efficient use of water?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR3: To restore and protect land and soil.	Does the policy encourage the siting of waste management facilities on brownfield land and aim to reduce the amount of contaminated land within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to protect good quality agricultural land and Greenfield sites as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy include measures to avoid soil degradation, pollution and the use of peat?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EC1: To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities.	Will the policy encourage the retention of existing jobs in the waste management and minerals sectors and stimulate further employment creation?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it makes provision for a low level radioactive waste disposal facility, which will continue to provide long term employment.
	Will the policy support local business development or investment?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EC3: To diversify and strengthen the local economy.	Will the policy stimulate private sector investment – generally and within each sector?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy stimulate diversification within the waste management and minerals sectors?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy stimulate innovation and research relating to emerging waste management technologies and the recycling of mineral products and sustainable use of co-products?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it makes

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	improvements to the environmental performance of waste management and minerals companies?		provision for low level radioactive waste disposal, but does not specifically affect this criterion

POLICY SP7 Lower Activity Low Level radioactive wastes

Proposals to treat or dispose of Low Activity Low Level Wastes, including Very Low Level Waste (LALLW and VLLW), from nuclear sites within or outside Cumbria will need to demonstrate:

1. compliance with the waste hierarchy;
2. that a rigorous assessment has demonstrated that on-site provision of the proposed facility(ies) at the nuclear site where the wastes arise is impracticable, and in those circumstances;
3. that a similar assessment has demonstrated that the use of land adjacent to the nuclear site where the wastes arise is also impracticable, before
4. more distant sites are considered, with priority first being given to assessing the ability of other existing licenced nuclear sites to accommodate the proposed facility(ies).

Any proposal to treat or dispose of these radioactive wastes from outside Cumbria will need to demonstrate that the local social and economic benefits outweigh other sustainable development criteria and principles and are in accordance with the other policies of this Local Plan.

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NR4: To manage mineral resources sustainably and to minimise waste.	Does the policy reflect the waste management hierarchy, with the recycling and re-use of waste as a priority?	+	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, making specific reference to the waste hierarchy
	Will it promote the use of renewable forms of energy?	+	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, which will support the operations of the nuclear power industry.
	Does the policy seek to provide a steady flow of minerals to meet demand within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy protect mineral resources from sterilisation by development and seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise primary extraction in favour of use of secondary/recycled materials and make adequate provision for this?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support the use of co-products from minerals working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to conserve minerals as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
SP2: To improve access to services, facilities, the countryside and open spaces.	Will the policy improve access to recycling and composting services, where possible within local communities using sustainable transport choices?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
SP5: To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people.	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in minimising potential health impacts associated with waste management and mineral	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect

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	extraction activities – e.g. noise and dust emissions?		this criterion
	Does the policy reflect fully the role of the planning system in ensuring a healthy and safe working and living environment both on and off site (e.g. including transportation and other issues)?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy impact on the sense of well being of people?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to mitigate the impacts on quality of life of the waste management or minerals sector?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN1: To promote and enhance biodiversity.	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management and mineral extraction activities on designated and priority habitats?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to minimise the impact of waste management facilities on protected and key species?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy actively seek enhancement of natural/ecological resources?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy actively promote restoration of current and past mineral working sites for biodiversity benefits?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN2: To preserve, enhance and manage landscape quality and character for future generations.	Does the policy protect areas of designated landscape and cultural heritage value and acknowledge wider landscape sensitivity to development?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy recognise the importance of countryside remoteness and tranquillity and seek to protect this?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EN3: To improve the quality of the built environment.	Does the policy seek to support conservation of the built environment (e.g. locally sourced stone for construction) and to avoid adverse impacts on the built heritage from mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to avoid inappropriate development in flood	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste

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	risk areas?		disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to reduce noise, light pollution, dust emissions etc. arising from minerals developments and associated land use?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy aim to enhance the degraded urban and rural environment within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR1: To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Does the policy seek to control adequately dust emissions associated with waste management and mineral working?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy promote the sustainable transport of waste and minerals where feasible as a means of helping to reduce emissions?	+	Policy is considered positive, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, including an emphasis on local disposal of waste, which should minimise transport.
	Will the policy stimulate the development and application of clean/carbon efficient technologies?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion

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	Does the policy support energy from waste facilities and contribute to the use of renewable energy sources?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy take into account predicted climate change and proactively promote adaptation within the minerals and waste sectors?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR2: To improve water quality and resources.	Does the policy provide adequate protection for waterbodies and the marine environment and promote the efficient use of water?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
NR3: To restore and protect land and soil.	Does the policy encourage the siting of waste management facilities on brownfield land and aim to reduce the amount of contaminated land within the area?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy seek to protect good quality agricultural land and Greenfield sites as far as possible?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy include measures to avoid soil degradation, pollution and the use of peat?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect

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EC1: To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities.	Will the policy encourage the retention of existing jobs in the waste management and minerals sectors and stimulate further employment creation?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy support local business development or investment?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
EC3: To diversify and strengthen the local economy.	Will the policy stimulate private sector investment – generally and within each sector?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy stimulate diversification within the waste management and minerals sectors?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Will the policy stimulate innovation and research relating to emerging waste management technologies and the recycling of mineral products and sustainable use of co-products?	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion
	Does the policy support	0	Policy is considered neutral, in that it sets out

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	improvements to the environmental performance of waste management and minerals companies?		criteria for lower activity low level radioactive waste disposal proposals, but does not specifically affect this criterion