

## Sustainable Development Framework for Cumbria

Reference	Sustainability Objectives	Sustainability Framework: <i>guidance on making progress towards each objective</i>
<b>Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone</b>		
SP1	To increase the level of participation in democratic processes	Does the plan encourage and empower local people to become involved? Are all members of society able to participate fully in decision making processes based on an understanding of these processes and how decisions impact on them? Does the plan identify and set out how hard to reach groups will be involved? Do plan policies respect the needs of all communities and future generations?
SP2	To improve access to services, facilities, the countryside and open spaces	Does the plan improve access and affordability for all to services, essential goods, facilities, and education and employment opportunities (where possible within local communities using sustainable transport choices)? Does it help retain essential local facilities and ensure that physical access to transport, facilities, buildings and public spaces are suitable for those with a disability? Does the plan promote and facilitate access to, and opportunities to enjoy, the countryside and green space?
SP3	To provide everyone with a decent home	Will the plan help meet local housing need by ensuring that good quality, resource efficient, affordable housing with reduced environmental impact is available to all?
SP4	To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will the plan deliver education and training which helps everyone develop the values, knowledge and skills necessary to enable them to live, act and work in society? Does the plan recognise the need for people to adapt to economic change and retrain where necessary? Does the plan enable people to live sustainable lifestyles?
SP5	To improve the health and sense of well-being of people	Do plan policies ensure all members of society have access to the health care that they require? Do they reduce health inequalities within society associated with income, lifestyle and diet? Does the plan help create a healthy and safe working and living environment with low rates of crime and disorder? Does the plan help improve quality of life for all?
SP6	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense local history	Does the plan promote a sense of community identity? Does it encourage social cohesion and help continue valued local traditions? Is recreational and cultural activity embracing the arts, heritage, the environment, dialect and sport promoted along with multicultural understanding, respect for all and equality of opportunity?
<b>Effective protection of the environment</b>		
EN1	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Does the plan protect and conserve habitats and species especially where these may be rare, declining, threatened or indigenous. Will the plan ensure biodiversity sustainability by enhancing conditions wherever necessary to retain viability of the resource? Do policies minimise adverse impacts on species and habitats through human activities and development? Do policies ensure continuity of ecological frameworks such as river corridors, coastal habitats, uplands, woodlands and scrub to enable free passage of specific habitat dependent species?
EN2	To preserve, enhance and manage landscape quality and character for future generations	Is local landscape quality, distinctiveness and character protected from unsympathetic development and changes in land management? Is the remoteness and tranquillity of landscapes maintained? Is the character and appearance of world heritage sites, designated archaeological sites, historic parks and gardens, battlefields and their settings protected? Are areas of high archaeological and historic landscape sensitivity protected? Do policies encourage low input organic farming with environmental stewardship styles of land management? Do they sustain and extend tree cover, hedgerows, woodlands and sustainable forestry?

EN3	To improve the quality of the built environment	Does the plan conserve features of historic and archaeological importance? Will policies ensure that new development is of high quality, sympathetic to the character of the built environment, strengthen local distinctiveness, enhance the public realm and help create a sense of place? Will policies promote adaptive re-use of buildings, sustainable design, sustainable construction, the use of locally sourced materials and low impact operation? Will policies guide inappropriate development away from flood risk areas? Do policies ensure that where development in flood risk areas is permitted, the risks to people and property are mitigated? Will the plan reduce noise levels, light pollution, fly tipping, the spread of litter and graffiti?
<b>Sustainable use and management of natural resources</b>		
NR1	To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Will the plan ensure that local air quality is not adversely affected by pollution and seek to improve it where necessary? Will policies limit or reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants? Will the use of clean, low carbon energy efficient technologies be encouraged? Will policies maximise the use of energy from renewable resources? Will they reduce the need to travel especially by car, and switch goods from roads onto the rail network? Will the plan introduce strategies to adapt to and mitigate other climate change impacts?
NR2	To improve water quality and water resources	Will the plan maintain and, where possible, improve the quality and quantity of all water resources? Will it minimise the risk of water pollution from all sources? Will policies ensure sustainable drainage systems are widely used? Will policies lead to the effective management of demand for water, prevent stress on the natural environment and help water users adapt to the impacts of climate change?
NR3	To restore and protect land and soil	Will the plan encourage development on brown field sites, using sustainable remediation technology to treat contaminated soils on site? Will it minimise the loss of greenfield sites or areas of open space? Will policies prevent soil degradation, pollution of soil and the use of peat?
NR4	To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will policies minimise the extraction, transport and use of primary minerals and encourage the use of recycled material? Will the plan minimise the amounts of industrial, commercial and household waste generated and increase re-use, recovery and recycling? Will it promote the use of energy recovered from waste?
<b>Building a sustainable economy in which all can prosper</b>		
EC1	To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will the plan increase the number, variety and quality of employment opportunities including those offered by tourism and social enterprise? Will the plan support local companies and help local businesses develop export markets? Will the plan help retain a skilled workforce and graduates in Cumbria?
EC2	To improve access to jobs	Will plan policies increase access for all to a range of jobs through improved training, sustainable transport and communication links? Will the plan lead to the location of new employment opportunities in areas of greatest need?
EC3	To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will the plan help create the right climate and infrastructure provision to encourage private sector investment? Will it encourage indigenous growth? Will it stimulate the use of local companies, local products and services and provide other forms of community benefit? Will it lead to ' increase the environmental performance of local companies and their products/services? Is innovation, entrepreneurship and diversification encouraged, particularly in rural areas? Does the plan provide financial assistance? Will it help improve the competitiveness and productivity of the local economy? Do policies support research and development into environmental and other new key sector technologies including opportunities to recycle and re-use waste products?