

Appendix III: Compatibility Analysis of the Draft Gloucester City Plan Vision and Objectives

Key:

Neutral	○
Very Compatible	++
Compatible	+
Uncertain	?
Incompatible	-
Very Incompatible	--

Compatibility Analysis of Draft Gloucester City Plan Vision

Gloucester City Plan Vision

“Between 2016 and 2031 the City Council, together with its partners, stakeholders and the community will work together in positively delivering the Joint Core Strategy and Gloucester City Plan.

During this time significant progress will have been made in the regeneration of the City Centre and elsewhere within the City. Gloucester will be a flourishing, healthy, modern and ambitious City, where people feel safe and happy in their community and are proud to live and work.

Gloucester will grow as an economy and make a significant contribution to the wider economy of Gloucestershire, building on its strengths as a business location. The City Council will work with partners and neighbouring authorities to ensure that the economic development required beyond its boundary benefits Gloucester, while at the same time, supporting business growth and expansion within the City itself.

A significant number of new decent homes will have been delivered in a way that reflects the type and tenure needed by the local community and that supports economic growth.

Health and wellbeing will be a key consideration in all planning decisions ensuring the protection and provision of active streets, open spaces, playing fields, community infrastructure, environmental quality, connectivity and access.

New development will be built to the highest possible standard of design and will be focused on protecting the quality and local distinctiveness of the City.

Gloucester’s unique heritage, culture, and natural environment will be safeguarded and enhanced to create a highly attractive place that all residents and visitors can enjoy.”

SA No.	SA Objective	Compatibility Analysis
1	Protect, restore, create, enhance and improve connectivity between habitats, species and sites of wildlife or geological interest	++
2	Reduce contribution to climate change and support households and businesses in reducing their carbon footprint and the use of natural resources	+
3	Improve the resilience of people, businesses and the environment to the unavoidable consequences of climate change.	+
4	Reduce water use and conserve and improve the quality of water bodies in the Plan area	+
5	Protect floodplain from development likely to exacerbate flooding problems from all sources	+
6	Reduce the need to travel and maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport	++
7	Improve soil quality	++
8	Protect and enhance landscaped character	++
9	Protect and enhance the distinctive townscape quality and historic heritage and its setting.	++
10	Minimise the volume of waste created and promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle)	?
11	Improve air quality, reduce noise and light pollution and reduce the amount of contaminated land	++
12	Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to secure future prosperity potential	++
13	Support the economy by helping new and existing businesses to fulfil their potential	++
14	Support the vitality and viability of the city centre as a retail, service, leisure and learning destination, and local centres that support local needs	++
15	Integrate sustainable construction principles and standards into all development schemes	++
16	Reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity	++
17	Improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of local residents, with good access to community health facilities	++
18	Ensure the availability of housing land and premises including affordable housing to meet local need	++

19	Minimise development on open space and green spaces	++
20	Maximise opportunities for the creation of new and enhancement of existing open spaces in accessible and connected locations	++
21	Reduce crime and the fear of crime	+
22	Encourage everyone to participate in local decision making	+
24	Support the development of accessible education, skills and learning, to meet the needs of both employers and the working population	++
25	Protect and enhance the cultural heritage and offering of individual settlements	++

Summary:

The Draft GCP Vision is compatible with nearly all of the IA Objectives, particularly those relating directly to accessibility and reducing the need to travel, the built environment and regeneration, health and wellbeing. There is uncertainty in relation to minimisation of waste as the delivery of new housing is inevitably likely to increase the amount of waste generated within the City.

SA Recommendation: The Vision could be enhanced by including wording that seeks to minimise waste generation and promotes the waste hierarchy.

Compatibility Analysis of Draft Gloucester City Plan Principles

Draft Gloucester City Plan Proposed Plan Principles to help deliver the plan Vision	Sustainability Objectives																								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	
1.To ensure development contributes to the delivery of a transforming City which brings regeneration benefits, promotes sustainable development and makes the most efficient use of brownfield land and buildings	0	++	+	0	?	++	++	++	++	++	+	0	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	0	0	0	+	
2. To ensure that new development is supported by the necessary infrastructure	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0?	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	
3. To regenerate the City Centre and other areas of the City in accordance with the Council's adopted strategies and maximise benefits associated with Housing Zone status	0?	+	0	0?	?	+	++	+	+	++	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	++	+	+	0	+	0	0	
4. To develop a City Centre that provides for the needs of the 21 st Century, with increased choice, an improved environment and to protect it from inappropriate competition in other locations	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	++	++	?	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	
5. To provide a balanced network of local and district centres that provide for the everyday shops, services and	0	+	0	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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facilities needed by the local community.																									
6. To provide a balanced mix of new homes that provide for the needs and aspirations of the local community, working with neighbouring authorities where they are providing for housing needs of the Gloucester community.	0?	0?	0	0?	?	0	0?	?	?	-	?	0	0	0	0	+	+	++	?	?	0	++	0	0	
7. To encourage and facilitate inward and home grown investment, attracting innovative growth sectors, create high and stable levels of economic growth and increases job opportunities.	0?	0	0	0?	0	0	0	0?	0?	?	?	++	++	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	
8. To improve educational attainment, skills and learning opportunities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	
9. To protect and enhance the City's leisure, recreation and environmental assets, including valuable heritage, public open space, allotments, areas of nature conservation, sensitive landscapes, playing fields and sporting facilities.	++	0	+	++	+	0	+	++	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	++	0	++	++	0	0	0	++	
10. To encourage a vibrant and safe evening and night-time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	++	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	

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economy in the City Centre that appeals to all age groups and encourages more people to stay overnight.																									
11. To tackle poverty and deprivation in the worst affected areas of the City.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. To deliver development that achieves high quality design that reduces crime and the fear of crime, builds positively on local distinctiveness and contributes to the creation of an active, connected and sustainable City.	0	++	+	0	0	++	0	++	++	+	++	0	0	0	++	+	+	0	0	+	++	0	0	0	
13. To ensure that development minimises its impact on climate change through sustainable construction and design, encourages the use of sustainable forms of transport and integrates with and makes the most of existing infrastructure.	0	++	+	0	+	++	+	+	+	0	++	0	0	0	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14. To improve health and wellbeing through good design that promotes opportunities for all residents to lead 'activity lives', by providing access to good quality open spaces,	0	++	++	0	0	+	++	+	+	+	++	0	0	0	0	++	++	0	++	++	0	0	0	+	

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playing fields and community facilities, and protecting air quality and residents from pollution and contamination.	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Light Green
<p>Summary: The GCP Principles are compatible with at least one of the all of the SA Objectives which means that each Principle is contributing to sustainable development to a certain extent. Given the complex inter-relationships between objectives, some uncertainties do exist. For example, the delivery of new housing has the potential to affect flood risk, landscape/townscape and noise and light pollution. Positive effects will be dependent on further objectives that seek to minimise potential negative effect and maximise positive effects. The delivery of new housing is also likely to increase waste generated within the City and as such is considered incompatible with this SA Objective. Some of the GCP Principles are very specific and therefore only relate to certain SA topics, as such these are likely to have a neutral effect on a number of other SA Objectives.</p> <p>SA Recommendations: The Principles could be enhanced by including wording that seeks to minimise waste generation and promotes the waste hierarchy.</p>																									