



Climate Change

Policy ST5: Climate Change

- A. Development proposals which contribute towards the Council's net zero ambitions and/or mitigate against the impacts of Climate Change locally will be supported.
- B. New development in Trafford will be expected to demonstrate how Climate Change has been considered in the design of the development and what adaptation and mitigation measures have been put in place.

Places for Everyone Links

JP-S 1 and JP-S 2

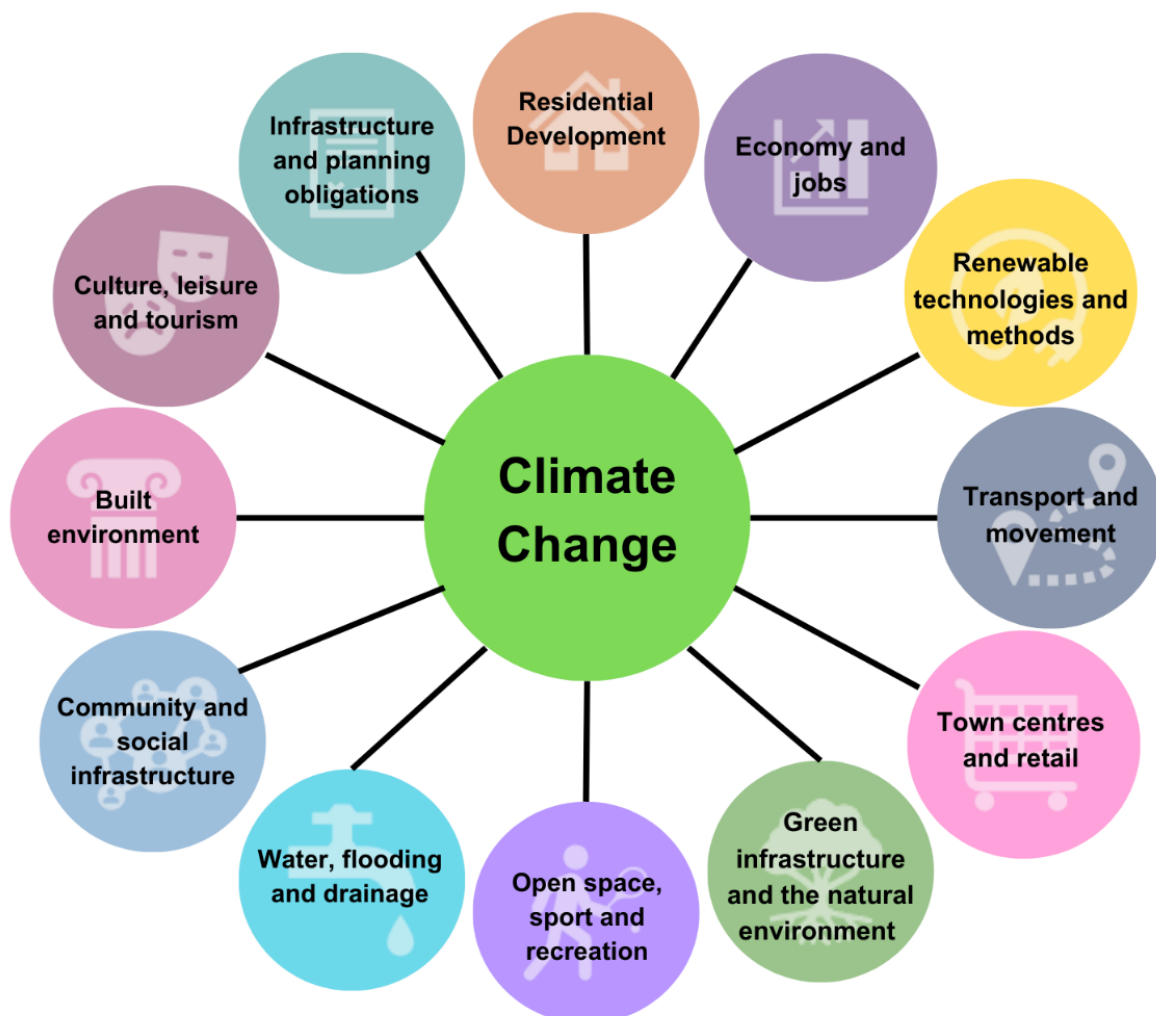
Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO1, SO2, SO3, SO4, SO5, SO6, SO7, SO8 and SO9

- 2.40. The Trafford Local Plan seeks to make a major contribution to both mitigating and adapting to the challenges posed by climate change, consistent with the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration and Greater Manchester's pathway to achieving zero carbon by 2038. Climate change is considered a pervasive theme throughout the Local Plan, with key roles to be played by policies on natural environment, historic environment, transport, green infrastructure, environmental protection, water management, health, infrastructure, retail and town centres as well as associated allocations, place-shaping strategies and plans.



Figure 2-4: Climate change at the heart of the Local Plan



- 2.41. The Climate Change Act 2008 introduced a legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. In addition, the PfE Policy JP-S2 seeks to deliver a carbon neutral Greater Manchester no later than 2038 with a dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and requires all new development to be net zero by 2028.
- 2.42. Around 80% of Trafford's carbon emissions are associated with energy use in domestic and industrial / commercial settings. Contributing to this is the proportion of older housing stock in Trafford, which is one of the largest proportions in Greater Manchester and likely to be more energy



intensive due to lower levels of insulation and less efficient heating systems. Opportunities to retrofit existing properties in Trafford to make them more energy efficient will therefore be encouraged and explored, for example through grant funding initiatives at scale through collaborative working at GM level, and through the promotion and implementation of related local schemes and funding opportunities for residents and Registered Providers.

- 2.43. In terms of new development, the level of future growth in Trafford has the potential to result in a significant increase in carbon emissions associated with the demand for and consumption of resources, materials, heating and energy. However, housing and economic growth do not necessarily conflict with climate change concerns and the pathway to carbon neutrality can be mutually beneficial in line with the UK's Clean Growth Strategy, a GM's Clean Growth Mission and the National and Local Industrial Strategies.
- 2.44. The Local Plan therefore takes a holistic approach to climate change, recognising the impact it will have on a range of cross-cutting policy themes and reflecting the legal duty to ensure planning policy contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. Potential climate change impacts resulting from development will be considered as part of all planning decisions.

Consultation Question 2-5

Do you support Policy ST5? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.