

Environment Theme	
Lead Partner: Sport NI	
Outcomes	DRAFT Strategic Actions (for review at detailed action planning phase)
<p>7.</p> <p>Our outstanding natural environment and built and cultural heritage is sustainably managed and, where possible, enhanced.</p> <p>(NB: sustainable management encompasses protection where appropriate)</p>	<p>7a. Develop and implement management plans for the Sperrins AONB and for the Global Geopark in partnership with neighbouring areas</p> <p>7b. Develop a network of walkways, cycleways, community trails and water based infrastructure that connects people and biodiversity across our district and the wider region (<i>where appropriate, taking advantage of opportunities brought about through major infrastructure projects</i>).</p> <p>7c. Protect and restore vulnerable habitats and increase biodiversity throughout the district</p> <p>7d. Develop and promote wildlife/habitat corridor belts</p> <p>7e. Protect, manage, conserve and invest in our built heritage and reduce the number of buildings on the buildings at risk register</p> <p>7f. Promote and build increased local appreciation of, and access to, our natural, built and cultural heritage assets.</p> <p>7g. Engage people in protecting and enhancing their local environment and in becoming community environmental champions</p> <p>7h. Reduce dependency on traditional fossil fuels and develop and support local initiatives which incorporate renewable energy</p> <p>7i. Develop initiatives to drive innovation in energy efficiency</p> <p>7j. Create an industry forum to promote and develop skills in sustainable and energy efficient construction methods to support Breeam certified development</p> <p>7k. Explore opportunities to build awareness of and develop programmes to improve energy efficiency of homes across the region.</p>

	<p>7l. Develop programmes to promote waste minimisation both in domestic and in industrial/commercial sectors</p> <p>7m. Develop and enhance the waste infrastructure across the district.</p> <p>7n. Ensure that the highest environmental standards are achieved across all waste management projects and programmes</p> <p>7o. Promote the development of sustainable infrastructure to assist in flood risk management.</p> <p>7p. Identify, prioritise and action appropriate means of mitigating against and responding effectively to flooding events</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>Our district is an attractive and accessible place</p>	<p>8a. Ensure that new development is of high quality design, positively reflecting the distinctive identity of our towns, villages and the rural area, whilst meeting the housing and employment needs of the area</p> <p>8b. Enhance and improve the quality of public realm (i.e., external public places) to make our towns, villages and neighbourhoods more welcoming, accessible, clean and attractive to business, local users and visitors.</p> <p>8c. Develop initiatives to encourage and promote civic pride in our area</p> <p>8d. Progress the sustainable redevelopment and use of key 'opportunity sites' in our main towns and across the district.</p> <p>8e. Increase countryside access across the district, promoting the '<i>leave no trace principle</i>'</p>