

Assessment ID: JLP743

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### **Assessment Initial Summary:**

The JLP was adopted on 26 March 2019 and is going to be five years old in March 2024. There is a legal requirement that a local planning authority must complete a review at least every five years, and this is also set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. The purpose of the five-year review is to show that the JLP and its policies, that set the strategic context for development to 2034, remain effective and establish whether evidence suggests that parts of the plan may need updating. The Five-Year Review Report demonstrates that the JLP continues to provide an effective strategy for the management of growth and development across the whole plan area. The JLP policies are therefore substantially able to continue to carry full weight for planning decisions and support the sustainable development of the area, with positive climate and environmental outcomes.

### Assessment Final Summary:

By confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will continue to have positive impacts on the different factors set out in the assessment tool.

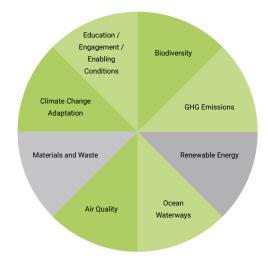
**Biodiversity Score: 4** 

Biodiversity Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not impact on the amount or type of biodiversity present in the natural environment . However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will continue to enhance and improve biodiversity by ensuring that the policies are implemented and in turn enabling sustainable development. This is particularly important for biodiversity as the strategy within the JLP ensures that development happens in the right places and that any impacts identified through the plan making process have been identified and where necessary fully mitigated for. The Habitats Regulations Assessment which was completed in close collaboration with Natural England ensures that the policies and proposals in the plan have been fully screened for impacts.

**Biodiversity Score Mitigate**: No

**GHG Emissions Score: 4** 

**GHG Emissions Score Justification**: The Review Report itself does not impact on the amount of GHG emitted. However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to decrease greenhouse gases through the implementation of policies.



For example encouraging travel via alternative modes of transport. Having a development plan in place is very important in terms of managing greenhouse gas emissions. Development proposals have been carefully planned alongside key infrastructure such as new roads, associated green space and other key services and facilities.

GHG Emissions Score Mitigate: No

Renewable Energy Score: 3

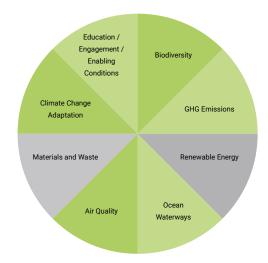
Renewable Energy Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not increase or decrease the provision of renewable energy. However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to increase renewable energy through the implementation of policies.

Renewable Energy Score Mitigate: No

Ocean and Waterways Score: 4

Ocean and Waterways Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not have direct impact on the ocean or waterways. However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will continue to protect water quality, waterways and the ocean by ensuring that the policies are implemented. The process of preparing a plan ensures that the direct and indirect impacts on the special designations such as the Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries Marine Protected Area are fully identified and mitigated for. In particular SPT14 - European sites - Mitigation of recreational impacts from development sets out a zone of influence where contributions are expected to support mitigation and management within the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries SAC and the Tamar Estuaries SPA. In developing the policy, consideration was taking of planned development to be delivered through site allocations. Confirming the status of the JLP will support the future mitigation and management of recreational impacts within the Plymouth Sound and Tamar Estuaries.

Ocean and Waterways Score Mitigate: No



Air Quality Score: 4

Air Quality Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not impact on air quality. However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to improve air quality through the implementation of policies. For example by encouraging travel via alternative modes of transport and encouraging development in locations which avoid exacerbating existing air quality issues. The development strategy in the JLP has been planned to ensure that the impacts of development are mitigated for, without a plan in place speculative development in unsustainable places could have negative impacts on air quality.

Air Quality Score Mitigate: No

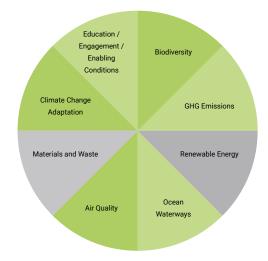
Materials and Waste Score: 3

Materials and Waste Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not increase or decrease the use of materials or waste. However by confirming the status and weight of the policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to use materials and deal with waste efficiently. Policies in the plan such as SPT1 ensure that land is used efficiently by optimising the re-use of previously developed land

Materials and Waste Score Mitigate: No

Climate Change Adaptation Score: 4

Climate Change Adaptation Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not impact on our ability to delivered required adaptation measures or increase the pressure on our existing resilience in the city. However by conforming the status and weight of the policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to enable climate adaptation. Policies in the plan such as SPT1 ensures that resilient communities and developments are delivered which are able to accommodate the impacts of climate change and do not cause detrimental impacts elsewhere for example through increasing flood risk. Policy DEV32 Delivering low carbon development along with the Climate Emergency Planning Statement also provide opportunities to ensure that the impacts of development on the climate are mitigated for and that adaptation is included within development schemes. Without a plan in place this would not happen in a coordinated



way and development might come forward in locations where the climate impacts cannot be mitigated for and where adaptation is not included in the development proposals.

Climate Change Adaptation Score Mitigate: No

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score: 4

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score Justification: The Review Report itself does not help to educate or engage residents of businesses about the climate emergency. However by confirming the status and weight of policies in the plan, the JLP will support opportunities to raise awareness about sustainable development and in turn the councils response to the climate emergency. For example, the JLP contains policies which support flood prevention and seek to encourage cycling and walking. Collectively the policies in the JLP help raise awareness about the impacts of climate change on the local environment and set out how this should be mitigated for in new development by ensuring that opportunities are taken to develop resilience in communities. Without the policies in the plan, development could come forward which does not consider climate change impacts and in turn the community may feel that the council are not considering the future implications of development. This could lead to communities feeling less engaged about the climate emergency.

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score Mitigate: No

