

ANNEX 2 - Derbyshire Dales Draft UKSPF Summary Investment Plan – Proposed Interventions and Activities

UKSPF Investment Priority	Indicative Activity	Climate change assessment
Communities and Place	Town Centre Public Realm - Matlock Western Gateway improvements	<p>Climate change impact of development covered through planning application</p> <p>Proposed transport hub aligns with the principles of sustainable travel – i.e. encouraging active travel and use of public transport</p>
Communities and Place	Development Site Feasibility Studies	<p>Building on brownfield land may directly reduce the amount of countryside that's lost to development, reducing changes in land use and ensuring continuing space for nature to thrive. However, lots of brownfield sites themselves harbour ecologically important habitats, such as scrubby grassland, self-set trees and patchy pockets of water, providing nature connectivity in urban environments. Development would impact on this.</p> <p>There can be benefits to developing on brownfield land, infrastructure may already be available reducing the need for 'carbon intensive' upgrades and they're often close to where people already live and work meaning active travel or use of public transport is easier making the site more sustainable. However, site clearance and remediation can have a high carbon cost in disposal of large amounts of concrete, removing contaminated soil etc.</p> <p>As with everything, balance is key, and decisions need to be made on a case-by-case basis managed at the delivery stage through the planning process.</p> <p>Undertaking these feasibility studies will seek to reduce some of the barriers to brownfield site development will would enable the District Council to be able to make a more detailed assessment of likely impacts versus benefits.</p>

Communities and Place	Communities Resilience Fund	<p>Grants could have clear climate change benefits in communities depending on the nature of the projects in question. Identification of local priorities e.g. development of community energy schemes and community climate education. A climate change strand to the community grant programme would be beneficial.</p> <p>Again, assessments will need to be undertaken on a project by project basis.</p>
Supporting local businesses and People and Skills	Peak Rural Innovation Programme	<p>Business grants supporting small and micro-businesses, including to deliver the objective of ‘encouraging green business growth’.</p> <p>Grants can potentially be used for kit and equipment to directly reduce emissions (where ineligible for support under the programme below)</p> <p>Tier three grants specifically focus on engineering (especially green and environmental engineering) as a sector for intervention.</p> <p>The projects enabled by the grants also have the potential to support innovation in the low carbon economy.</p>
Supporting local businesses	Energy audit and carbon reduction support for Derbyshire Dales SMEs	<p>Responding to identified needs with the local business community, proposed support includes energy audits to enable businesses to understand their baseline carbon footprint, developing decarbonisation plans and enhance energy efficiency/reduce carbon emissions, with capital grant assistance available to complement these assessments.</p> <p>The activity buildings on the successful countywide De-carbonise scheme and has the potential to continue to support local businesses in being able to understand the climate impacts of their businesses (improved measuring and reporting) and provides access to solutions.</p>

Supporting local businesses	Co-ordinated business support offer providing generic and specialist business advice services to support established SMEs	<p>The business advice service provides the opportunity for a continuing and improved connection with local businesses through 1:1, face to face advice. This is vital to spread the climate change 'message', to promote the grant initiatives and to signpost businesses to avenues of support for emissions reductions initiatives as well as encouraging growth in the 'green' sector.</p> <p>The workshops and events will include the 'low carbon' agenda and providing opportunities for sharing of best practice and networking.</p>
Supporting local businesses	Business Start-Up Programme	The provision of free 1:1 advice and seed-corn grant support to new start businesses within the first year of trading will help new businesses to be 'low carbon' from the outset.