6.28 It is recognised that development that results in significant increases in the movements of lorries, such as logistics operations needs careful consideration in planning terms, and that in general these types of operations are more appropriate in locations with good access to strategic transport networks. Detailed transport assessment work will need to be undertaken to understand environmental impacts and appropriate mitigation, and wherever possible sustainable transport access should be promoted for staff and visitors.

Policy TRANS7: Development Generating New Lorry Movements

1. **Proposals for development leading to significant increases in lorry movements, such as freight distribution depots should only be permitted in locations where:**
    i)   **any increase in lorry movements can be appropriately accommodated on the surrounding road network;**
    ii)   **the opportunities for sustainable transport access have been maximised; and**
    iii) **the development does not result in adverse environmental effects on the surrounding area.**

This policy contributes towards achieving objectives 1, 4, 6, 7 & 8.

6.29 Provision of improved electronic communication across the district and to new development will be critical to supporting continued economic development in the district, and supporting growth of high-tech industries. In line with the outcome of the central Government's 'Future Telecoms Infrastructure Review' and section 10 of the National Planning Policy Framework, there will be in particular a need to provide full fibre broadband to new development coming forward over the next few years[30]. From a transport perspective, provision of high quality broadband will also be important in supporting new ways of working such as flexible hours and working at home that help reduce pressure on the transport network, particularly at peak times, and support the vitality of our towns and villages.

[30] https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-telecoms-infrastructure-review, and https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2