

EIA STAGE 1 – SCREENING ASSESSMENT

PROJECT DETAILS

Name of project or policy:

Freehold Reversion-Apna Centre, land at Prospect Street, Springwood, Huddersfield

Directorate:

Growth and Regeneration

Senior Officer responsible for policy/service:

Angela Blake (Service Director-Development)

Service:

Development

Lead Officer responsible for EIA:

Giles Chappell

Specific Service Area/Policy:

Corporate Disposals and Acquisitions

Date of EIA (Stage 1):

23/02/2021

Brief outline of proposal and the overall aims/purpose of making this change:

Transfer of the freehold of land at Prospect Street, Springwood, Huddersfield for the promotion and improvement of social, economic and environmental wellbeing.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Theme	Calculated Scores						Stage 2 Assessment Required
	Proposal	Impact	P + I	Mitigation	Evidence	M + E	
Equalities	4	4.4	8.4	2.5	2	4.5	No
Environment		4.7	4.7	5	10	15	Yes **

NATURE OF CHANGE

WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSAL?	Please select YES or NO
To introduce a service, activity or policy (i.e. start doing something)	NO
To remove a service, activity or policy (i.e. stop doing something)	NO
To reduce a service or activity (i.e. do less of something)	NO
To increase a service or activity (i.e. do more of something)	YES
To change a service, activity or policy (i.e. redesign it)	NO
To start charging for (or increase the charge for) a service or activity (i.e. ask people to pay for or to pay more for something)	NO

** INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The outcome of the Stage 1 Integrated Impact Assessment indicates a negative Environmental Impact based on the lack of specialist advice and evidence to support the action being taken.

The proposal relates to the transfer of the Councils freehold reversionary interest in the land only. The Apna Centre building is not owned by the Council nor does the Council have any responsibility for the repair, maintenance or any improvements of the building.

The proposed capital investment put forward by the Trustees includes the replacement of the boiler and improvements to the heating system and fabric of the building. These measures will deliver environmental benefit through improved energy efficiency of the building and in turn support the Councils Carbon Neutral vision.

Officers are satisfied, based on the Councils own technical experience and knowledge that investment in modern, more efficient heating methods is shown to improve energy efficiency and therefore reduce carbon. It is therefore considered that the proposed improvements to the facility by the Trustees will deliver environmental benefit and that there is no negative environmental impact from the transfer of the freehold reversionary interest in the land. Independent specialist advice is therefore not required.