

# EIA STAGE 1 – SCREENING ASSESSMENT

## PROJECT DETAILS

### Name of project or policy:

LOW CARBON HOUSING PILOT PROJECT, Site of the former RM Grylls School, Second Avenue, Hightown

### Directorate:

Growth & Regeneration

### Senior Officer responsible for policy/service:

Naz Parkar

### Service:

Homes and Neighbourhoods

### Lead Officer responsible for EIA:

James Hinchliffe

### Specific Service Area/Policy:

Development Team

### Date of EIA (Stage 1):

03-Mar-22

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

This project aims to develop the site to provide around 125 new low carbon homes on this Local Plan housing site. It will include at least 20 Passivhaus dwellings and one zero carbon dwelling, and to secure at least 31% carbon savings over current Building Regulations. The homes will be built by and for the council and most will be affordable dwellings. The scheme is intended to reduce the carbon footprint of new homes, and to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels. It will provide affordable homes and trial improvements

## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Theme	Calculated Scores						Stage 2 Assessment Required
	Proposal	Impact	P + I	Mitigation	Evidence	M + E	
Equalities	6	3.7	9.7	2.5	4	6.5	No
Environment		2.6	2.6	0	2	2	No

## NATURE OF CHANGE

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

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...	Level of Impact
	Please select from drop down
Kirklees Council's <b>internal practices</b> ?	Positive
Lifestyles of <b>those who live and work</b> in Kirklees?	Positive
<b>Practices of suppliers</b> to Kirklees council?	Positive
<b>Practices of other partners</b> of Kirklees council?	Positive

Each of the following **environmental themes**? (Please select from the drop down list)

	People	Partners	Places
...clean air (including Climate Changing Gases)	Very Positive Score: 0	Neutral Score: 2	Very Positive Score: 0
...Clean and plentiful water	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2
... Wildlife and habitats	Positive Score: 1	Neutral Score: 2	Positive Score: 1
...Resilience to harm from environmental hazards	Positive Score: 1	Neutral Score: 2	Positive Score: 1
... Sustainability and efficiency of use of resources from nature	Very Positive Score: 0	Positive Score: 1	Very Positive Score: 0
...Beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment	Positive Score: 1	Neutral Score: 2	Positive Score: 1
... Resilience to the effects of climate change	Very Positive Score: 0	Positive Score: 1	Very Positive Score: 0
...Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1
... Exposure to chemicals	Positive Score: 1	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...	Level of Impact Please select from drop down
Kirklees <b>employees</b> within this service/directorate? (overall)	Positive
Kirklees <b>residents</b> living in a specific ward/local area?	Positive
Please tell us which area/ward will be affected:	Liversedge and Gomersal
<b>Residents</b> across Kirklees? (i.e. most/all local people)	Positive
Existing <b>service users</b> ?	Positive

Each of the following <b>groups</b> ?		Please select from drop down
<i>(Think about how your proposal might affect, either positively or negatively, any individuals/communities. Please consider the impact for both employees and residents - within these protected characteristic groups).</i>		
...age	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Positive
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Positive
...disability	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Positive
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Positive
...gender reassignment	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Neutral
...marriage/ civil partnership	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Neutral
...pregnancy & maternity	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Positive
...race	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Positive
...religion & belief	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Neutral
...sex	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Neutral
...sexual orientation	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Neutral
...those in poverty or low-come	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>employees</b> /internal working practices?	Positive
	What impact is there on Kirklees <b>residents</b> /external service delivery?	Positive

...unpaid carers

What impact is there on Kirklees **employees**/internal working practices?

Neutral

What impact is there on Kirklees **residents**/external service delivery?

Positive

## HOW ARE YOU USING ADVICE AND EVIDENCE/INTELLIGENCE TO HELP YOU?

Please select YES or NO

### Equality Themes

Have you taken any <b>specialist advice</b> linked to your proposal? (Legal, HR etc)?	No
...employees?	Yes
Do you have any <b>evidence/intelligence</b> to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on...	Yes
...Kirklees residents?	Yes
...service users?	Yes
...any protected characteristic groups?	No

Please list your **equalities** evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:  
 The proposals are addressing environmental issues, carbon reduction, and fuel poverty, and equality of opportunity in meeting eligible applicant householders' housing needs. This is driven by the strategic Housing Market Assessment and local evidence on bidding patterns, and the input of Sufficiency Group and the Accessible Homes Team. Council's Choice Based Lettings system and allocations policy seeks to prioritise those most in need. Clearly need for all cannot be met on one development. The scheme is also about addressing fuel poverty and the risks of entering fuel poverty. The council/design team will be engaging with the local community and members throughout the design iteration of the proposals

	Please select from drop down
To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal outlined on the different groups of people?	TO SOME EXTENT
To what extent do you feel you have considered your Public Sector Equality Duty?	FULLY

### Environmental Themes

Have you taken any <b>specialist advice</b> linked to your proposal?	Yes
...Kirklees Council practices?	Yes
Do you have any <b>evidence/intelligence</b> to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on...	Yes
...resident and worker lifestyles?	Yes
...Practices of Supplier to Kirklees Council?	Yes
...Practices of other Kirklees Council partners?	

Please list your environmental evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:  
 It is clear from the government's own proposals on Future Homes Standard and on evidence from previous specialist advice (GWPA consultants) that the new homes will require changes in practice in relation to property construction, maintenance and management. Evidence of this also comes from the Passivhaus Trust learning, training and academic papers. This will require learning and skills development, which will have a positive impact on employees' professional development and lifestyles in learning about carbon reduction and measures to reduce fuel poverty. For residents, this will be an opportunity to save on fuel and heating/cooling costs although the council will need to act carefully in supporting residents and not impose technology and learning on those residents who may be less equipped to accommodate new technology and living practices.

	Please select from drop down
To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal on the environmental issues identified?	FULLY