

Appendix D Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	Selby area Local Plan
Brief description of proposal	The Local Plan sets out the District's spatial strategy in relation to housing and employment growth, with locally specific policies and site allocations which will help to shape the District's built and natural environment.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Planning
Lead officer	Caroline Skelly – Planning Policy Manager
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Will Smith – Senior Planning Policy

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	Increases emissions	Increases emissions	Increases emissions
Waste	Increases waste	Increases waste	Increases waste
Water use	Increases water usage	Increases water usage	Increases water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	Increases pollution	Increases pollution	Increases pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	Decreases resilience	Decreases resilience	Decreases resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	Negative impact on ecology	Negative impact on ecology	Negative impact on ecology
Heritage and landscape	Decreases protection of heritage and lanscape	Decreases protection of heritage and lanscape	Decreases protection of heritage and lanscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:		Continue to full CCIA:	X
Reason for decision	<p>The delivery of new development and changes to the use of land can create impacts on climate resilience, biodiversity, and emissions – as reflected in the table above. The Revised Publication Local Plan for the former Selby district area is supported by a full and detailed Sustainability Appraisal which incorporates SEA guidelines. This Appraisal has been undertaken by Aecom.</p> <p>A scoping exercise has been carried out to establish the key sustainability issues and objectives for the plan area. The appraisal covers the spatial growth options for housing and employment as well as the individual site options. A key element of the Sustainability Appraisal process is to explore different ways in which the objectives of the plan can be met and to ensure the most sustainable option is achieved.</p> <p>The Revised Publication Local Plan document sets out a range of comprehensive mitigation measures in both strategic and site policies to maximise the sustainability of new growth and the benefits it provides. The document as a whole is underpinned by robust evidence covering the natural environment, highways and landscape.</p> <p>The former Selby district area, with its links to the energy generation sectors and industry, and with its positive attitude to growth, presents a range of opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas and carbon emissions, which are known to contribute to global warming and climate change.</p>			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Trevor Watson (Assistant Director Planning)			

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