

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

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	Adoption of the Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Supplementary Planning Document
Brief description of proposal	The Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Supplementary Planning Document sets out guidance to support the adopted Harrogate Local Plan (2014-2035). It does not introduce new policy or requirements. The report proposes to adopt the guidance as a Supplementary Planning Document and use this as material consideration in the determination of relevant planning proposals.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Planning
Lead officer	Iain Mann, Nidderdale National Landscape Manager
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Natasha Durham, Planning Manager (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	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	Negative impact on ecology	Negative impact on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

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:	X	Continue to full CCIA:	
Reason for decision	The adopted Harrogate Local Plan was developed in line with national and local policy on climate change, with climate change mitigation and resilience at the forefront. The SPD provides guidance to support the implementation of the adopted Local Plan policy.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Trevor Watson			
Date	26/02/2024			