

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	Housing Standards Enforcement Policy
Brief description of proposal	The purpose of the report is for the Council to adopt a new Housing Standards enforcement policy for across the County. The enforcement policy will ensure that all private housing standards are dealt with consistently and that the Housing Standards team can utilise all of the relevant statutory duties and powers.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Housing – Housing Renewal
Lead officer	Andrew Rowe
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Emma Jesper

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)	No effect on ecology	No effect 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 Housing Standards Enforcement Policy will have a small positive effect on environmental factors for the council, county or overall as the proposal is for one enforcement policy for NYC, whereas previously some former districts/boroughs did not have policies to utilise all available enforcement tools. If the policy is not approved, there could be a negative impact on emissions as we will be unable to ensure that privately rented properties meet certain minimum Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings, as well as utilising tools excess cold tools under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) and Housing Act 2004.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	A Rowe			
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