

APPENDIX B: BIL Fund 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	Recoverable Grant application to Homes England's Brownfield, Infrastructure and Land (BIL) Fund
Brief description of proposal	To seek approval for the submission of recoverable grant funding request to Homes England's Brownfield, Infrastructure and Land Fund. Approval is sought from the Corporate Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Resources and the Executive Member for Open to Business to authorise submission of an application of grant funding in the amount of £6,780,994.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Delivery and Infrastructure
Lead officer	Alex Robinson, Delivery and Infrastructure Officer
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Tracey Rathmell, Head of Delivery and Infrastructure

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	<p>The delivery of strategic housing sites is complex and early provision of infrastructure can help to provide a more sustainable new community creating a sense of place. This can require investment of funds ahead of the receipt of s106 commuted sums. The provision of recoverable grant funding from Homes England will allow NYC to start delivery of the transport and school mitigation at an early stage in the build-out of the West Harrogate project.</p> <p>Assessment and delivery of the works has already been identified through the statutory planning application process for the West Harrogate project.</p> <p>The requirement for a full CCIA is therefore not considered to be relevant or proportionate in relation to the decision being made on this application for funding request.</p>			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)				
Date	07/03/25			