

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	MALTKILN NEW SETTLEMENT – Adoption of the New Settlement (Maltkiln) Development Plan Document
Brief description of proposal	To adopt the Maltkiln Development Plan Document (DPD) which has been progressed to guide development of a new settlement in the Hammerton/Cattal area. Adoption of the DPD will allow the Council to implement the adopted Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2035. It will also allow the Council to give full weight to the policies and proposals within the DPD, and therefore assist the Council to drive development of the new settlement in a comprehensive manner, ensuring that appropriate infrastructure is provided and that the vision for a zero-carbon settlement is realised.
Directorate	Community
Service area	Place Shaping and Growth
Lead officer	Tracey Rathmell, Head of Infrastructure and Delivery
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Kate Exley, Planning Policy and Place Officer

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>Full CCIA is not intended to replicate more detailed statutory environmental assessments.</p> <p>Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to include in their Local Plans “policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority’s area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change” and therefore impacts on the environment and climate change have been considered in great detail as part of the development plan process and examination in public (EIP).</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) has all informed development of the DPD. These assessments consider a range of environmental impacts and the DPD and its policies have been drafted and refined alongside these assessments to minimise and mitigate any impacts identified. Both the DPD and accompanying environmental assessments have been scrutinized through an examination in public and an Inspector has found the DPD to be sound (subject to modifications) concludes that the DPD, taken as a whole, includes policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.</p> <p>The environmental impacts of the DPD are more nuanced than can be explained in the table above and therefore all fields have been left as neutral. Impacts on</p>			

	<p>ecology, landscape and historic environment are detailed within the relevant assessments which are appended to the report and can be found on the Council's website New Settlement (Maltkiln) Development Plan Document North Yorkshire Council.</p> <p>However it should be noted that the DPD has been developed with climate change mitigation and resilience at the forefront and a Climate Change Strategy was commissioned to inform the priorities and policies in the DPD. This identified four priority areas for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net zero carbon movement and active travel; • Net zero carbon energy supply and use; • Inclusive flexible living and working; • Climate resilience. <p>Taken together the climate change policies in the DPD seek to ensure that each of the four climate change priorities are secured.</p> <p>It is important to note that the policies in the DPD require more ambitious action than the adopted Local Plan. Therefore, the recommendation to adopt the DPD will have a positive effect on the Council's climate change aspirations by ensuring that development is carbon net zero across all phases.</p>
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Kathryn Daly (Assistant Director Place Shaping and Growth)
Date	18th August 2025