

APPENDIX C: 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	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan
Brief description of proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To present the results of the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum and the requirements of North Yorkshire Council as the Local Planning Authority to formally 'make' the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan.• To present the Regulation 19 Decision Statement set out at Appendix A, which sets out the Local Planning Authority's decision and the reasons for making that decision.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Planning
Lead officer	Kathryn Daly, Assistant Director (Place Shaping and Growth) Rachel Cryer, Principal Planning Policy and Place Officer (Author of the report)
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Hannah Nutsey, Climate Change Policy 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	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)	Increases resilience	Increases resilience	Increases resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	Positive impact on ecology	Positive impact on ecology	Positive impact on ecology
Heritage and landscape	Increases protection of heritage and landscape	Increases protection of heritage and landscape	Increases protection of 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full CCIA:	
Reason for decision	<p>The recommendations included in the report relate to the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan prepared by the Parish Council. A neighbourhood plan puts in place planning policy for a neighbourhood area to guide future development and is about the use and development of land.</p> <p>Following a successful referendum the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the area along with the adopted Craven Local Plan (2019), which means that local planning authorities and planning inspectors considering planning applications or appeals must make their decisions in accordance with the policies of the development plan for the area, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The policies contained within the Plan will guide development in that area and will seek to implement the council's climate change and environmental ambitions through the provision of new development, infrastructure, and protection of the environment. North Yorkshire Council is now required to formally make or adopt the Clapham cum Newby NDP.</p> <p>The chart above indicates that the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan would have both positive and negative environmental impacts. The Council's guidance on preparing a full CCIA, however states that it may not be necessary to undertake a full CCIA if the proposal will be subject to Planning Permission, Environmental Impact Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Given that the policies contained in the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan relate to the use and development of land which would be used to guide</p>			

	<p>future development that would require planning permission, it is considered that, in line with the Council's supporting guidance on CCIA, is not necessary to undertake a full CCIA.</p> <p>The draft Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan has been subject to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRA) screening processes. The conclusion of the SEA screening process is that the policies proposed by the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan are not likely to lead to any adverse effects of a social, environmental or economic dimension over the lifetime of the neighbourhood plan. The conclusion of the HRA screening process is that the policies proposed by the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan are not likely to lead to any significantly adverse effects on the European designated sites. The potential impacts on the protected sites were examined, and there are no negative impacts envisaged.</p> <p>The SEA screening process also considered cumulative impacts arising from the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan in combination with other plans. The most significant is the Craven Local Plan (adopted in November 2019), which has an accompanying HRA Appropriate Assessment that concludes that there is unlikely to be any negative cumulative effects arising from the proposals within it. Analysis of the effective mitigation measures in the Craven Local Plan's Appropriate Assessment shows that there will not be significant cumulative effects from the neighbouring plans in the area.</p>
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Kathryn Daly
Date	20 October 2025