

Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

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Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
Environmental Impact Assessment
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	South Cliff Gardens Final grant claim approval report
Brief description of proposal	South Cliff Gardens, Scarborough has undergone a large transformation using internal budgets as well as £4.66m from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The final report being submitted is to demonstrate all requirements have been met in relation to the funding grant. A Business Plan has been written to demonstrate how income could be generated for the gardens to enable to increased level of maintenance shown in the Management and Maintenance Plan. The report also seeks approval to submit the final grant claim to NLHF.
Directorate	Environment
Service area	Parks and Grounds
Lead officer	Kate Dawson, Community Assets and Engagement Manager
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	
Date impact assessment started	20/08/2025

Options appraisal

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

N/A

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

Cost neutral

Former Scarborough Borough Council secured a National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant (NLHF) of £4.66m to improve the gardens following other intensive slope stabilisation works on site. The project comes to a close officially on 30th October 2025 and the report being submitted is to have the site Management & Maintenance Plan and the Business Plan approved (the business plan aims to bring in some money to offset any additional outlay as part of the improvement works) as well as approve the final draw down of the remaining NLHF grant.

How will this proposal impact on the environment? N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.	Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale? Where possible/relevant please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.	
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel		X		There are no specific changes to how people will travel to site;		
	Emissions from construction		X		Very little emissions from construction work on site considering it mainly relates to parks and grounds improvements		
	Emissions from running of buildings		X		Only new building on site is built to higher quality eco spec but this also limits travel by gardeners as now have mini depot on site		
	Emissions from data storage		X		N/A		
	Other						
Minimise waste : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic		X		Main waste relates to Garden waste which is sent for composting.			
Reduce water consumption		X		N/A – new building has low flush toilet, and water butts to collect rainwater outside to use to water the plants.			

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<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		X		<p>Electric vehicle is used on site by gardening team</p>		
<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		X		<p>Mitigation still in place; seating in shaded areas for high weather periods, improved shelters in relation to wet weather conditions, planting schemes have not changed dramatically but consideration has taken place in relation to more tolerant species, additional water butt provision where practicable.</p>		
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>	X			<p>Additional planting relates more to appropriate native species and an increase in wildflower meadow areas on site. Additional shelter provision for wildlife including feeding stations.</p>		

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<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>	X			<p>As the overall project was funded via National Lottery Heritage Fund many heritage features have been improved. These features are listed within the Management & Maintenance plan and will be retained and maintained moving forwards.</p>		
<p>Other (please state below)</p>	X			<p>Increased accessible footpaths allow wider accessibility for all within the gardens.</p>		

Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

Summary Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The improvements at South Cliff Gardens have a positive impact on Climate Change and will continue to be managed and maintained in this way due to the supporting Management and Maintenance plan required as part of the NLHF grant.

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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Service area	Parks and Grounds
Directorate	Environment
Signature	
Completion date	20/08/2025

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature): Barrie Mason

Date: 14/01/2026