

Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Marton West Neighbourhood Plan			
Coverage:	Site-specific			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, which enable local community groups/residents to apply to local authorities to set-up a Neighbourhood Forum, and establish a vision and general planning policies for the development and use of land in their designated neighbourhood. This takes the form of a Neighbourhood Plan, which the Forum (or other relevant body) prepares.</p> <p>Key aims, objectives and activities The above Regulations make clear that a Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared to be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider area and must be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and the strategic policies of the Council's Development Plan. In addition, Neighbourhood Plans are required to plan positively and not promote less development than set-out in the Development Plan or undermine its strategic policies.</p> <p>Statutory drivers The Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach Not applicable.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, developers and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes If the Council adopts the Neighbourhood Plan, it will form part of the Council's Development Plan and become a 'material consideration' in the determination of planning applications within the designated Marton West Neighbourhood Area.</p>			
Live date:	Upon adoption.			
Lifespan:	2016-2029			
Date of next review:	Up to 2029 or subsequent changes in Government policy.			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p>Human Rights</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the above Regulations, and a public examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Plan will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.</p>
<p>Equality</p> <p>Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the above Regulations, and a public examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Plan will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.</p>
<p>Community cohesion</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the above Regulations, and a public examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Plan will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.</p>
<p>Sustainable Community Strategy objectives</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on the achievement of the vision for Middlesbrough? Does the decision impact on statutory duties associated with these key objectives? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the above Regulations, and a public examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Plan will impact negatively on the Council's sustainable community strategy objectives.</p>

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

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<p>Organisational management / transformation</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services as set out in its transformation programme? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Marton West Neighbourhood Plan underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the above Regulations, and a public examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Plan will impact negatively on the organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services set out in its transformation programme.</p>
<p>Next steps:</p> <p>➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.</p> <p>➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.</p>				

Assessment completed by:	Charlton Gibben	Head of Service:	
Date:	31.10.16	Date:	