Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Draft Development Guidance Brief for the Redevelopment of Land North of Marton Avenue					
Coverage:	Site-specific					
	Strategy	⊠ Policy				
This is a decision relating to:	Process/procedure	Programme	Project	Review		
	Organisational change	Other (please state)				
It is a:	New approach:	\square	Revision of an existing approach:			
It is driven by:	Legislation:		Local or corporate requirements:			
Description:	Degistration:					
Lifespan:	Until the site is developed or the site allocation in the Housing Local Plan is removed/changed.					
Date of next review:	When a review of the Housing Local Plan takes place, however the allocation of the land north of Marton Avenue site for residential development is not due to change.					

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?				The land north of Marton Avenue site is already allocated for residential use in the Council's adopted Housing Local Plan, which underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the Middlesbrough SCI – and a stringent Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector, who declared the Plan sound. As such, the principle of residential development in this location has already been established as being suitable. The draft development guidance is intended to ensure the satisfactory development for residential purposes. Consultation on the development guidance will be undertaken in full accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.

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

Screening questions	Response		Evidence
Equality 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? *			The land north of Marton Avenue site is already allocated for residential use in the Council's adopted Housing Local Plan, which underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the Middlesbrough SCI – and a stringent Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector, who declared the Plan sound. As such, the principle of residential development in this location has already been established as being suitable. The draft development guidance is intended to ensure the satisfactory development for residential purposes. Consultation on the development guidance will be undertaken in full accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.

Screening questions	Response		Evidence
Community cohesion			The land north of Marton Avenue site is already allocated for residential use in the Council's adopted Housing Local Plan, which underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the Middlesbrough SCI – and a stringent Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector, who declared the Plan sound. As such, the principle of residential development in this location has already been established as being suitable.
Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *			The draft development guidance is intended to ensure the satisfactory development for residential purposes. Consultation on the development guidance will be undertaken in full accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.

Screening questions	Response		Evidence
Sustainable Community Strategy objectives 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? *			The land north of Marton Avenue site is already allocated for residential use in the Council's adopted Housing Local Plan, which underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the Middlesbrough SCI – and a stringent Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector, who declared the Plan sound. As such, the principle of residential development in this location has already been established as being suitable. The draft development guidance is intended to ensure the satisfactory development for residential purposes. Consultation on the development guidance will be undertaken in full accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the Council's sustainable community strategy objectives.

Screening questions	Response			Evidence	
Organisational management / transformation Could the decision impact negatively on organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services as set out in its transformation programme? *				The land north of Marton Avenue site is already allocated for residential use in the Council's adopted Housing Local Plan, which underwent several rounds of public consultation – in full accordance with the Middlesbrough SCI – and a stringent Public Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector, who declared the Plan sound. As such, the principle of residential development in this location has already been established as being suitable. The draft development guidance is intended to ensure the satisfactory development for residential purposes. Consultation on the development guidance will be undertaken in full accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services set out in its transformation programme.	
Next steps:					
If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.					
If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.					

Assessment completed by:	Charlton Gibben	Head of Service:	
Date:	03.10.16	Date:	