

Appendix 3 – Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Publication Local 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 type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>The Publication Local Plan is the Council's revised Local Plan that it wishes to adopt. It will be subject to a publication period of six week, in order to invite formal representations upon it. The Publication Local Plan and the representations received will form the basis for the subsequent Independent Examination.</p> <p>Key aims, objectives and activities The Publication Local Plan sets out the revised Local Plan that the Council wishes to adopt. The key policy areas include: the overall vision and strategy; delivering the Investment Prospectus projects; economic growth; housing; infrastructure; the historic environment; and generic development management policies. The report will be subject to six weeks 'publication', during which formal representations will be sought on the soundness and legal compliance of the plan.</p> <p>Statutory drivers The Council must prepare Local Plans and associated planning documents, under the requirements of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Localism Act 2011, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach Whilst the overall approach to supporting economic growth through new development is in keeping with the current Local Plan, there are some proposed changes including: new development sites; the identification of the projects in the Investment Prospectus; a new policy to control hot food take aways; a new Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation policy; the identification of new infrastructure requirements; and a new policy on the conversion of residential properties. The new approach is based on an up-to-date evidence base, and is in line with the most recent NPPF, which means that there are also some consequential change to existing policies.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, developers, businesses, investors and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes To set out the Council's revised Local Plan that it wishes to adopt, and to agree it for formal 'publication' and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.</p>			

Live date:	October 2018.
Lifespan:	Until the revised Local Plan is finalised.
Date of next review:	This is part of the ongoing process for reviewing the Local Plan. The next stage in the plan making process will be the 'Publication' stage, which is timetabled for October 2018.

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p>Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Publication Local Plan will be subject to public participation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council' approach to changing its planning policies and to make formal representations, which will be taken into account during a formal Independent Examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.</p>
<p>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? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Publication Local Plan will be subject to public participation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council' approach to changing its planning policies and to make formal representations, which will be taken into account during a formal Independent Examination.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
<p>Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Publication Local Plan will be subject to public participation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council' approach to changing its planning policies and to make formal representations, which will be taken into account during a formal Independent Examination.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Publication Local Plan will be subject to public participation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council' approach to changing its planning policies and to make formal representations, which will be taken into account during a formal Independent Examination.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the Council's sustainable community strategy objectives.</p>
<p>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? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Publication Local Plan will be subject to public participation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council' approach to changing its planning policies and to make formal representations, which will be taken into account during a formal Independent Examination.</p> <p>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.</p>

Screening questions	Response	Evidence
<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. 		

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