

Appendix 2 – Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Voluntary registration of Acklam Meadow, Newfield Crescent as a Village Green			
Coverage:	Site-specific			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input checked="" 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:	X	Revision of an existing approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	X
Description:	<p>An Interim Policy on Conversions of Residential Properties has been prepared for use as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications until the revised Local Plan is adopted.</p> <p>Key aims, objectives and activities The key aim is to protect the land at Newfield Crescent from development and its voluntary registration as a Village Green</p> <p>Statutory drivers Commons Act 200, Section 15(8) makes provision for the voluntary registration of Village Greens</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach This approach has not been undertaken by the Council previously</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes To register land at Newfield Crescent as a Village Green</p>			
Live date:	Upon adoption.			
Lifespan:	In perpetuity.			
Date of next review:	Not applicable			

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 registration of the land as Village Green is seeking to protect the community's access to the site for the participation and enjoyment of leisure and recreation activities. The land will be protected in its current form.</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>
<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 registration of the land as Village Green is seeking to protect the community's access to the site for the participation and enjoyment of leisure and recreation activities. The land will be protected in its current form.</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>
<p>Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The registration of the land as Village Green is seeking to protect the community's access to the site for the participation and enjoyment of leisure and recreation activities. The land will be protected in its current form.</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>

* 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>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 registration of the land as Village Green is seeking to protect the community's access to the site for the participation and enjoyment of leisure and recreation activities. The land will be protected in its current form.</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</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 registration of the land as Village Green is seeking to protect the community's access to the site for the participation and enjoyment of leisure and recreation activities. The land will be protected in its current form.</p> <p>Each application or proposal for Village Green status will need to be considered on its own merits.</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>
<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>				

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