Appendix 3 – Initial Impact Assessment of the Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Adoption of the Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan							
Coverage:	Crosscutting							
	Strategy	Policy	Service	Function	Function			
This is a decision relating to:		Programme	⊠ Project	Review				
	Organisational change	Other (please state)						
It is a:	New approach:	☐ Revision of an existing approach:						
It is driven by:	Legislation:		Local or corporate requirements:					
Description:	Key aims, objectives and activities To assess the impact of proceeding with the adoption of the Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan. Statutory drivers The Stainsby scheme situated in West Middlesbrough was allocated for housing in the Local Plan adopted in 2014. The Council must prepare Local Plans and associated planning documents, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Differences from any previous approach The scheme is part of the Housing Growth processes following the sites allocation within the 2014 Local Plan. As part of the normal process of preparing a site for development, a public space notice was displayed on the site of Stainsby North, highlighting the intention to dispose of the public open space. The publication of this notice provoked 904 response from the local community, and further afield. In response to the objections to the Public Open Space and Land Appropriation Notices, a report was presented to Executive on September 4 th 2018. The report outlined the Councils vision for the site and requested that, in consultation with the public, a draft masterplan was to be produced.							

	Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)					
	The key stakeholders are: the Council; Local Community; and, Private Landowners.					
	Intended outcomes.					
	To seek the approvals required to proceed to the next stage of the Housing Growth Process following development of a Draft Masterplan for Stainsby.					
Live date:	The Executive will consider the Stainsby Draft Masterplan report on 7 th June 2022.					
Lifespan:	Until the site is developed or the site allocation in the Housing Local Plan is removed/changed.					
Date of next review:	Not applicable					
Screening questions		Response			Evidence	
		No	Yes	Uncertain		
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?					Stainsby 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 masterplan looked to create a satisfactory development for residential purposes in consultation with the public. Consultation on a detailed masterplan has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), except where the Coronavirus Regulations have prevented specific activities.		
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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 draft masterplan looked to create a satisfactory development for residential purposes in consultation with the public. Consultation on a detailed masterplan has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), except where the Coronavirus Regulations have prevented specific activities.
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Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*		The draft masterplan looked to create a satisfactory development for residential purposes in consultation with the public. Consultation on a detailed masterplan has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), except where the Coronavirus Regulations have prevented specific activities.
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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.

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