

Appendix 3 – Initial Impact Assessment of the Local Plan Scoping Report and Evidence Base

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Local Plan Scoping Report and Evidence Base			
Coverage:	Crosscutting			
This is a decision relating to:	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>Key aims, objectives and activities To assess the impact of the Local Plan Scoping Report and Evidence Base.</p> <p>Statutory drivers 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).</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach In September 2022 the Council agreed to cease work on the emerging Local Plan, in order to comment work on a new Local Plan. The Local Plan Scoping Report is the first stage in this process.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The key stakeholders are: the Council; Local Community; and Private Landowners.</p> <p>Intended outcomes. To seek approval of the Local Plan Scoping Report.</p>			

Live date:	The Full Council will consider the report seeking approval for the Local Plan Scoping Report on 19 th October 2022.
Lifespan:	Once the decision is made the Local Plan Scoping Report will be subject to a period of public consultation. It is the first statutory stage in the plan making process and will remain relevant until the new Local Plan is adopted (currently timetabled for September 2024).
Date of next review:	Not applicable

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 Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging local plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report 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 Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging local plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report 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 Council is required to be prepare a local plan for the area based on an up to date evidence base. The emerging local plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to be involved.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.</p>

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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