

Appendix 1 – Initial Impact Assessment of the Draft Local Plan

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Draft Local Plan			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>Key aims, objectives and activities</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan has been prepared to set out the Council’s preferred approach to revising its Local Plan, in order to facilitate community consultation. The Draft Local Plan identifies the key policy areas that the Local Plan will address, along with the preferred approach for each policy. The key policy areas include: the overall vision and strategy; creating quality places; economic growth; housing; green and blue infrastructure; physical, social and environmental infrastructure; and the historic environment. The report will be subject to six weeks consultation, with any comments received being taken into account in finalising the Local Plan.</p> <p>Statutory drivers</p> <p>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</p> <p>The emerging Local Plan will update the whole of the Council’s planning framework (except that relating to minerals and waste development) in line with the latest legislation and policy/guidance. This includes new policy approaches for all areas with a strengthened focus on placemaking, good quality design, a revitalised town centre and a strong network of infrastructure. New site allocations have also been identified for the location of new development.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</p>			

	<p>The key stakeholders are: The Council, Middlesbrough Development Corporation, developers, businesses, investors and the local community.</p> <p>Intended outcomes.</p> <p>To set out the Council’s preferred approach to the new Local Plan and to provide a basis for public consultation, the outcomes of which will be used in finalising the Local Plan.</p>			
Live date:	The Executive will consider the report seeking approval for the Draft Local Plan on 17 th January 2024.			
Lifespan:	Until the revised Local Plan is finalised.			
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 Draft Local Plan will be subject to consultation in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement. It will provide the opportunity for everyone to understand the Council’ preferred approach to changing its planning policies and to make comments about these. The comments will be fully considered and taken into account in finalising the Local Plan.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Draft Local Plan 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 Draft Local Plan sets out the preferred approach to changing the Council’s planning policies. It will be subject to consultation in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement, and is open to everyone.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Draft Local Plan 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 Draft Local Plan sets out the preferred approach to changing the Council’s planning policies. It will be subject to consultation in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement, and is open to everyone.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the Draft Local Plan 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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