

# Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.0]

Proposal title: Purchase of homes for children in care			
Project stage and type:   Initial Idea Mandate	Outline Business Case Key Full Business Case		
□ Policy □ Strategy □ Function ⊠ Service	⊠ New □ Changing		
Other [please state]	Already exists / review		
Directorate: Children Services	Lead Officer name: Gail Rogers		
Service Area: Children Communities	Lead Officer role: Head of Service Childrens		
	Commissioning		

### Step 1: What do we want to do?

The purpose of this Environmental Impact Assessment is to help you develop your proposal in a way that is compliant with the council's policies and supports the council's strategic objectives under the <u>One City Climate</u> <u>Strategy</u>, the <u>One City Ecological Emergency Strategy</u> and the latest <u>Corporate Strategy</u>.

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the project proposal process by someone with a good knowledge of the project, the service area that will deliver it, and sufficient influence over the proposal to make changes as needed.

It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the Environmental Impact Assessment. See further guidance on completing this document. Please email <u>environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk</u> early for advice and feedback.

### 1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Please use <u>plain English</u>, avoiding jargon and acronyms.

Purchase of 2 newbuild homes at One Lockleaze to use as childrens homes

### 1.2 Will the proposal have an environmental impact?

Could the proposal have either a positive or negative effects for the environment now or in the future? If 'No' explain why you are sure there will be no environmental impact, then skip steps 2-3 and request review by sending this form to environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment.

These homes form part of a wider new build development by Goram Homes which will have had a full EIA as part of their planning application and consent. There are no additional environmental impacts associated with this purchase.

# **1.3** If the proposal is part of an options appraisal, has the environmental impact of each option been assessed and included in the recommendation-making process?

If 'Yes' please ensure that the details of the environmental impacts of each option are made clear in the pros and cons section of the <u>project management options appraisal document</u>.

Yes     No     Not applicable     [please select]	Yes No	Not applicable	[please select]
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If 'No' explain why environmental impacts have not been considered as part of the options appraisal process.

### Step 2: What kinds of environmental impacts might the project have?

Analysis of impacts must be rigorous. Please demonstrate your analysis of any impacts of the proposal in this section, referring to evidence you have gathered. See detailed <u>guidance documents</u> for advice on identifying potential impacts.

### Does the proposal create any benefits for the environment, or have any adverse impacts?

Outline any potential benefits of the proposal and how they can be maximised. Identify how the proposal will support our corporate environmental objectives and the wider <u>One City Climate and Ecological Emergency</u> <u>strategies</u>.

Consider how the proposal creates environmental impacts in the following categories, both now and in the future. **Reasonable efforts should be made to quantify stated benefit or adverse impacts wherever possible.** 

Where the proposal is likely to have a beneficial impact, consider what actions would enhance those impacts. Where the proposal is likely to have a harmful impact, consider whether actions would mitigate these impacts.

Enhancements or mitigation actions are only required when there is a likely impact identified. Remember that where enhancements or mitigation actions are listed, they should be assigned to staff and appropriately resourced.

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b> (highlight any potential issues that might impact all or many categories)						
ENV1 Carbon neutral: Emissions of climate changing gases						
BCC has committed to achieving net zero emissions for its direct activities by 2025, and to support the city	Benefits					
in achieving net zero by 2030.						
Will the proposal involve transport, or the use of energy in buildings? Will the proposal involve the purchase of goods or	Enhancing actions					
services? If the answer is yes	Persistence	of effects:	🗆 1 year or less		1 – 5 years	🗆 5+ years
to either of these questions, there will be a carbon						
impact.	Adverse					
Consider the scale and timeframe of the impact,	impacts					

particularly if the proposal will lead to ongoing emissions beyond the 2025 and 2030 target dates.	Mitigating actions				
Further guidance					
└── No impact	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
<b>ENV2 Ecological recovery:</b> <b>Wildlife and habitats</b> BCC has committed to 30% of its land being managed for nature and to halve its use of pesticides by 2030.	Benefits				
Consider how your proposal can support increased space for nature, reduced use of pesticides, reduce pollution to waterways, and reduce	Enhancing actions				
consumption of products that undermine ecosystems	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	🗌 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
around the world. If your proposal will directly lead to a reduction in habitat within Bristol, then consider how your proposed	Adverse impacts				
mitigation can lead to a biodiversity net gain. Be sure to refer to quantifiable changes wherever possible.	Mitigating actions				
Further guidance					
	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	🗌 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste	Benefits				
Consider what resources will be used as a result of the proposal, how they can be minimised or swapped for	Enhancing actions				
less impactful ones, where they will be sourced from,	Persistence	or effects:	□ 1 year or less	🗌 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
and what will happen to any waste generated	Adverse impacts				

Further guidance	Mitigating actions Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
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ENV4 Climate resilience: Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change	Benefits				
Bristol's climate is already					
changing, and increasingly frequent instances of extreme weather will become more likely over time.	Enhancing actions				
Consider how the proposal	Develotoree	of offecter			
will perform during periods	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	5+ years
of extreme weather (particularly heat and flooding).	Adverse impacts				
Consider if the proposal will					
reduce or increase risk to people and assets during extreme weather events. Further guidance No impact	Mitigating actions				
	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	🗌 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
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Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land	Benefits				
Consider how the proposal will change the likelihood of pollution occurring to air,	Enhancing actions				
water, or land and what	Persistence	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
steps will be taken to prevent pollution occurring.	Adverse impacts				
Further guidance	Mitigating actions				

Persistence of effects:	$\Box$ 1 year or less	🗌 1 – 5 years	5+ years

## **Step 3: Action Plan**

Use this section summarise and assign responsibility for any actions you have identified to improve data, enhance beneficial, or mitigate negative impacts. Actions identified in section two can be grouped together if named responsibility is under the same person.

This action plan should be updated at each stage of the project. Please be aware that the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service may use this action plan as an audit checklist during the project's implementation or operation.

Enhancing / mitigating action required	Responsible Officer	Timescale

### Step 4: Review

The Sustainable City and Climate Change Service need at least five working days to comment and feedback on your impact assessment. Assessments should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the environmental impact of the proposal.

Please seek feedback and review by emailing <u>environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk</u> before final submission of your decision pathway documentation<sup>1</sup>.

Where impacts identified in this assessment are deemed significant, they will be summarised here by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service and must be included in the 'evidence base' section of the decision pathway cover sheet.

Summary of significant beneficial impacts and opportunities to support the Climate, Ecological and Corporate	
Strategies (ENV1,2,3,4):	

Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:

Environmental Performance Team Reviewer:	Submitting author:	
Daniel Shelton	Gail Rogers	
Date:	Date:	
07/11/2023	07/11/2023	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Review by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service confirms there is sufficient analysis for decision makers to consider the likely environmental impacts at this stage. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.