



EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

PART 1 - INITIAL SCREENING

Name of Policy/Function:		This is new
Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document		This is a change to an existing policy
		This is an existing policy, Function, not previously assessed
	X	This is an existing policy for review

Date of screening	23/02/2026
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1. Briefly describe its aims & objectives

Update the existing guidance to applicants seeking to extend/improve their homes.

2. Are there external considerations?

e.g. Legislation/government directive etc

Production of supplementary planning documents is governed by Local Plan Regulations 2012 (as amended). The content is at the discretion of the local authority.

3. Who are the stakeholders and what are their interests?

The Council – so officers have to spend less time negotiating with applicants to improve the quality of their proposals or have to refuse applications and then justify their refusal at appeal.

Applicants – to know upfront what will be required from them so their applications will either be approved quicker as they won't require so much amendment or that they'll be refused so they need to make amendments before submitting.

4. What outcomes do we want to achieve and for whom?

Council - Less time spent on small applications so more efficient,
Applicants – more likely to be approved, decision delivered quicker,

Public – better street scene through higher quality schemes.

5. Has any consultation/research been carried out?

Consultation on the document will take place for 6 weeks between Mar-May 2026. The 6 week consultation period is required by the regulations referred to above.

6. Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate the possibility of Inequalities/negative impacts?

Consider and identify any evidence you have -equality data relating to usage and satisfaction levels, complaints, comments, research, outcomes of review, issues raised at previous consultations, known inequalities) If so please provide details.

No.

7. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?

Positive – *It could benefit*

Negative – *It could disadvantage*

Neutral – *Neither positive nor negative impact or not sure.*

	Type of impact, reason & any evidence
Disability	Neutral
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	Neutral
Age	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Sex	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Religion/Belief	Neutral
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

8. Could other socio-economic groups be affected?

e.g. carers, ex-offenders, low incomes, homeless?

No.

9. Are there any human rights implications?

Yes/No (If yes, please explain)

No.

10. Is there an opportunity to promote equality and/or good community relations?

Yes/No (If yes, how will this be done?)

No.

11. If you have indicated a negative impact for any group is that impact legal?

i.e. not discriminatory under anti-discrimination legislation

N/A

12. Is any part of this policy/service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors?

No. Planning applications are submitted by the public and assessed by the Council's planning department.

13. Is a Part 2 full Equality Assessment required?

No.

14. Date by which a Part 2 full Equality Assessment is to be completed with actions.

N/A

Please note that you should proceed to a Part 2, the full Equality Impact Assessment if you have identified actual, or the potential to cause, adverse impact or discrimination against different groups in the community.

We are satisfied that an initial screening has been carried out and a full equality assessment **is not required*** (please delete as appropriate).

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Equality Assessments shall be published on the Council website with the relevant and appropriate document upon which the equality assessment has been undertaken.