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Havant Borough Council is taking the issue of climate change and the impact of our decisions on the residents of Havant very seriously and have developed an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to assess and make public the impact of our most important decisions on our residents and our environment.

The categories and questions in the assessment are based on the council's priorities and strategies and are in line with the Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021-2026 and support the council's aim to be net zero by 2050.

The assessment documents the identified impacts on important decisions the council makes in relation to:

Equality and Diversity
Community Safety
Wellbeing
Environment and Climate Change

It will enable the decision making of the council to be more efficient and effective by understanding how different people will be affected by our activities, so that our policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all. It aims to enable the council to better understand the potential impact on people and the environment of proposals and consider mitigating action as part of the decision-making process.

Havant Borough Council has also declared a climate emergency, with the goal of taking transformative action to tackle the climate crisis and mitigate against the effect of the climate crisis.

Report Title

Publication Building a Better Future Plan

Description of Project / Proposal

The Building a Better Future Plan will be Havant's Local Plan and will set the direction of development in the Borough into the 2040s. Local Plans are the backbone of the English planning system - they set out where sustainable development should take place and how that development contribute to positive placemaking.

Section A - Age and Disability

Will the decision affect residents in different age groups or people with disabilities?

Yes

Age and Disability Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The Council has consulted a wide range of different stakeholders and community groups in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Furthermore, the Building a Better Future Plan (BBFP) seeks to secure inclusive designs which provides for people regardless of age, ability or general health.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
None required.

Section A - Marriage and Civil Partnership / Pregnancy and Maternity

Will the decision affect residents who are in marriage and civil partnership, or those who are pregnant or in maternity?
Yes

Marriage and Civil Partnership / Pregnancy and Maternity Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP will not disproportionately affect residents who are in marriage and civil partnerships or those who are pregnant or new parents.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
As above.

Section A - Race

Will the decision affect any group of residents defined by their race, colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins?
Yes

Race Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP will not disproportionately affect any group of residents defined by their race, colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national groups.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
As above.

Section A - Religion and belief

Will the decision bring negative impact to residents with any religious background or those who are not religious?
No

Section A - Sex and Sexual Orientation

Will the decision affect residents of any gender group or sexual orientation?
Yes

Sex and Sexual Orientation Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP will not disproportionately affect any gender group or sexual orientation.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
As above.

Section A - Gender Reassignment

Will the decision affect any residents who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process to reassign their sex?
Yes

Gender Reassignment Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP will not disproportionately affect any residents who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process to reassign their sex.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
As above.

Section A - Community Safety and Crime

Will the decision bring any impact on residents' personal safety in the Borough?
Yes

Community Safety and Crime Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP seeks to secure development that reinforces a sense of safety and encourages inclusive communities through reducing opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
None required.

Section A - Housing

Will the decision impact on the housing needs of the Borough, such as providing a range of housing to various groups?
Yes

Housing Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP will provide different sizes, types and tenures of homes for different groups including increasing the supply of affordable homes that will meet a genuine local need.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
N/A

Section A - Poverty

Will the decision impact residents' financial wellbeing? This includes for example, whether the decision has considered residents with low income, who are unemployed, with no educational qualifications or are vulnerable to falling into poverty.
Yes

Poverty Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP recognises the diversity of need across communities and the impact of housing on health, wellbeing and social cohesion. this icnludes ensuring new homes meet the needs of occupants and are affordable, safe and suitable to live in.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
N/A

Section A - Health and Wellbeing

Will the decision impact residents' mental, physical and social wellbeing? This includes whether the decision will impact on residents' quality of life.
Yes

Health and Wellbeing Impacts

Please provide further details of the impact
The BBFP contains a suite of policies designed to improve health and wellbeing of the local population and address health inequalities. Many factors are addressed by the Plan including transport, open space, housing, employment, food and environmental quality and these can all influence health and wellbeing.

Please detail any possible solutions or mitigating actions
N/A

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Carbon Emissions

Will the decision reduce any carbon emissions in the Borough? This includes how many emissions will be reduced as a result of this change and how this contributes to the Council's agenda to be net zero by 2050
Yes

Carbon Emission Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP includes a suite of policies which seek to ensure the design and construction of development reduces carbon emissions through a 'fabric first' approach. The BBFP also seeks to implement modal shift within the transport network, building on the principles of Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4, which has reduction of carbon emissions as one of its main aims.

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Energy Consumption

Will the decision reduce the energy consumed in the Borough? This includes information on the energy that has been reduced as a result and how this contributes to the Council's agenda to be net zero by 2050.
Yes

Energy Consumption Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP identifies a 'fabric first' approach, which should be followed to ensure that carbon and climate change have been fully considered and incorporated within the design process.

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Renewable Energies

Will the decision include renewable energies onsite? This includes the type, scale, location and benefits the technologies bring to support reducing the Council's impact on climate change and how this contributes to the Council's agenda to be net zero by 2050.
Yes

Renewable Energies Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP cannot directly provide these technologies. However it does include a suite of policies which encourages all new development to take opportunities to incorporate low carbon and renewable energy technologies wherever possible. It includes a specific policy which supports the installation of renewable energy infrastructure.

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Biodiversity

Will the decision result in impacts to biodiversity, and particularly to statutory and non-statutory designated sites, protected and notable species, and priority habitats? This includes the scale, location and benefits to meeting the council's obligations to protect and enhance biodiversity?
Yes

Biodiversity Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP contains a suite of policies which seek to have a positive impact on biodiversity, including statutory and non-statutory designated sites, enhancing protected and notable species, green space and landscapes and securing biodiversity net gain.

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Air Quality

Will the decision improve the air quality of the Borough?
Yes

Air Quality Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP also seeks to implement modal shift within the transport network, building on the principles of Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4. This by implication would lead to a positive impact on air quality. Air quality has also been modelled as part of the Habitats Regulations Assessment, to ensure that there would not be a negative impact on internationally protected nature conservation sites as a result of the development allocated in the plan.

Section B - Environment and Climate Change - Green Spaces

Will the decision increase the size, quality or multifunctionality of green spaces in the Borough? This includes the scale, location and benefits to reducing the Council's impact on climate change and how this supports the Council's agenda to be net zero by 2050.
Yes

Green Spaces Impacts - Positive

Please provide further details
The BBFP includes a suite of policies which identify and protect green spaces which are of particular importance and recognises how open space can respond positively to the effects of climate change by reducing flooding, buffer noise, air pollution, carbon emissions and improving health and wellbeing and providing heat and shading.

Section C - Other Impacts

Other costs and benefits which are outside of the IIA and would outweigh Climate Change and Environment considerations Does the project have high value in terms of economic or social benefit which outweighs the climate cost?
Yes

Other Impacts

Please provide further details
The main purpose of the BBFP is to deliver sustainable development. This is done through significantly boost housing supply and deliver economic growth, which is needed in order to increase the supply of affordable housing. However the plan also ensures that signficiant environmetnal safeguards are in place and infrastructure needed to support that development is provided. A Sustainability Appraisal has been undertaken in order to identify and mitigate and adverse effects in terms of social, environmental and economic effects. The proposed development strategy is considered to be the most appropriate, balancing key national and local objectives including positively addressing the reality of cliamte change and the precarious state of the natural environment.

Section C - Other Significant Impacts

Will the decision bring any other significant impacts that are not listed in this form?
No

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