

EIA STAGE 1 – SCREENING ASSESSMENT

PROJECT DETAILS

Name of project or policy:

Huddersfield Town centre Blueprint Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Directorate:

Housing and Growth

Senior Officer responsible for policy/service:

Mathias Franklin, Acting Head of Planning and Development

Service:

Planning

Lead Officer responsible for EIA:

Steven Wright, Planning Policy Group Leader

Specific Service Area/Policy:

Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint

Date of EIA (Stage 1):

23/12/2020

Brief outline of proposal and the overall aims/purpose of making this change:

The Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD sets out the vision and ambitions for the future of Huddersfield Town Centre for the period to 2031. The SPD sets a framework to capitalise and build on the unique aspects and character of Huddersfield to promote its regeneration and bring forward new uses which reflect the changing nature of our town centres. The SPD will provide detailed guidance and additional information about the implementation of the Kirklees Local Plan and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Theme	Calculated Scores						Stage 2 Assessment Required
	Proposal	Impact	P + I	Mitigation	Evidence	M + E	
Equalities	0	4.2	4.2	0	4	4	No
Environment		3.9	3.9	0	6	6	No

NATURE OF CHANGE

WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSAL?

Please select YES or NO

To introduce a service, activity or policy (i.e. start doing something)	NO
To remove a service, activity or policy (i.e. stop doing something)	NO
To reduce a service or activity (i.e. do less of something)	NO
To increase a service or activity (i.e. do more of something)	NO
To change a service, activity or policy (i.e. redesign it)	NO
To start charging for (or increase the charge for) a service or activity (i.e. ask people to pay for or to pay more for something)	NO

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...	Level of Impact Please select from drop down
Kirklees employees within this service/directorate? (overall)	Positive
Kirklees residents living in a specific ward/local area?	Positive
Please tell us which area/ward will be affected:	All wards
Residents across Kirklees? (i.e. most/all local people)	Positive
Existing service users ?	Positive

Each of the following groups?		Please select from drop down
<i>(Think about how your proposal might affect, either positively or negatively, any individuals/communities. Please consider the impact for both employees and residents - within these protected characteristic groups).</i>		
...age	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...disability	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...gender reassignment	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...marriage/ civil partnership	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...pregnancy & maternity	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...race	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...religion & belief	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...sex	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...sexual orientation	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...those in poverty or low-come	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...unpaid carers	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...		Level of Impact	
		Please select from drop down	
Kirklees Council's internal practices ?		Positive	
Lifestyles of those who live and work in Kirklees?		Positive	
Practices of suppliers to Kirklees council?		Neutral	
Practices of other partners of Kirklees council?		Neutral	
Each of the following environmental themes ? (Please select from the drop down list)			
	People	Partners	Places
...clean air (including Climate Changing Gases)	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Positive Score: 1
...Clean and plentiful water	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2
... Wildlife and habitats	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2
...Resilience to harm from environmental hazards	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2
... Sustainability and efficiency of use of resources from nature	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Positive Score: 1
...Beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1
... Resilience to the effects of climate change	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1	Positive Score: 1
...Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2
... Exposure to chemicals	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2	Neutral Score: 2

HOW ARE YOU USING ADVICE AND EVIDENCE/INTELLIGENCE TO HELP YOU?

Please select YES or NO

Equality Themes

Have you taken any specialist advice linked to your proposal? (Legal, HR etc)?	No
...employees?	Yes
Do you have any evidence/intelligence to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on...	Yes
...Kirklees residents?	Yes
...service users?	No
...any protected characteristic groups?	Yes

Please list your **equalities** evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:
 The Huddersfield Town Centre Blueprint SPD has been informed by a wide range of internal and external consultees including businesses, third sector groups, education organisations, developers and investors, service providers etc. It was subject to 12 week consultation and a staff exhibition in the town centre provided the opportunity for the public and other interested parties to come and speak about the Blueprint. Citizens were invited to provide their views through an on-line questionnaire and over 850 face to face interviews were undertaken with citizens and focus groups through the How good is your place exercise to gain people's views on the town centre. <https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/huddersfield-town-centre/>

	Please select from drop down
To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal outlined on the different groups of people?	FULLY
To what extent do you feel you have considered your Public Sector Equality Duty?	FULLY

Environmental Themes

Have you taken any specialist advice linked to your proposal?	No
...Kirklees Council practices?	Yes
Do you have any evidence/intelligence to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on...	Yes
...resident and worker lifestyles?	Yes
...Practices of Supplier to Kirklees Council?	No
...Practices of other Kirklees Council partners?	No

Please list your environmental evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:
 The How Does your Town Feel consultation indicated that people wanted a plan for Huddersfield based on getting the basics right including maintenance, cleansing and improved perception of safety outlined in <https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/huddersfield-town-centre/>. The SPD includes links to the Town Centre Operation Plan. The SPD also supports the Huddersfield Town Centre Design Framework and New Street improvements which seek to improve the environmental quality of the town centre. The vision of the SPD seeks to set a framework for environmental improvement as part of the overall future vision for the town centre and there is a focus on improving the environment throughout the document.

	Please select from drop down
To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal on the environmental issues identified?	FULLY