

# Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment Form

Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Bid

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## Environment and health

### Greenhouse gas emissions

SLDC's aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030: How will your proposal affect greenhouse gas emissions?

Response:

Will reduce vehicle movements in Kendal town centre and minimise carbon emissions from cars. Investment to improve active travel routes and give greater priority to pedestrians and cyclists will help encourage modal shift and increase the number of journeys made in a sustainable way.

### Alternative ways to deliver proposal

Please show how you are addressing alternative ways of delivering your proposal with a reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel

Response:

Ensuring sustainability is at the heart of the design process for the capital improvement works. Enhancing existing buildings and restoring natural and historic features wherever possible, while also seeking to incorporate energy efficiencies. Ensuring materials used are environmentally friendly and locally sourced where possible, and that contractors score highly in terms of social value.

### Air quality

Please demonstrate how your project will have an impact on air quality.

Response:

Kendal currently has an Air Quality Management Area due to some of its main streets not meeting national air quality standards. These proposals aim to reduce the number of car movements in the town centre, acting to improve air quality for people living, working and visiting there.

### Biodiversity

Please outline any impacts on biodiversity that your proposal might have

Response:

The improvements seek to incorporate more greening of streets, landscaping and trees within the main public realm areas of Kendal. Improvements would also help to make the River Kent a focal point in the town centre, making more of this natural asset.

## Climate change impact

How does your proposal mitigate the impacts of climate change?

Response:

Though not directly providing further resilience measures, works along the river corridor will complement the Environment Agency's Kendal Flood Alleviation Scheme, which will better protect 1,400 homes and 1,100 businesses from flooding.

## Active travel

How does the proposal enable active travel?

Response:

Investment into the active travel route along the river corridor - an already recognised route in Kendal's adopted Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plan. Kendal Market Place will also receive enhancements to help prioritise pedestrian movements.

## Economy and culture

### Sustainable development

How does the proposal contribute to inclusive and sustainable development?

Response:

Increased educational accommodation in the town, through the creation of a third campus for Kendal College at Westmorland Shopping Centre, will enhance knowledge and learning opportunities in the district. Capital improvements will improve the public realm and quality of life for residents in Kendal in wards which have some of the highest pockets of deprivation in South Lakeland. Increased footfall in the town centre will also result in greater spending with local businesses.

## Pay

How does the proposal impact on jobs and levels of pay?

Response:

A greater amount of Kendal College students and graduates will mean a more skilled future workforce, increased job opportunities and availability to the labour market, improving prospects of creating a higher wage economy. Will also directly improve the working environment of some existing businesses and new start-ups.

## Healthier high streets

Demonstrate how the proposal contributes to healthier high streets.

Response:

Reduces the number of empty properties and adds to town centre vibrancy. Encourages café culture and will increase the amount of people walking and cycling.

## Culture, creativity and heritage

How does the proposal impact on culture, creativity or heritage and if not can they be embedded in this proposal?

Response:

Better connectivity from Kendal town centre to heritage and cultural assets of the Parish Church, Abbot Hall and Brewery Arts. More and improved creative spaces through enhanced indoor and outdoor markets offer.

## Housing and communities

### Housing standards

Does the proposal lead to an improvement in the standard of housing?

Response:

No direct impact.

### Access to housing

How does the proposal increase access to housing?

Response:

No direct impact.

### Crime and fear of crime

How does the proposal reduce crime or fear of crime?

Response:

By investing in public spaces it will improve the town centre experience and engender pride of place. Public areas will be better lit and increasingly used, reducing the chances of anti-social behaviour and crime.

## Social connectedness

How does the proposal increase social connectedness?

Response:

Investment into indoor and outdoor market spaces will increase community use and provide greater opportunities for social activities. More events, festivals and markets will be held. Improvement to active travel routes mean more people are likely to participate in walking and cycling, with greater use by clubs and societies.

## Health and sustainability impact summary

Each category is rated either: Positive, Negative, Neutral, or unknown

### Environment and Health

Greenhouse gases emissions: Positive

Air Quality: Positive

Biodiversity: Positive

Impacts on climate change: Positive

Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel: Positive

Active travel: Positive

### Economy and Culture

Inclusive and sustainable development: Positive

Jobs and level of pay: Positive

Healthier high streets: Positive

Culture creativity and heritage: Positive

### Housing and communities

Standard of housing: Neutral

Access to housing: Neutral

Crime: Positive

Social connectedness: Positive

## Health and sustainability action plan

What positive actions will be taken to advance health or sustainability?

Actions	Who's responsible	Completed (Date)
Share any plans with SLDC's Climate Change and Biodiversity Specialist for input and review before submission	Matt Williams	24/06/22
Community engagement to help inform final scheme designs should bid be successful	Matt Williams	Upon notification of bid outcome

## Research

Evidence, research and other sources of information used to inform the Impact Assessment:

SLDC Council Plan, Kendal Town Centre Strategy, Kendal Vision, Morecambe Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy, Cumbria Local Industrial Strategy, The Potential for Green Jobs in Cumbria, Levelling Up Fund White Paper, Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener.

## Consultation

Details of any specialists or groups that you have discussed this proposal with and the advice/information provided:

Input received from SLDC's Climate Change and Biodiversity Specialist. Consultation with key stakeholders including Kendal Futures public-private sector partnership, Kendal College, Kendal Town Council and Cumbria County Council, which have all helped to shape the proposals.