

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment Form

Disabled Facilities Grants Policy Review



Environment and health

Greenhouse gas emissions

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

Consider:

Energy saving, for example preventing unnecessary use of energy - reducing use of appliances or cutting down on journeys that are not required.

Improving energy efficiency - ensures that the maximum benefit is gained from energy that is used. For example energy is not wasted or lost through insulation, heating the right areas and efficient lighting.

Renewable generation for example using renewable resources, such as wind, sunlight, rainwater.

Minimising emissions from transport.

Response:

This proposal will have a positive impact on the built environment providing Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) that improve access in and around the home. Use of energy efficient measures are possible for works such as extensions.

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

How are you using the waste/energy hierarchy – 1) avoid, 2) reduce, 3) reuse?

Response:

This proposal is likely to have a beneficial effect on energy efficiency where this is a factor, for example, extension to be built with higher energy efficiency standards such as effective insulation. The waste/energy hierarchy is considered in the context of the necessary works as determined by the Occupational Therapist for the benefit of the applicant.

Air quality

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

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not impact air quality.

Biodiversity

Please outline any impacts on biodiversity that your proposal might have

“To halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, (create) more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people”: Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services, DEFRA.

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect biodiversity.

Climate change impact

How does your proposal mitigate the impacts of climate change?

Assess the risks and impacts associated with climate change (extreme weather events: flooding, heatwaves, droughts and fires) and the implications for our services and communities. Describe measures in place to embed resilience and recovery.

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Active travel

How does the proposal enable active travel?

Encouraging and facilitating walking, cycling and public transport.

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Economy and culture

Sustainable development

How does the proposal contribute to inclusive and sustainable development?

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will have a positive impact on inclusive development by allowing access in and around the home.

Pay

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

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Healthier high streets

Demonstrate how the proposal contributes to healthier high streets.

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

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:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Housing and communities

Housing standards

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

Response:

This proposal will have a positive impact on housing standards by providing access to disabled occupants in and around their home, thereby improving their home and their quality of life.

Access to housing

How does the proposal increase access to housing?

Response:

This proposal will improve access to housing for the disabled occupants of homes that require a DFG. The access will mean that the disabled person access facilities in and around their home.

Crime and fear of crime

How does the proposal reduce crime or fear of crime?

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Social connectedness

How does the proposal increase social connectedness?

Response:

It is considered that this proposal will not affect climate change.

Health and sustainability impact summary

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

Environment and Health

Greenhouse gases emissions: Type rating (e.g. Positive) for categories below

Air Quality: Neutral

Biodiversity: Neutral

Impacts on climate change: Neutral

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

Active travel: Neutral

Economy and Culture

Inclusive and sustainable development: Positive

Jobs and level of pay: Neutral

Healthier high streets: Neutral

Culture creativity and heritage: Neutral

Housing and communities

Standard of housing: Positive

Access to housing: Positive

Crime: Neutral

Social connectedness: Neutral

Health and sustainability action plan

What actions will be taken to eliminate or minimise any negative impacts identified above?
It is considered that there are no negative health and sustainability impacts to this proposal.

Actions	Who's responsible	Completed (Date)
Review the Health and Sustainability action plan on the next DFG Policy Review.	Senior Specialist Housing Standards	31/03/24

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

Actions	Who's responsible	Completed (Date)
Review use of energy efficiency measures on extensions.	Senior Specialist Housing Standards	31/03/23

Research

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

Information sources – the DFG cases, Occupational Health Referrals.

Consultation

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

Consultation has been carried out with key stakeholders including Occupational Health Therapists from Cumbria County Council and the NHS, as well as the Portfolio Holder's Housing Provision Advisory Group on 8.12.21.