

Equality Screening Form

| Question | Response |
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| Q1) Name of the strategy, policy, programme or project being assessed. | Proposed Submission Single Issue Review (SIR) of Core Strategy Policy CS7 Overall Housing Provision and Distribution |
| Q2) In no more than five lines and using Plain English, summarise the purpose of the policy or proposal, and its desired outcomes. | The Single Issue Review is a review of Policy CS7 in the adopted Forest Heath Core Strategy. Policy CS7 was deleted from the Core Strategy following a High Court Order. The SIR is a review of Core Strategy Policy CS7 that plans for overall housing growth and the distribution of this growth in the district to 2031 (the end of the local plan period). |
| Q3) Who should benefit from the proposal and in what way? | The commitment to provide a supply of housing land that is available to deliver new housing in the district to the end of the plan period is intended to benefit all individuals who live in Forest Heath. |
| Q4 Is there any evidence or reason to believe that in relation to this proposal, there may be a difference in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of participation • Uptake by different groups • Needs or experiences of different groups • Priorities • Other areas? | The formal consultation part of the planning process is mainly through written representations, but the council has also carried out public exhibitions and meetings at each stage of the process to increase levels of participation. |
| Q5) Using the evidence listed above, fill in the table below to highlight the groups you think this policy or proposal has the potential to impact upon: (i) Is there any potential for negative impact? Yes or No | <p>The provision of new housing across the district gives rise to opportunities for positive impact to promote equality of opportunity. These are listed in the table below.</p> <p>It is possible that at the level of individual new developments there will be externalities that may negatively impact on existing</p> |

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| (ii) | Are there opportunities for positive impact or to promote equality of opportunity? | residents. However, these will be considered and dealt with through the development management process as individual applications come forward. |
| Q6) | Considering your answers to questions 1-5, do you believe a Full Equality Impact Assessment is needed? | No |
| Q7) | Considering our duty to proactively tackle disadvantage and promote equality of opportunity, list the actions required. | N/A |

| Impacts Table | | | | |
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| | Is there potential for negative impact? YES or NO | Are there opportunities for positive impact? YES or NO | If YES, please provide details of the impact below | |
| | | | Positive Impact | Negative Impact |
| All groups or society generally | NO | YES | Policy CS7 plans positively for the future of the district, in terms of providing sufficient number of dwellings to meet the council's full objectively assessed need for housing to be delivered in the | |

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| | | | period 2011 to 2031 and indicating the broad distribution of housing numbers to the market towns, key service centres and the four primary villages. | |
| Age - Older or younger people | NO | YES | An increase in housing supply will offer more choice of types of units, for example, housing for older people, and more affordable housing for young people. | |
| Disability - People with a disability | NO | YES | As above, an increase in housing supply will positively impact on the range and size and type of housing, including for disabled people. | |
| Sex - Women or men | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all | |

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| Pregnancy or maternity - including expectant or new parents i.e. pregnancy and maternity | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| Marriage and civil partnership – including same sex couples | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| Race - People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| Religion - People with a religion or belief (or who choose not to have a religion or belief) | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| Sexual Orientation - People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB) or in a Civil Partnership | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| Gender Reassignment - People who are transitioning from one gender to another | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| <i>Families and those with parenting or caring responsibilities (The Families Test)</i> | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |
| <i>Individuals on low income</i> | NO | YES | The policy will | |

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| | | | positively impact on the affordability of housing | |
| <i>Those suffering rural isolation</i> | NO | YES | The policy will result in more housing in the primary villages which may result in the enhancement or new provision of supporting infrastructure. | |
| <i>Those who do not have English as a first language</i> | NO | YES | (Positive – because overall impact on all groups is positive) | |

| Action Plan | | | | |
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| Equality group/ characteristic | Action/milestone | Responsibility (Project manager or partner organisation) | Achievement date | Monitoring arrangements |
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