

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Name of activity:	Interim Housing Statement	Date Completed:	09/02/21
Directorate / Division responsible for activity:	Place, Planning Policy & Conservation	Lead Officer:	Kevin Owen
Existing Activity		New / Proposed Activity	✓
		Changing / Updated Activity	

What are the aims / main purposes of the activity?

To provide a tick list tool providing clarity to applicants on the existing national and local planning policy considerations, which if addressed, will actively speed up the search for sites of an appropriate size, in the right locations, including necessary supporting evidence on deliverability. The Statement will apply until a 5-year housing land supply is demonstrated or until the Arun Local Plan update is progressed to adoption – whichever is the sooner

What are the main actions and processes involved?

Review of national and local policy to provide a high level set of policy considerations in a table format

Who is intended to benefit & who are the main stakeholders?

The population and communities within Arun including those with special and affordable housing needs.

Have you already consulted on / researched the activity?

The activity is not formulating new policy but is a tool to collate existing national and local policy considerations in an easily legible table as a checklist that applicants can use.

Impact on people with a protected characteristic (What is the potential impact of the activity? Are the impacts high, medium or low?)

Protected characteristics / groups	Is there an impact (Yes / No)	If Yes, what is it and identify whether it is positive or negative
Age (older / younger people,	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate in suitable sized accommodation.

children)		
Disability (people with physical / sensory impairment or mental disability)	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate in suitable sized accommodation – including compliance with the Councils and national accessibility and disability standards.
Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another.)	No	
Marriage & civil partnership (Marriage is defined as a 'union between a man and a woman'. Civil partnerships are legally recognized for same-sex couples)	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate in suitable sized accommodation.
Pregnancy & maternity (Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant & maternity refers to the period after the birth)	No	
Race (ethnicity, colour, nationality or national origins & including gypsies, travellers, refugees & asylum seekers)	Yes	Allows all types of household to form, from all backgrounds and ethnic groups and provides opportunity to live in separate in suitable sized accommodation including opportunities for travelling households to choose to live in settled bricks and mortar if needed.
Religion & belief (religious faith or other group with a recognised belief system)	No	
Sex (male / female)	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate and suitable sized accommodation.
Sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual)	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate and suitable sized accommodation.
Whilst Socio economic disadvantage that people may face is not a protected characteristic; the potential impact on this group should	Yes	Allows households to form for all types of household and opportunity to live in separate and suitable sized accommodation.

be also considered		
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What evidence has been used to assess the likely impacts?
Arun Local Plan 2018 e.g. Housing Needs Assessment 2016 https://www.arun.gov.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjm4n10221.pdf&ver=10142 and other special needs housing e.g. G&TAA: https://www.arun.gov.uk/gypsies-and-travellers-planning-policy

Decision following initial assessment			
Continue with existing or introduce new / planned activity	Yes	Amend activity based on identified actions	No

Action Plan			
Impact identified	Action required	Lead Officer	Deadline

Monitoring & Review	
Date of last review or Impact Assessment:	N/A
Date of next 12 month review:	Spring 2022
Date of next 3 year Impact Assessment (from the date of this EIA):	NA

Date EIA completed:	09/02/21
Signed by Person Completing:	Kevin Owen

