

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Project Title: Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) bid for disability accessible 1-bed accommodation for people with experience of rough sleeping				
Department: City Housing	Team: Housing Solutions			Person Responsible for assessment: Tim Gray
Date of assessment: 2/3/2023		Is it a new or existing proposal? New, but relates to existing homelessness property acquisition scheme		
Brief description of the proposal: Application for Homes England Capital Grant and DLUHC revenue grant to subsidise acquisition of and adaptation of 15 1-bed properties to accommodate former rough sleepers with serious disabilities including wheelchair use and bariatric conditions				
Potential impacts of the policy/development decision/procedure/ on:	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No Specific Impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?
Natural Resources- Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air			x	
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions	x			Some acquired properties will have works done to improve energy efficiency prior to letting. All properties will be brought up to at least an EPC C rating. Works to achieve this may include replacement of single glazed windows with double glazed, replacement UPVC windows, replacement of old boilers with ASHP or AAA boilers, replacement of radiators, roof repairs.
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			x	
Use of sustainable products and equipment			x	
Minimising waste			x	

Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change			x	
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	The proposal involves purchase and, if necessary, renovation and repair of existing properties, as well as adaptation to make them wheelchair accessible. Properties will be let as settled accommodation within the Housing Revenue Account. Environmental impact will either be neutral or positive where the energy efficiency of properties is improved.			

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