

Appendix 5

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Project Title: City Housing Investment Proposal to Supply Accommodation for Homeless Families				
Department: City Housing		Team: Housing Solutions		Person Responsible for assessment: Tim Gray
Date of assessment: 28/3/2023		Is it a new or existing proposal? New, but relates to existing homelessness property acquisition scheme		
Brief description of the proposal: Capital funding proposals in the Birmingham Temporary Accommodation Strategy 2008 to 2013. These include commitment of up to £400m over 5 years to purchase 1,500 family homes to let as TA and a £5m funding pot to improve private rented properties to a lettable standard and/or convert supported exempt accommodation to family use. In both cases the properties would subsequently be let to homeless families.				
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			<p>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.</p> <p>The standard of homes acquired through working with developers (Cabinet report section 2.8.2 and 2.8.3) will, through construction to the latest industry standards, be up</p>

				to a prescribed level of either C or B energy efficiency standards. It is also the case when bringing PRS properties up to standard that energy efficiency will often be improved
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	<p>The proposal involves purchase and, if necessary, renovation and repair of existing properties, which will then be let as temporary accommodation. Environmental impact will either be neutral or positive where the energy efficiency of properties is improved.</p> <p>In other cases, private rented properties with HHSRS hazards will be renovated and brought up to a better standard. In this way the quality of PRS accommodation in Birmingham will be improved.</p>			

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