

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Project Title: Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Grant to Support Acquisition of Accommodation for Afghan Citizens and Ukrainian Guests				
Department: City Housing	Team: Housing Solutions			Person Responsible for assessment: Tim Gray
Date of assessment: 16/1/2023		Is it a new or existing proposal? New, but relates to existing homelessness property acquisition scheme		
Brief description of the proposal: DLUHC Capital Grant to subsidise acquisition of street properties to accommodate Afghan citizens and Ukrainian guests				
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, which will then be let as temporary accommodation. Environmental impact will either be neutral or positive where the energy efficiency of properties is improved.			

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