

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Birmingham City Council is required to assess any positive or negative impacts that any policy/strategy/decision/development proposal is likely to have on the environment. To complete the assessment, you should consider whether that policy/development/proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on each of the key themes by selecting whether the impact of the proposal is positive, negative or has no specific impact on the themes. Please only tick one of these, by deciding what the overall impact is. The assessment must be completed for all Cabinet reports. It is the responsibility of the Service Director signing off the report to ensure that the assessment is complete. The table below is for guidance only and should not be submitted as part of the report.

Theme	Example
Natural Resources - Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air.	<p>Does the decision increase water use?</p> <p>Does the decision have an impact on air quality?</p> <p>Does the decision discourage the use of the most polluting vehicles (private and public) and promote sustainable modes of transport or working from home to reduce air pollution?</p> <p>Does the decision impact on soil?</p> <p>For example, development will typically use water for carrying out various operations and, once complete, water will be needed to service the development. Providing water to development and treating affluent water requires energy and contributes to climate change. Some of the activities including construction or disposal of waste may lead to soil pollution. The decisions may lead to more journeys thereby deteriorating air quality and thus contribution to climate change and greenhouse gases.</p>
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions.	<p>Will the decision have an impact on energy use?</p> <p>Will the decision impact on carbon emissions?</p> <p>Most day-to-day activities use energy. The main environmental impact of producing and using energy such as electricity, gas, and fuel (unless it is from a renewable source) is the emission of carbon dioxide.</p>
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity	<p>The proposal may lead to localised impacts on the local green and open spaces which may have an impact on local biodiversity, trees and other vegetation in the area.</p> <p>Will the proposal lead to loss (or creation) of green and blue infrastructure?</p>

	For example, selling an open space may reduce access to open space within an area and lead to a loss of biodiversity. However, creating a new open space would have positive effects.
Use of environmentally sustainable products, equipment and packaging'	Will the decision present opportunities to incorporate the use of environmentally sustainable products (such as compostable bags, paper straws etc.), recycled materials (i.e. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Timber/wood), non-polluting vehicles, avoid the use of single use plastics and packaging.
Minimising waste	Will the decision minimise waste creation and the maximise recycling during the construction and operation of the development/programme/project? Will the decision provide opportunities to improve recycling? For example, if the proposal involves the demolition of a building or a structure, could some of the construction materials be reused in the new development or recycled back into the construction industry for use on another project?
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero.	How does the proposal or decision contribute to tackling and showing leadership in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero aspirations?

Project Title: UEFA 2028				
Department:	Team: City Operations/Neighbourhoods/Events		Person Responsible for assessment: Simone Ellis	
Date of assessment:		Is it a new or existing proposal?: New		
Brief description of the proposal: To host the UEFA European Football Championships 2028				
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			√	<p>The event will not have any direct impact on the natural resources. There will be increased pressure on these resources due to the increased number of people visiting the city, but it will be temporary. On balance it could be considered that the overall impact will be neutral.</p> <p>We have data and previous event experience such as the Commonwealth Games to draw learnings to help negate any impact.</p>
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions		√		<p>The event will attract lots of spectators and visitors to the city. This will lead to more journeys into the city and will lead to more use of resources in the areas where they will stay and entertain. This will also attract national and international media coverage that would lead to an increase in consumption of electricity. All these will lead to increased energy use and hike in carbon emissions. However, with the introduction of the Clean Air Zone majority of the cars will be compliant, but the temporary increase of emissions can be mitigated by promotion of public transport.</p>
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			√	<p>There will be no overall impact on the city's green spaces and biodiversity.</p>

Use of sustainable products and equipment	√			Procurement specifications will ensure all equipment and products will endeavour to be sustainable. The venues can be encouraged to use sustainable and eco-friendly products.
Minimising waste	√			More visitors to the city will lead to generation of more waste but if waste is managed and disposed of in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way this impact can be minimised.
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change			√	No specific impact identified.
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	Overall, the event will have the opportunity to make a positive contribution towards the Council's sustainability agenda and to bring positive social and economic benefits to the city			

If you require assistance in completing this assessment, then please contact: ESAGuidance@birmingham.gov.uk