

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

Stage 1 Scoping and Assessing for Relevance

Section 1 Details of the Proposal

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| <p>A. Title of Proposal:</p> | <p>Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan 2023 (LDP)</p> |
| <p>B. What is it?</p> | <p><u>A new Policy/Strategy/Practice</u> <input type="checkbox"/> A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>C. Description of the proposal: (Set out a clear understanding of the purpose of the proposal being developed or reviewed (what are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes, including the context within which it will operate)</p> | <p>The LDP has been prepared to guide the future use and development of land within the Scottish Borders. It sets out a series of policies and proposals indicating where development can or should not take place and provides guidance on the future provision of a range of subjects including housing, business and industrial use, transport, infrastructure and recreation. It seeks to deliver sustainability and promote a net zero economy, promote health and wellbeing, promote economic growth, regenerate town centres and give protection to the built and natural heritage. To further the promotion of the objective to ensure high standards of building design and site layouts, development proposals must adhere to the principles laid out in the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on 'Placemaking and Design', 2010. The LDP provides a broad vision for</p> |

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| | <p>the period up to 2031, with a focus on the period up to 2026.</p> <p>Key aims and objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an adequate range and quality of land and premises for business and industry; • To protect strategically important business opportunities; • To promote the development and regeneration of town centres; • To provide a generous supply land for mainstream and affordable housing; • To encourage better connectivity by transport and digital networks; • To protect and enhance the natural and built environment; • To protect important open space; • To promote green network linkages around towns; • To integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation requirements such as flood prevention and renewable energy production; and • To make adequate provision for waste management. |
| <p>D. Service Area: Department:</p> | <p>Planning Policy & GIS</p> |
| <p>E. Lead Officer: (Name and job title)</p> | <p>Deborah Armstrong, Lead Officer, Planning Policy & GIS</p> |
| <p>F. Other Officers/Partners involved: (List names, job titles and organisations)</p> | <p>The responsibility of producing the Local Development Plan rests with Scottish Borders Council, but its implementation is dependent on partnership working</p> |

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| | <p>with a whole range of external organisations. Key stakeholders include various Departments within SBC, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Transport Scotland, NHS and Scottish Water.</p> <p>Officers within the Planning Policy and GIS section are:</p> <p>Chris Haworth; Colin Jack; Erica Niven; Karen Ruthven; Laura Bell; Mark Hall; Robbie Calvert; Stuart Herkes; Trish Connolly</p> |
| <p>G. Date(s) IIA completed:</p> | <p>06 September 2023</p> |

Section 2 Will there be any impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?

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| Yes |
| <p>If yes, - please state here:</p> <p>Individual planning policies are informed by various approved Supplementary Planning Guidance notes (SPGs), which will remain in force until these are updated or superseded by revised or new SPGs.</p> <p>Projects run by, or administered by, the Local Authority, including any which may be in receipt of grant funding or other assistance from or administered by the Local Authority, may have a requirement for planning authorisation. Accordingly, the new proposals and plans being brought forward within the Local Development Plan, may have implications for these projects and their programmes.</p> |

Section 3 Legislative Requirements

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| 3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty: | |
| <p>Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010? <i>(If you believe that your proposal may have some relevance – however small please indicate yes. If there is no effect, please enter “No” and go to Section 3.2.)</i></p> <p>Yes</p> | |
| Equality Duty | Reasoning: |
| <p>A. Elimination of discrimination (both direct & indirect), victimisation and harassment. <i>(Will the proposal discriminate? Or help eliminate discrimination?)</i></p> | <p>It is not considered that the LDP will result in any discrimination, victimisation or harassment.</p> <p>The adoption of the LDP will have a positive impact on the population of the Scottish Borders. The purpose of the LDP is to</p> |

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| | guide the future use and development of land within the Scottish Borders. |
| B. Promotion of equality of opportunity? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the Council with this)</i> | It is not considered that the LDP will hinder the promotion of equality of opportunity. |
| C. Foster good relations? <i>(Will your proposal help to foster or encourage good relations between those who have different equality characteristics?)</i> | It is not considered that the LDP will hinder the fostering of good relations. |

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| <p>3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal? (You should consider employees, clients, customers / service users, and any other relevant groups)</p> <p>Preliminary Note:</p> <p>Planning in its general approach and from a national level, actively seeks to ensure that the general character and amenity of rural places is protected from any development which in its nature or scale, would be more appropriately accommodated in existing settlements. As such, there is an acceptance in these terms at least, that certain developments (e.g. larger housing proposals; new business and industrial areas) are more reasonably and appropriately directed towards settlements. This has practical implications for the numbers and types of housing and employment opportunities that may be available in rural localities relative to settlements. While demand for housing, employment and services in rural areas tends to be lower due to lower population numbers, there is nonetheless potential for disproportionate impacts upon younger people, older people, disabled people, and anyone who has difficulty accessing private transport, or who requires some level of care or assistance. However, it is still considered that the Local Development Plan 2 does cater sufficiently well for housing and employment needs in rural areas; specifically in its support for the delivery, through the planning system, of appropriate rural housing and appropriate rural business, tourism and leisure development where such opportunities exist, and where the specific need in the rural locality concerned, can be accommodated or substantiated acceptably in planning terms.</p> <p>Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.</p> | | |
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| | No Impact | Positive Impact | Negative Impact | Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this |
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| Age Older or younger people or a specific age grouping | | X | | <p>The LDP includes policies such as Affordable Housing Delivery, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that older and younger people, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities; • Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses; • Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty; • Improving quality of place and increasing green space; • Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion; and to support students in higher education; • Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use; |

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| | | | X | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs; • Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, • Protecting Greenspaces, • Extending and improving the green network opportunities and links, and • Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being. <p>There is potential for some negative impacts on older and younger age groups where restrictions on new housing and employment in the countryside apply, since these restrictions to the number and type of housing and to the type of employment opportunities in these areas, may make it more difficult for older people and younger people in particular, to stay on in their local communities (e.g. lack of existing and new housing suitable or adapted for elderly or infirm occupants; and lack of affordable housing and local job opportunities for younger people trying to find housing and access employment within their local communities).</p> |
| Disability e.g. Effects on people with mental, physical, sensory impairment, learning disability, visible/invisible, progressive or recurring | | X | | <p>The LDP includes policies such as Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that disabled people, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> |

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| <p>Gender Reassignment/ Gender Identity anybody whose gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex assigned to them at birth</p> | <p>x</p> | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups.</p> |
| <p>Marriage or Civil Partnership people who are married or in a civil partnership</p> | <p>x</p> | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups.</p> |
| <p>Pregnancy and Maternity (refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth),</p> | <p>x</p> | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the</p> |

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| <p>Race Groups: including colour, nationality, ethnic origins, including minorities (e.g. gypsy travellers, refugees, migrants and asylum seekers)</p> | X | | X | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise directly impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, these or any other similarly defined equality groups. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>Notwithstanding however, there may be potential for particular equality groups to experience particular impacts, or particular impacts disproportionately, as a consequence of their circumstances and/or preferences with respect to accommodation. Where there is an overlap between these and policies, this may mean that certain policies are liable to be more impactful upon certain groups than others. This may be liable to be the case with respect to a potentially positive impact in this respect in that Policy HD6 - Housing for Particular Needs, encompasses support for the principle of meeting the accommodation needs of Gypsy/Travellers and Travelling Show People amongst the accommodation needs of other</p> |

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| | | | | non-ethnically defined groups (such as students and those with special needs) where a local need for such accommodation is adequately demonstrated. |
| Religion or Belief: different beliefs, customs (including atheists and those with no aligned belief) | X | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups.</p> |
| Sex women and men (girls and boys) | X | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups.</p> |
| Sexual Orientation , e.g. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual | X | | | The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or |

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| | | | <p>persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately.</p> <p>These are not considered liable to impact these equality groups.</p> |
| <p>3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.</p> <p>The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.</p> | | | |
| <p>Is the proposal strategic?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>If No go to Section 4</p> | | | |
| <p>If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:</p> | | | |
| | <p>Impact</p> | <p>State here how you know this</p> | |

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| <p>Low and/or No Wealth – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.</p> | | X | | <p>The LDP includes policies such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, those disadvantaged due to low and/or no wealth will be most positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities; • Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses; • Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty; • Improving quality of place and increasing green space; • Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion; • Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel |

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| | | | | <p>and the reliance on car use;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs; • Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, and • Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being. <p>The proposals include a number of identified opportunities for unused or under-used areas of brownfield land, to be redeveloped, particularly for housing and employment. In addition to offering potential benefits with regard to facilitating the delivery of new housing and new business premises from which the local community can benefit, these also have potential to improve the quality of the built environment in the local area, with potential to address long-standing environmental and amenity issues pertaining to the prevalence of larger areas of derelict land and dilapidated premises, which can negatively impact the surrounding streetscape and wider area, and which may in themselves be discouraging investment within the local area.</p> |
| <p>Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies</p> | | X | | <p>The LDP includes policies such as Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, those disadvantaged due to material deprivation will be most positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals</p> |

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| <p>Area Deprivation – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)</p> | | X | | <p>The LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is</p> |

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| | | | X | <p>In areas outwith, and further from larger settlements, there is potential for some negative impacts on people living in rural areas where restrictions on new housing and employment in the countryside apply. Restrictions to the number and type of housing and to the type of employment opportunities available in these areas, may make it more difficult for some people, particularly in lower income groups, to stay on in their local communities (e.g. lack of existing and new housing suitable or adapted for elderly or infirm occupants; and lack of affordable housing and local job opportunities for people, particularly younger people, trying to find housing and access employment within their local communities without the need for long and expensive commutes).</p> |
| <p>Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parents’ education, employment and income</p> | | X | | <p>The LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that those disadvantaged due to area deprivation, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities including in rural areas |

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| | | | | <p>(areas out with the Development Boundary);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses; • Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty; • Improving quality of place and increasing green space; • Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion; • Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use; • Facilitating the improved provision of Affordable Housing, including special needs; • Protecting and enhancing heritage and environmental resources, and • Seeking to provide opportunities for improving physical well-being. |
| Looked after and accommodated children and young people | | x | | <p>The LDP includes policies such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that those disadvantaged due to area deprivation, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals</p> |

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| Carers paid and unpaid including family members | | X | | <p>The LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive</p> |

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| <p>Homelessness</p> | | <p>x</p> | <p>The LDP includes polices such as Sustainability, Quality Standards, Protection of Business and Industrial Land, Regeneration, Affordable Housing Delivery, Housing for Particular Needs, Care and Nursing Homes, Protection of Greenspace, Green Networks, and Education Safeguarding. Whilst these policies will result in a positive impact for most people within the Council area, it is considered that those disadvantaged due to area deprivation, would on balance, be positively impacted.</p> <p>The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. In particular, it will assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting economic growth through increased employment opportunities including in rural areas (areas out with the Development Boundary); • Requiring increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes of transport, including buses; • Meeting targets to reduce demand for energy from new developments which will reduce living costs and reduce fuel poverty; • Improving quality of place and increasing green space; • Providing for local needs and equality of access to housing, jobs, facilities and services, particularly to assist in social inclusion; • Facilitating a reduction in the overall need to travel and the reliance on car use; |
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| Addictions and substance use | X | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. These are not considered liable to impact this equality group.</p> |
| Those involved within the criminal justice system | X | | | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. These are not considered liable to impact this equality group.</p> |

3.4 Armed Forces Covenant Duty (*Education and Housing/ Homelessness proposals only*)

This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to the three matters listed below in Education and Housing/ Homelessness matters.

This relates to current and former armed forces personnel (regular or reserve) and their families.

Is the Armed Forces Covenant Duty applicable?

Yes

If “Yes”, please complete below

| Covenant Duty | How this has been considered and any specific provision made: |
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| <p>The unique obligations of, and sacrifices made by, the armed forces;</p> | <p>The LDP does not include any policies or proposals that directly relate to, or will otherwise impact, any person or persons as a consequence of their identification with, attribution to, or association with, this or any other similarly defined equality group. The LDP will meet the needs of our diverse community, by identifying appropriate land use policies and proposals to meet a range of different economic and social needs in a responsible way, while conserving the amenity and environment of the surrounding area appropriately. These are not considered liable to impact this equality group.</p> |
| <p>The principle that it is desirable to remove disadvantages arising for Service people from membership, or former membership, of the armed forces;</p> | <p>Please see previous response. While the LDP has implications for the provision of housing, education, health, welfare and community facilities within our settlements and region, it does not identify any specific arrangements liable to relate to any equality group or groups, other than in the terms acknowledged above with respect to</p> |

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| | <p>the provision of housing for particular needs. Accordingly, while individuals who are also Service people, may be liable to benefit from the latter where identified to have particular housing needs, it is anticipated that the policies and proposals of the LDP would otherwise have a neutral impact upon them, with no advantage or disadvantage to them owing to their status as Service people.</p> |
| <p>The principle that special provision for Service people may be justified by the effects on such people of membership, or former membership, of the armed forces.</p> | <p>Please see previous responses. While the LDP has implications for the provision of housing, education, health, welfare and community facilities within our settlements and region, it does not identify any specific arrangements liable to relate to any equality group or groups, other than in the terms acknowledged above with respect to the provision of housing for particular needs. Accordingly, while individuals who are also Service people, may be liable to benefit from the latter where identified to have particular housing needs, it is anticipated that the policies and proposals of the LDP would otherwise have a neutral impact upon them, with no advantage or disadvantage to them owing to their status as Service people.</p> |

Section 4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Select No if you have answered “No” to all of Sections 3.1 – 3.3.

Yes

If yes, please proceed to Stage 2 and complete a full Integrated Impact Assessment

If a full impact assessment is not required briefly explain why there are no effects and provide justification for the decision.

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