

Draft Housing Needs Assessment Initial EIA



Overview

Service area:	Planning Policy – Development & Environment

Description of the proposal:

The document provides supporting evidence to justify the council's approved planning policy DM42: "Accessible and adaptable housing and housing space standards". It sets out the number of housing units that should be provided in each new housing development.

Proposal

The housing assesses the likely requirement for accessible housing in North Somerset and is necessary to enable the implementation of Policy DM42. The government advice sets out the sources of information that should be used. It has been undertaken in accordance with the advice contained in the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance "Housing: optional technical standards".

When was this impact assessment completed? 14/08/2017

Customer equality impact summary

Will the proposal have a disproportionate impact on any of these groups? Insert X into one box per row.					Impact (positive/ negative/ both)
	High	Medium	Low	None	
Disabled people				x	Positive
People from different ethnic groups				X	
Men and women (including pregnant women or those on maternity leave)					Positive
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people				X	
People on a low income				X	
People in particular age groups				X	Positive
People in particular faith groups				X	
People who are married or in a civil partnership					Positive
Transgender people				X	

<p>Other specific impacts, for example: carers, parents, impact on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Please specify: Carers and parents Health and well-being</p>					<p>Positive Positive</p>
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Explanation of customer impact

The assessment supports a policy which promotes the need for accessible housing that is defined as housing that is capable of adaptation to meet the needs of a wide range of disabled people. It aims to ensure that a property will meet the needs of anyone who may move into a property during its lifetime. As such, the standards it supports are of wider benefit to families, older people and anyone wishing to adapt a home easily to meet their household’s specific needs. This may include people from a variety of racial or cultural backgrounds.

The policy and this assessment aim to ensure that disabled people have housing choices available to them that offers accommodation able to meet their needs and which is of a suitable standard. It will enable them to be more active and independent in the longer term.

The assessment has been the subject of consultation (12th July 2017), with disabled people who agreed with its findings.

Review and Sign Off

Service Manager:

Date: 14/08/2017

If this assessment identifies a medium or high risk then a Full Equality Impact Assessment needs to be completed