

Equalities Impact Assessment of Proposed Main Modifications 2018

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1 Introduction

What is being assessed?

- 1.1** An Equalities Impact Assessment (CORE/15) was submitted as part of the evidence base for the examination of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 (submission version 2018). This was submitted as supporting material necessary for the examination of the Local Plan and addressed the Council's duty under the Equalities Act 2010 to carry out race, gender and disability impact assessments.
- 1.2** This assessment updates that document to reflect the proposed main modifications to the Local Plan prepared for consultation following the examination hearings held in July and September 2018.
- 1.3** The main modifications are available in a separate document. For ease of interpretation of this document a summary description of each proposed main modification is included within the tables below. Where no proposed main modification has been put forward then the original assessment for the policy or site allocation, as set out in CORE/15, remains relevant.

2 Assessment of Policies

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- 2.1** This table provides an analysis of each Local Plan policy against the protected characteristics groups and considers whether the likely effect of the policy is positive (+), neutral (~) or negative (-) with respect to that particular group compared to the overall population. A summary of the proposed main modification is included above the revised assessment of the policy or proposal.

Table 1 Assessment of Policies: The Development Strategy

Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Preg-nancy & mater nity	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
LP2: Strategy for Development	Removal of 'Local Service Centres' category from the settlement hierarchy. Reduction of the total estimated housing supply within the plan period. Inclusion of a summary of the housing trajectory.									
	+	~	+	~	+	~	~	~	~	Removal of the Local Service Centres category will have a negligible impact on the strategy's focus for promoting development in settlements with greatest opportunity to access services and facilities which should help improve access for all but may have a particularly positive effect on those with restricted mobility through age, disability or pregnancy & maternity. The reduction of the total estimated housing supply is expected to impact equally on all sectors of society in terms of the protected characteristics although may have a detrimental impact on those already experiencing relative poverty.
LP3: Green Infrastructure	The revised text provides clarity on acceptable proposals relating to Grafham Water.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
LP5: Flood Risk	Additional policy text to reflect appropriate climate change allowances and additional supporting text advising on requirements for flood risk assessments.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
LP9: Local Service Centres	Deletion of entire Local Service Centres policy and its supporting text.									

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Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marriage & civil partnership status	Pregnancy & maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sexual orientation	Gender re-assignment	Impact of proposed main modification
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	Specifically identifying local service centres for growth was previously considered to potentially have a positive impact on older people through provision of suitable and accessible homes within their established communities. The level of certainty is reduced by this proposed main modification.
LP10: Small Settlements	Insertion of Alconbury, Bluntisham and Great Staughton within the list of places defined as 'Small Settlements'.									
	+	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment as it already has a potentially positive impact on older people through provision of suitable and accessible homes within their established communities.
LP11: The Countryside	Revised text substituting 'recognise' for 'protect' in criterion b.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

Table 2 Assessment of Policies: Requiring Good Design

Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marriage & civil partnership status	Pregnancy & maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sexual orientation	Gender re-assignment	Impact of proposed main modification
LP16: Surface Water	Removal of reference in paragraph 5.39 to unregulated flows into the Middle Level Commissioners system									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

Table 3 Assessment of Policies: Building a Strong, Competitive Economy

Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Preg-nancy & mater nity	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
LP23: Local Services and Community Facilities	Removal of reference to Local Service Centres.									
	+	~	+	~	+	~	+	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
LP24: Tourism and Recreation	Requirement for tourist accommodation proposals to demonstrate long term viability prospects.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

Table 4 Assessment of Policies: Strengthening Communities

Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Preg-nancy & mater nity	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
LP29: Community Planning Proposals	Deletion of policy LP29 and its supporting text.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The policy had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.

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Table 5 Assessment of Policies: Conserving and Enhancing the Environment

Policy	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Preg-nancy & mater nity	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
LP32: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Clarification of mitigation measures.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

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Table 6 Assessment of Proposals: Huntingdon Spatial Planning Area

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Preg-nancy & mater nity	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
SEL1.1 Former Alconbury Airfield and Grange Farm	+	~	+	~	+	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment although the slower rate of house building may impact timing of delivery of the anticipated benefits and may have a negative impact on people needing affordable housing.
SEL1.2 RAF Alconbury	+	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment although the slower rate of house building may impact timing of delivery of the anticipated benefit for young people by requirement for a primary school within the site.
Huntingdon										
HU1 Ermine Street	+	~	+	~	+	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment although the slower rate of house building may impact timing of delivery of the anticipated benefits and may have a negative impact on people needing affordable housing.
HU5 West of Edison Bell Way	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.

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HU6 George Street	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
	Extension to include land west of Edison Bell Way (formerly HU5) and proposed use for residential purposes.									
HU9 Main Street	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
HU10 Hinchingbrooke Country Park extension	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Reduction in the area proposed as an extension to the country park.									
HU11 Huntingdon Racecourse	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so reduction in the area leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Clarification of the appropriate level of assessment required in relation to the amount of development proposed.									
Godmanchester										
HU16 Tyrell's Marina	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Deletion of the proposed allocation for mixed use development.									
HU17 RGE Engineering	~	~	+	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification will ensure sufficient land to replace the existing disabled parking spaces.
	Extension to the site to secure land for provision of replacement car parking.									

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Table 7 Assessment of Proposals: St Neots Spatial Planning Area

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marriage & civil partnership	Pregnancy & maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sexual orientation	Gender re-assignment	Impact of proposed main modification
SEL2 St Neots East	Insertion of additional text to clarify the build-out rate of the site.									
	+	~	+	~	+	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment although the slower rate of house building may impact timing of delivery of the anticipated benefits and may have a negative impact on people needing affordable housing.
St Neots										
SN1 St Mary's Urban Village	Removal of requirement to convert Brook House into offices.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
SN5 Former Youth Centre, Priory Road	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.

Table 8 Assessment of Proposals: St Ives Spatial Planning Area

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marriage & civil partnership status	Pregnancy & maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sexual orientation	Gender re-assignment	Impact of proposed main modification
SI1 St Ives West	Removal of reference to retail from the supporting text.									

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S14 Former Car Showroom, London Road	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment as reference to retail was not previously included in the policy itself.
	-	~	-	~	~	~	~	~	~	Deletion of this site removes the opportunity for residential accommodation with on-site management and support services which would have positive impacts for older people and those with disabilities.

Table 9 Assessment of proposals: Ramsey Spatial Planning Area

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marriage & civil partnership status	Pregnancy & maternity	Race	Religion or belief	Sexual orientation	Gender re-assignment	Impact of proposed main modification
Ramsey										
RA3 West Station Yard and Northern Mill	Addition of reference to retention of the Northern Mill building being subject to viability.									
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

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Table 10 Assessment of Proposals: Key Service Centres

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
Somersham									
SM2 Newlands, St Ives Road	Addition of reference to nearby listed Somersham House.								
	+	~	+	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.
SM5 East of Robert Avenue	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.								
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
Warboys									
WB2 Manor Farm Buildings	Deletion of requirement to relocate the existing farmyard.								
	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The proposed main modification does not affect the assessment.

Table 11 Assessment of Proposals: Local Service Centres

Proposal	Age	Gender	Dis-ability	Marri-age & civil partner ship status	Race	Relig-ion or belief	Sexual orien-tation	Gender re-assign-ment	Impact of proposed main modification
Alconbury									
AL1 North of School Lane	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.								

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Bluntisham	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
BL1 West of Longacres	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
BL2 North of 10 Station Road	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
Great Staughton	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
GS1 South of 29 The Green	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.
	Deletion of the proposed allocation for residential use.									
GS2 Between 20 Cage Lane and Averyhill	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	The site had no clear positive or negative equality impacts so its deletion leaves the assessment unchanged.