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Craven Local Plan

# Equality Impact Assessment

Further Main Modifications Addendum

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July 2019

# 1. Introduction

1.1 This document is an addendum (a supplementary addition) to the Craven Local Plan Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), dated February 2019, and should be read in conjunction with that document.

1.2 The addendum has been prepared in response to proposed Further Main Modifications to the Plan, which will be subjected to formal public consultation commencing in July 2019. An addendum is considered appropriate, because only three Further Main Modifications are proposed and these are limited in nature.

1.3 The purpose of Equality Impact Assessment is to systematically analyse the likely impact of policies on different groups of people in the community and how the needs of such groups have been taken into account in relation to the development of policies.

## 2. Equality Impact Assessment reports

2.1 Reports have been prepared for each proposed Further Main Modification. These are set out on pages 2 to 4, below. The format of the reports is based on a standard EqIA template used by the Council:

- Reports begin by assessing the proposed modification's relevance to equality.
- A copy of the proposed modification is included in the report for ease of reference.
- A reasoned answer is provided to the question of whether the proposed modification has the potential to cause a negative impact on or discriminate against protected groups.
- If the answer is 'no', the assessment is complete, but if the answer is 'yes' the assessment continues to a second and third stage.
- The second stage is judging how the impact may be addressed.
- The third and final stage is establishing an action plan for addressing the impact.

## 3. Summary of results

3.1 This addendum to the EqIA has identified no potential negative impacts on equality arising from proposed Further Main Modifications to the draft Craven Local Plan.

## Policy ENV10 – Establishing relevance to equality

Ref	Page	Policy/ Para/Site.	Further Main Modification	Justification
FMM 87a	154	Policy ENV10 Local Green Space	<u>SK-LGS66 – Land to the north of Skipton up to and including the PROW at Short Lee Lane, west of Skipton Castle Woods SINC, and east of Grassington Road, Skipton .</u>	To be consistent with evidence provided in representations on MM87 in respect of Site SK-LGS 64 that an alternative area of land smaller than that of SK-LGS64 would comply with national planning policy.

Does the policy or procedure have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation?

Links to evidence:

[National Planning Policy Framework](#), [Local Green Space Assessment](#)

Answer:

No. The NPPF introduced the Local Green Space (LGS) Designation to enable communities to identify and protect green spaces of importance to them. LGS can only be designated in a local or neighbourhood plan. The policy aims to protect Local Green Spaces for the benefit of all.

## Policy H1 – Establishing relevance to equality

Ref	Page	Policy/ Para/Site.	Main Modification	Justification
FMM 90a	165	Supporting Text for Policy H1 Para 6.2	6.2 The number of people across Craven District aged 65 or over is projected to increase from 14,000 in 2015 to 21,200 by 2037 (a 50% increase) according to ONS 2014-based population projections, so it is important that there is provision of a range of appropriate housing provision, adaptation and support for Craven's older population. Additionally, providing a wider range of older persons' accommodation has the potential to free-up larger family accommodation. <u>The two main types of this specialist 'C3' housing for older people are:</u>	In the interests of clarity and to make the policy effective.

Does the policy or procedure have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation?

Links to evidence: [Strategic Housing Market Assessment](#), comments of McCarthy and Stone (a developer of housing for older people) in response to consultation on the June 2017 pre-publication draft local plan.

Answer: No. People in Craven are living longer, which means that there are more active older people in good health in the population, but also more people (especially the very old) living with on-going conditions that may affect their mobility, hampering their ability to get out and about and socialise, leading to issues of loneliness and isolation for many. Therefore, a range of appropriate housing provision, adaptation and support is needed for Craven's older population. Additionally, providing a wider range of older persons' accommodation has the potential to free-up larger family accommodation. McCarthy and Stone advocate the inclusion of such a policy. The policy will have a positive impact on the needs of older people without impacting negatively on housing availability for other age ranges, which are fully catered for by policies SP1, SP3, SP4, SP5-SP11 and H2.

## Policy H2 – Establishing relevance to equality

Ref	Page	Policy/ Para/Site.	Main Modification	Justification
FMM 93a	175	Policy H2 Affordable Housing	<p><del>b) Affordable homes will also be provided in conjunction with registered providers through the purchase and repair of existing dwellings, alterations and improvements to the existing affordable housing stock and through the re-use of empty homes.</del></p> <p><b><u>Specialist Housing for Older People</u></b></p> <p><u>b) Affordable housing will be provided as part of specialist housing developments for older people where falling within Use Class C3 as follows:</u></p> <p><b><u>Age Restricted/Sheltered Housing</u></b></p> <p><u>I. On greenfield sites, developments of Age Restricted/Sheltered Housing or similar housing included in Policy H1, will provide not less than 30% new dwellings as affordable housing;</u></p> <p><u>II. On brownfield sites, developments of Age Restricted /Sheltered Housing similar housing included in Policy H1, will provide not less than 25% of new dwellings as affordable housing;</u></p> <p><b><u>Assisted Living/Extra Care Housing</u></b></p> <p><u>III. On greenfield sites developments of Assisted Living/Extra Care Housing, or similar housing included in Policy H1, will provide not less than 12% of new dwellings as affordable housing;</u></p> <p><u>IV. On brownfield sites developments of Assisted Living/Extra Care Housing, or similar housing included in Policy H1, will provide not less than 7% of new dwellings as affordable housing.</u></p>	In the interests of clarity and to make the policy effective.

Does the policy or procedure have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation?

Links to evidence:

[National Planning Policy Framework](#), [Strategic Housing Market Assessment](#)

Answer:

No. The local plan aims to secure the provision of affordable housing – in appropriate numbers and of appropriate types and tenures – to reflect evidence of community needs, including evidence from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Affordable housing will support a range of needs including those of newly-forming and growing households. The precise mix of dwelling size and tenure on each site will be determined in accordance with identified local needs. Providing affordable housing will contribute towards a mix of housing provision to cater for all groups. The policy will be used to ensure affordable housing provision is developed to address identified need.

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