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Title of report: CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Report : The report seeks approval of a suggested response from the Council to a national government consultation on changes to the land use planning system for England.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.: Published data - e.g Census, State of Ipswich report

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Links to supporting documents where available: <https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/stateofipswich>
<https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/>

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What is proposed?: The report proposes Ipswich Borough Council responses to 58 questions posed by the government about ways in which the national planning system may be changed.

Why are the changes being introduced?: National government is making the changes in pursuit of its 'levelling up' agenda to ensure that the land use planning system supports measures proposed through the Levelling Up Bill currently before Parliament. The Council is simply commenting as a consultee.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: Data from e.g. the State of Ipswich Report and the Suffolk Observatory to understand local demography, and evidence from the Equality Impact Assessment of the Ipswich

Local Plan 2022 which explores the potential impacts of policy approaches.

How will this change be implemented?: The policy change will be implemented by the government but would affect aspects of local planning and development management in Ipswich. The consultation responses proposed through the report would be submitted to the government before the deadline.

Age: Positive

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The proposed changes to the planning system could impact on this protected group in a different way from other people. The government proposes changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to add a specific expectation that the housing needs of older people are met and particular regard is given to the need for retirement housing, housing-with-care and care homes. The age profile of Ipswich is relatively younger than that of the East of England and England, nevertheless the number of older person households is forecast to grow. Private developments targeting this sector are delivered through the planning system currently such as Henley House and Thomas Wolsey Place. The proposed change would require a planned approach alongside market led proposals for provision. This could have a minor positive impact but it does not mean to say that those needs are not being addressed currently.

Disability: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The proposed changes to the planning system would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

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Race: No impact

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Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

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Religion or Belief: No impact

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Gender Reassignment: No impact

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Sex: No impact

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Sexual Orientation: No impact

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I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives: I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): It responds to the government's consultation on proposed changes to the planning system taking account of how the changes may impact specifically on Ipswich.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): It responds to the government's consultation on proposed changes to the planning system taking account of how the changes may impact specifically on Ipswich.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): It responds to the government's consultation on proposed changes to the planning system taking account of how the changes may impact specifically on Ipswich.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s): The new provisions are currently just proposals from the government. If they are put in place, ultimately they would be reviewed through future local plan processes as the Ipswich Local Plan is required to be in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.
