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Equality Impact Assessment

Ipswich Borough Council (458 Bramford Road, Ipswich) Compulsory Purchase Order

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What is the report trying to achieve?:

The purpose is to get an empty home back into use to provide a home. The aim is to work with the owner but if all avenues fail, enforcement action will be sought to purchase a compulsory purchase order from the Secretary of State.

As part of the process, a empty tool kit is in place to provide assistance such as grants for the owner and the owner is given reason time to explore options and make progress.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis?:

Customers complaints/comments, Issues arising from Area Committees, Findings from surveys, focus groups & consultations, CPO legislation

Supporting documents (if available):

1. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Circular 06/04: Compulsory Purchase and The Crichton Down Rules
2. Communities and Local Government: Addressing the needs of run down private sector housing: a good practice guide.
3. Human Rights Act 1998
4. Empty Homes Strategy

Is there potential for positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?

- **Age:** *No Impact*
- **Disability:** *No Impact*
- **Marriage & Civil Partnership:** *No Impact*
- **Race:** *No Impact*
- **Pregnancy & Maternity:** *No Impact*
- **Religion or Belief:** *No Impact*
- **Gender Reassignment:** *No Impact*
- **Sex:** *No Impact*
- **Sexual Orientation:** *No Impact*

If 'No Impact' explain why

This is about the property and the owner's background is not known.

If you have identified any negative impacts (above) how can they be minimised or removed?

None found

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):

That this process is following the Compulsory Purchase Order legislation.

Evidence gathered to of all communications taken place and lack of progression in returning property to use.

Assistance available to empty home owners in ways to return the property back into use

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): A consistent approach to all empty home owners and providing assistance and advice to help them get the property back into use.

A chance for the owner to return the property back into use over a reasonable period of time.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): In finding a positive outcome for a community and providing a home.