

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 5, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings	Increase	Emissions will remain at similar levels to current across the borough.	All buildings are currently occupied— once works are complete emissions would remain broadly at the same levels as previous.	Adaptations to existing buildings / extensions to existing buildings to create the additional SEND capacity across the borough will be completed to current building code and overseen by Facilities Management service.	Monitoring of transitions of pupils will be facilitated and monitored via EHCP process / SEND protocols. The local governing bodies will also hold oversight of the establishment and provision
Emissions from transport	Decrease	There will be some variation in journey times for pupils in most instances there will be a positive impact on emissions as more pupils are educated locally in Rotherham. Any Transport journeys will be evaluated by RMBC Corporate Transport Unit and EHCP team.	Pupils travel to school in line with their travel to school plan. Any changes to school placement are determined via the EHCP and School Transport process.	Mitigating measures are considered via the individual pupil's travel to school plan and monitored by the Transport team.	Transport to school arrangements are kept under review by the Corporate Transport Unit. Ongoing monitoring / assessment by Transport Unit.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase	There will be no change in the overall amount of waste generated by schools overall compared to present.		Schools have a waste management process.	Impact will be monitored by the school governing body and Local Authority when this is a maintained school.

Emissions from housing and domestic buildings	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development	Increase	There will be an increase in emissions during any capital development required as part of the Strategy.	N/A	Refurbishing an existing building is less carbon intensive than building a new building. Refurbishment of buildings will be prioritised over new build where this is possible	Monitoring of the construction process will be coordinated by Facilities Management Service and Governing Bodies.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:					
None					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

There are no directly identifiable impacts on resilience as a result of this Strategy. However, depending on location, access to relevant services closer to home may benefit residents where climate impacts may make travel more difficult.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The SEND Sufficiency Strategy has a number of carbon impacts..

- There will be some short-term carbon impacts on waste during any identified capital works
- In terms of emissions from construction, the reuse and re-purposing of existing buildings is much less carbon intensive than the construction of a new building.

Where possible suitable mitigations have been identified within the Carbon Impact Review with these being monitored regularly throughout the project.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	N/A
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	N/A
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