

Appendix 12 - Carbon Impact Assessment

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?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:

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

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Budget setting and the Council's medium term financial strategy are fundamental to the sustainable delivery of resilient Council services.

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

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- Proposed capital investment in pedestrian crossings and ward road safety plans may decrease carbon emissions from transport, since perceptions of road safety may affect propensity for active travel.
- Additional revenue funding proposed for HWRCs may decrease emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste produced by Rotherham households, by extending the useful life of items which could be re-used, in preference to recycling or energy recovery.
- Proposed renewal of facilities at Ulley Country Park may decrease carbon emissions from non-residential buildings, as the existing visitor centre and boat house are replaced by a more sustainable and energy efficient asset.

These points summarise select, high-level carbon impacts: further details of these and other schemes will become available as they are brought forward.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	
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.	
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