

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 4, Safer Rotherham Partnership - Domestic and Sexual Offences/Abuse Strategy 2026-2029

| Will the decision/proposal impact... | Impact | If an impact or potential impacts are identified: | | | |
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| | | 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?

One of four priorities identified in the Safer Rotherham Partnership's proposed Domestic and Sexual Offences/Abuse Strategy 2026-2029 is support and safety for all victims of abuse and their children, including the provision of safe and secure accommodation for victims of domestic violence who present to the Council as homeless.

In a 2018 spotlight on homelessness and domestic abuse in the UK, the SafeLives charity found that 32% of homeless women interviewed said that domestic abuse had contributed to their homelessness.

People experiencing homelessness are recognised as an at-risk group in Government guidance on hot weather and health: by working to prevent domestic abuse and to protect victims of domestic abuse from homelessness, the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2026-2029 could mitigate some vulnerability to climate change impacts in Rotherham.

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

A robust action plan to be developed in support of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Domestic and Sexual Offences/Abuse Strategy 2026-2029 may have some identifiable carbon impacts e.g., if there is an increase in the provision of accommodation for victims of domestic abuse. However, this should be balanced against the potential to mitigate people's vulnerability to climate change, by protecting survivors of domestic abuse from homelessness.

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

Climate Impact Assessment (CIA) 502 – Domestic Abuse Duty Funding Allocation Report 2025-2026 – references links between domestic abuse and homelessness, homelessness and exposure to climate change impacts.

- SafeLives. 2018. *Homelessness and Domestic Abuse Spotlight*. [Online]. [Accessed 27 October 2025]. Available from:

<https://safelives.org.uk/resources-for-professionals/spotlights/spotlight-homelessness-and-domestic-abuse/>

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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