

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 4 Oaktrees Extra Care Scheme

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?	Unknown	The recommendation is to demolish the Stag Willows Resource Centre.	Demolition works will have impacts on emissions. However, if the building was retained, it would require remedial works to a higher minimum standard, impacting on emissions and there would be emissions to consider from ongoing use of the building.	The building is assessed unsafe. Therefore, the recommendation is the best course of action, with the social need to use the land outweighing any climate impact. Demolition of the building mitigates potential emissions due fire risks associated with the building.	Climate Impact Assessments required for all Cabinet reports. All emissions from operational buildings are monitored and reported publicly.
Emissions from transport?	None	There is no expected change to emissions from transport.			
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase	Demolition will create construction waste. Council equipment contained within the building/onsite may be wasted if no longer required/fit for purpose.	Waste and noise pollution from demolition works.	It is difficult to quantify with any reliability the emissions from demolition, however it should be noted that this is a one-time impact. Repurposing/reusing or recycling equipment where possible and responsibly disposing of waste where required.	Climate Impact Assessments required for all Cabinet reports.

				Encouraging contractors to use noise barriers and restrict demolition activities to specific times to minimise impact.	
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	There is no expected change to emissions from housing and domestic buildings on the site.			
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase	Potential emissions from construction when repurposing the land in the future.	Potential noise and dust pollution if construction was to take place.	<p>The Council could encourage contractors to adopt best practices to minimise noise e.g., installing noise reduction barriers, restricting working hours etc.</p> <p>Workers could use protective equipment to reduce the impact from dust.</p>	Climate Impact Assessments required for all Cabinet reports.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	There is no intended change to carbon capture. As the recommendation is to repurpose the land into a communal garden with seating, there may be some positive impact.			
<p>Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:</p> <p>None.</p>					

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

It is concluded that the proposal has no significant impact on the climate. Adaptation recognises how the climate will change and there will be impacts to specific cohorts of people, for example, the elderly are at particular risk of being impacted on by extreme weathers, such as heatwaves. However, actions recommended in the report do not affect the Council's ability to continue during or recover after extreme weather-related events, nor do they affect residents' capacity to adapt to the impact of climate change.

Reducing carbon emissions and working towards net zero targets, is part of the One Council theme in the Council Plan 2025-30. Actions under this theme include but are not limited to cutting down on activities that waste energy and resources; using the Council's influence to encourage partners, local businesses, anchor organisations, and our residents to be mindful of their environmental impact and to be more sustainable.

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

Cabinet has previously noted the permanent closure of the Resource Centre. The building is deemed unsafe and therefore the recommendation is the best course of action. Although it is difficult to quantify with any reliability emissions from demolition, this will be a one-time impact. If the building was retained, it would require remedial works to a higher minimum standard and there would be emissions to consider from ongoing use of the building. Whilst any construction related to the future use of the land will have some degree of impact on the climate, the social need to use the land outweighs this. It is therefore concluded that the recommendation will have no significant impact on the climate.

Supporting information:

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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Discussion with Arthur King, Principal Climate Change Officer 17 June 2025. Stag Willow Extra Care Scheme - Cabinet 18 September 2023
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.	Non-applicable
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