

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment Form

Grange-over-Sands Promenade and Lido

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Environment and health

Greenhouse gas emissions

SLDC's aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030: How will your proposal affect greenhouse gas emissions?

Consider:

- Energy saving, for example preventing unnecessary use of energy - reducing use of appliances or cutting down on journeys that are not required.
- Improving energy efficiency - ensures that the maximum benefit is gained from energy that is used. For example energy is not wasted or lost through insulation, heating the right areas and efficient lighting.
- Renewable generation for example using renewable resources, such as wind, sunlight, rainwater.
- Minimising emissions from transport.

Response:

It is not expected that SLDC's investment in the structural repairs at the lido will have a direct impact on emissions, however, a future operating model being explored for the site is considering sustainability and energy efficiency measures to ensure that site is as self-sufficient as possible due to its unique location and future energy needs. Improvements to the promenade will encourage people out of their cars and increase active travel, minimizing emissions and reliance on motorised transport.

Alternative ways to deliver proposal

Please show how you are addressing alternative ways of delivering your proposal with a reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel.

How are you using the waste/energy hierarchy – 1) avoid, 2) reduce, 3) reuse?

Response:

This has been an important consideration as part of the design process and will be considered by contractors as part of their work package once the project moves in to delivery phase. Due to access limitations and the unique location of the project, zero to low waste options are high on the agenda when considering refurbishment methodology and materials being reused on site.

Air quality

Please demonstrate how your project will have an impact on air quality.

Response:

This project is not expected to have a direct impact on air quality.

Biodiversity

Please outline any impacts on biodiversity that your proposal might have

“To halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, (create) more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people”: Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services, DEFRA.

Response:

This project is not expected to have a direct impact on biodiversity.

Climate change impact

How does your proposal mitigate the impacts of climate change?

Assess the risks and impacts associated with climate change (extreme weather events: flooding, heatwaves, droughts and fires) and the implications for our services and communities. Describe measures in place to embed resilience and recovery.

Response:

Emission targets are unlikely to be met without a significant move away from motorised transport and shifting to active transport could save as much as a quarter of personal CO2 emissions from transport. Increases in active mobility significantly lower carbon footprints.¹ Investment in active travel infrastructure is therefore critical to mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Active travel

How does the proposal enable active travel?

Encouraging and facilitating walking, cycling and public transport.

Response:

Active travel is central to the benefits of upgrading the promenade. As an accessible leisure route, the promenade lends itself well to low mobility users, young families with small children and pushchairs, scooters and wheelchair users as well as cyclists, skateboarders, roller-skaters and pedestrians.

¹ [Get on your bike: Active transport makes a significant impact on carbon emissions | University of Oxford](#)

Accessible active travel routes with good public transport links can improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities by giving greater access to recreational services.²

Economy and culture

Sustainable development

How does the proposal contribute to inclusive and sustainable development?

Response:

The Council Plan sets out that SLDC will, when opportunities present themselves, make best use of our assets portfolio to support sustainable economic growth through the use of our current and future asset base. Through this investment SLDC will lead by example to other heritage and/or derelict assets to raise ambitions within the district from the quality of the development and build environment and encourage additional investments in our area.

Investing in active travel infrastructure will increase economic growth and vibrancy. Those walking, wheeling and cycling tend to spend more time and more money locally than drivers. Increasing active travel opportunities can stimulate economic growth and benefit local attractions and services.³

Pay

How does the proposal impact on jobs and levels of pay?

Response:

This project is not expected to have a direct impact on jobs and levels of pay.

Healthier high streets

Demonstrate how the proposal contributes to healthier high streets.

Response:

While the lido and promenade are not classed as Grange-over-Sands high street, the proximity of these assets to the high street cannot be ignored, and any investment along the promenade and on site at the lido will inevitably affect the wider town.

Structural repairs of the lido and promenade are the essential first steps in the wider regeneration of Grange-over-Sands. Council investment in our heritage assets, and

² [About Active Travel | Paths for All](#)

³ [About Active Travel | Paths for All](#)

access to the lido after nearly 30 years, will lead to more visitors in the town and have a positive impact on the high street with greater dwell time and more spending within the high street.

Culture, creativity and heritage

How does the proposal impact on culture, creativity or heritage and if not can they be embedded in this proposal?

Response:

Heritage makes an important contribution to UK GDP and economic activity, particularly as a driver for overseas tourism but also in making a place attractive to those looking to work or invest, indeed studies have shown that cultural and heritage sites are the most important asset in making a county attractive.

The historic environment has a powerful role to play in shaping distinctive, vibrant and prosperous places, and better understanding of the link between identity and heritage will help realise the potential of a place.⁴

Investment in the promenade and lido are central to the Council's place-making ambitions and will build the foundations for a more sustainable, resilient and vibrant Grange-over-Sands.

Housing and communities

Housing standards

Does the proposal lead to an improvement in the standard of housing?

Response:

This project is not expected to have a direct impact on the standard of housing.

Access to housing

How does the proposal increase access to housing?

Response:

⁴ [Historic England: Heritage Counts - The Value and Impact of Heritage](#)

This project is not expected to have a direct impact on access to housing.

Crime and fear of crime

How does the proposal reduce crime or fear of crime?

Response:

It is expected that the refurbishment of the lido and greater access to the site following structural repairs will deter future trespassing on site. The site in its current state of disrepair and being hoarded off from public access attracts anti-social behaviour and trespassers. There is a clear desire to have access to the site. Crime will be reduced through the Council's investment as the space will be utilised for community use and be brought back in to functional use.

Social connectedness

How does the proposal increase social connectedness?

Response:

Investment in heritage and greater access to a heritage site builds on social connectedness and place attachment.

Investment in active travel infrastructure (promenade) has clear health benefits as physical activity increases, social connections are made and mental health is boosted by activity and time outdoors in nature.⁵

⁵ [About Active Travel | Paths for All](#)

Health and sustainability impact summary

Each category is rated either: **Positive**, **Negative**, **Neutral**, or **unknown**

Environment and Health

Greenhouse gases emissions: **Neutral**

Air Quality: **Neutral**

Biodiversity: **Positive**

Impacts on climate change: **Neutral**

Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel: **Neutral**

Active travel: **Positive**

Economy and Culture

Inclusive and sustainable development: **Positive**

Jobs and level of pay: **Neutral**

Healthier high streets: **Positive**

Culture creativity and heritage: **Positive**

Housing and communities

Standard of housing: **Neutral**

Access to housing: **Neutral**

Crime: **Positive**

Social connectedness: **Positive**

Health and Sustainability Action Plan

What actions will be taken to eliminate or minimise any negative impacts identified above?

Actions	Who's responsible	Completed (Date)
Ensure that the SLDC investments seek to minimise any negative impacts in line with the above considerations and project delivery	Assets and Commercial Services Manager	01/12/2023

What positive actions will be taken to advance health or sustainability?

Actions	Who's responsible	Completed (Date)
Ensure that the SLDC investments seek to maximise the potential economic, social, environmental, health and sustainability benefits relating to this project's delivery	Assets and Commercial Services Manager	01/12/2023

Research

Evidence, research and other sources of information used to inform the Impact Assessment.

[Historic England: Heritage and Society 2020 \(historicengland.org.uk\)](https://historicengland.org.uk)

[Historic England: Heritage Counts - The Value and Impact of Heritage \(historicengland.org.uk\)](https://historicengland.org.uk)

[Active Travel England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Practical resources to help make walking and cycling for everyone \(sustrans.org.uk\)](https://sustrans.org.uk)

Consultation

Details of any specialists or groups that you have discussed this proposal with and the advice/information provided.

Please see Cabinet Report>Section 5 regarding Consultation.