

APPENDIX 4

SCREENING ANALYSIS

Stage 1 Screening Data

What are the objectives and expected outcomes of your proposal? Why is it needed?

Brent has one of the highest numbers of households in Temporary Accommodation (TA) in England. Although the borough has been successful in reducing numbers recently, against the overall London trend, and has managed to dramatically reduce the number of households in Bed & Breakfast accommodation during 2015/16, there are still too many households in temporary accommodation which is inadequate for their needs, and the needs of their children. Similarly, there are large numbers of individuals in high-cost care homes who could benefit from greater independence in an appropriate supported setting.

As housing in London is becoming ever more unaffordable for first time buyers, the Church End Redevelopment aims to produce shared ownership homes in order to assist first time buyers on getting onto the property ladder.

Part of the proposed redevelopment of the Church End Car Park, aims to provide good quality homes for homeless households which will reduce the amount of households in temporary accommodation.

Who is affected by the proposal?

This proposal will affect households in temporary accommodation who are waiting for suitable permanent accommodation.

The proposal will also affect the market stall holders in Church End as the Council will need to suspend market operations until works are complete and then relocate a market back to Church End. The council recognise that the temporary suspension of market in Church End will have an impact on the market stall holders. Once the works are complete, there will be better facilities for the market stall holders and their customers.

As the scheme aims to provide shared ownership units, first time buyers will also be affected by the proposals.

Could the proposal impact on people in different ways because of their equality characteristics?

Some protected groups are over-represented among homeless households. This is partly due to the criteria through which priority need is established under the relevant legislation: for example, a household may be regarded as being in priority need owing to age, to a physical disability or mental health condition or to pregnancy.

Could the proposal have a disproportionate impact on some equality groups? If yes, indicate which equality characteristic(s) are impacted

Yes, although the impact will be positive, through provision of appropriate accommodation to meet the needs of the groups noted above.

Would the proposal change or remove services used by vulnerable groups of people?

The proposal will change services used by vulnerable groups but, as noted above, the change is expected to result in improved services.

Does the proposal relate to an area with known inequalities?

Yes – see above.

Is the proposal likely to be sensitive or important for some people because of their equality characteristics?

Yes – see above.

Does the proposal relate to one of Brent's equality objectives?

The proposal relates to the following objectives:

- To know and understand all our communities
- To ensure that local public services are responsive to different needs and treat users with dignity and respect

Recommend this EA for Full Analysis?

No.