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GHGs	No action required	A- slightly reduce GHG's released- reduction in greenhouse gases due to retrofit to existing stock to EPC C, reduction of waste to landfill by supporting customers to reduce their waste and recycle more, all homes delivered on CBC land will be net-zero carbon, reducing GHG from powering and heating the homes. B- yes- see answers in relation to A; C- Yes- due to CBC decarbonisation project and building new homes on CBC land to net-zero carbon standards, less GHG's will be produced and sent into the atmosphere- this will have a positive impact beyond the intended location of the policies witihn the Housing Strategy. However, drawbacks are that with aims to deliver 450 new homes over the next 5 financial years, there will likely be fairly significant impacts from the construction phase of new developments (including sourcing materials) which would contribute to the release of GHG's into the atmosphere.	Accepted
Air quality	No action required	A- positive improvement of internal ventilation of new and existing homes via building new homes on CBC land and CBC's decarbonisation project. Negative impact in terms of creating new or building on existing construction sites for residential development. B- see response to A. C- yes, due to the pollutants produced by the construction phase of new dwellings and the reduction of pollutants due to the built emissions of new homes and existing homes (the latter via decarbonisation).	Accepted
Sustainable Transport	No action required.	A- there is no specific focus on creating sustainable transport options within the Housing Strategy. This is a wider planning consideration for CBC and Gloucestershire County Council Planners and Highway Teams respectively. B- see response to A, C see response to A.	Accepted
Biodiversity	Review - changes needed before proceeding	Oakley Farm (subject to Planning) will see a current agricultural use field be replaced by 250 x residential homes, which will reduce the green space available for biodiversity.	Accepted

Land use change	Review - changes needed before proceeding	A number of sites across the Borough (where affordable housing would be sought under this Housing Strategy), such as Oakley Farm, Shurdington Road and the North and West Cheltenham Strategic Allocations respectively (if all are permitted) will transform the existing landscape they reside on in an irreversible manner. Even on CBC's Golden Valley development, which aims to deliver an exemplary development that meets high environmental standards, a significant proportion of existing land in agricultural use in likely to be replaced by concrete and tarmac. Whilst Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems should be included on new developments (including adding attenuation ponds), this should be weighed against the permanent replacement of grassland (especially on the West and North West Cheltenham strategic allocations respectively) which (whilst improving and enhancing the availability/accessibility of green space in some areas for some communities) will ultimately lead to a lower availability of soil, as well as potentially having negative impacts on the ability of water to permeate soil (and the ability of soil to capture carbon) in areas encompassed by the development. As such, the cumulative negative impact of these factors are likely to be significant.	Accepted
Soil and waterway health	Review - changes needed before proceeding	SUDS will mitigate against pollution of soil and water, however, it is anticipated that the construction phases of new development (e.g. on Golden Valley) will make some moderate impacts on the level of pollutants present in nearby soil and water sources.	Accepted
Climate Change Adaptation	No action required	CBC's decarbonisation project will have a significant positive impact in terms of helping to adapt our existing stock to the impacts of climate change moving forwards. CBC/CBH will also be working on awareness campaigns to help residents live more sustainable lifestyles.	Accepted
Energy Use	No action required	Behavior Change, retrofitting to take a fabric first approach, installation of LED lights on CBC properties, installation of renewable sources of energy (heat pumps/ lower carbon boilers)	Accepted

Waste	Review - identify possible improvements	Whilst CBC/CBH will be seeking to influence positive behavior change around waste disposal (including supporting communities to recycle more and more effectively), ultimately CBC/CBH's development programme for new homes is likely to create an increased amount of both recyclable and non recyclable waste.	Accepted
Sustainable Materials	Review - changes needed before proceeding	CBC/CBH will be sourcing sustainably sourced building materials where possible (hence sustainable resources used in some places)	Accepted

SOCIAL	Action	Justification	Reviewed
Food	No action required.	CBC/CBH will be supporting tenants to access foodbanks as part of a wider package of cost of living support measures.	Accepted
Health	No action required.	Housing Strategy focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of our tenants, residents and local communities of Cheltenham through our five priorities.	Accepted
Housing	No action required.	CBC/CBH aim to build 450 homes over the next 5 financial years which will increase the availability of affordable housing in the Borough. All strands of our housing strategy (e.g. reducing damp, increasing quality of existing homes, reducing homelessness, strengthening communities) contribute towards positive housing outcomes.	Accepted
Education	No action required.	CBC/CBH will be working closely with local schools to assist with education, benefits and money advice for existing tenants and residents. CBH will offer apprenticeships to local residents across a wide range of service areas in CBH.	Accepted

Community	No action required	Improving access to green spaces, improving bus services and community buildings are generally issues for planning colleagues to address.	Accepted
Culture	No action required.	A key strand of the Housing Strategy is creating stronger, more sustainable and resilient communities across Cheltenham, with CBC/CBH working closely with local communities to support the realisation of local projects.	Accepted
Accessibility	No action required.	CBC/CBH will be undertaking a range of projects under our Housing Strategy to support digital inclusion, as well as removing financial and social barriers through advice and financial support. CBC/CBH have access to interpretation services to assist with the removal of any language barriers.	Accepted
Local Economy and Jobs	No action required.	CBC/CBH will be assisting with training and employment support to help improve resident's employability through the Housing Strategy.	Accepted
Safety	No action required.	CBC/CBH work closely with Solace and a number of other local partners to proactively reduce crime and support community cohesion. Solace and CBH's safer estates team work closely together alongside partners such as the Police to reduce anti-social behaviour.	Accepted
Democratic Voice	No action required.	The Housing Strategy is made publically available (currently out for consultation on CBC's public-facing website), the Cabinet decision supporting the implementation of the Housing Strategy will be subject to public scrutiny.	Accepted
Equity	No action required.	Residents with the protected characteristics of age, disability, race and religion are likely to benefit under the proposals found within the Housing Strategy.	Accepted