

# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, ELGIN CRESCENT

## SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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<b>Lead Officer:</b> Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	James Watt (Head of Land and Property)	<b>Signature:</b>	James Watt	<b>Approval date:</b>	30/11/2022
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>To support the Council's agenda of increased and accelerated housing delivery and outputs required to provide more decent homes supporting citizens to live and work in Plymouth. Through the Plan for Homes 3 2019 – 2024 policy the Council has committed to release City Council land, and to providing 1,000 new homes per annum. In order to meet this target additional sites must be identified for housing development.</p> <p>Making this site available for an affordable housing development will help the Council to meet its Duties under the Right to Build.</p> <p>Whilst concerns have been raised over utilising this site for housing it is felt that the urgent need for broadening the housing offer and delivery on the Plan for Homes 3 objectives outweighs these concerns.</p> <p>There are economic benefits to releasing this housing site as it will lead to SME builders in Plymouth being active at a time of uncertainty in the housing market due to ongoing impacts of Covid-19, rising material and energy costs and inflation. Thus the development will help to safeguard and create jobs in the construction industry and supply chain. In addition the project is also looking to create a development using Modern Methods of Construction, which will encourage the creation of more jobs in this future oriented area of construction.</p>				
<b>Decision required:</b>	To approve the disposal of public open space at Elgin Crescent.				

**SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL**

<b>Potential external impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	X
<b>Potential internal impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section two)	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	X
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.				

**SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)</b>	<b>Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)</b>	<b>Adverse impact</b>	<b>Mitigation activities</b>	<b>Timescale and responsible department</b>
<b>Age</b>	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15.</li> <li>65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over.</li> <li>2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over.</li> </ul> <p>South West</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14.</li> <li>• 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>(Data sourced from the 2021 Census)</p>			
<b>Disability</b>	10 per cent of our population have their day-to-day activities limited a lot by a long-term health problem or disability (2011 Census).			
<b>Gender reassignment</b>	<p>There are no official estimates for gender reassignment at either national or local level (awaiting 2021 Census data).</p> <p>However, in a study funded by the Home Office, the Gender Identity Research and Education Society (GIREs) estimate that between 300,000 and 500,000 people aged 16 or over in the UK are experiencing some degree of gender variance.</p>			
<b>Marriage and civil partnership</b>	<p>There were 234,795 marriages in England and Wales in 2018.</p> <p>In 2020, there were 7,566 opposite-sex civil partnerships formed in England and Wales, of which 7,208 were registered in England and 358 were registered in Wales.</p>			

	<p>There were 785 civil partnerships formed between same-sex couples in England and Wales in 2020, of which 745 were registered in England and 40 were registered in Wales.</p>			
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b>	<p>There were 640,370 live births in England and Wales in 2019, a decrease of 2.5 per cent since 2018. The mid-year 2019 population estimates show that there were 2,590 births in Plymouth.</p> <p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England and Wales decreased from 1.70 children per woman in 2018 to 1.65 children per woman in 2019.</p>			
<b>Race</b>	<p>92.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identify themselves as White British. 7.1 per cent identify themselves as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic.</p> <p>Census data suggests at least 43 main languages are spoken in the city, showing Polish, Chinese and Kurdish as the top three (2011 Census).</p>			
<b>Religion or belief</b>	<p>Christianity is the biggest faith in the city with more than 58 per cent of the population (148,917). 32.9 per cent (84,326) of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion (2011 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim were just under 1 per cent while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2011 Census).</p>			

<b>Sex</b>	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).			
<b>Sexual orientation</b>	There is no precise local data on sexual orientation in Plymouth (awaiting 2021 Census data).			

#### SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	The right to shelter and suitable housing is a fundamental human right – the provision of affordable housing will have a positive impact on the households housed and future households who will use this accommodation.		

#### SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
<b>Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.</b>			
<b>Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.</b>			
<b>Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024</b>			

<b>Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.</b>			
<b>Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.</b>			

