

## EQIA Submission – ID Number

### Section A

**EQIA Title**

Nutrient Neutrality Local Nutrient Mitigation Funding

**Responsible Officer**

Louise Smith - GT - ECE

**Approved by (Note: approval of this EqIA must be completed within the EqIA App)**

Helen Shulver - GT - ECE

### Type of Activity

**Service Change**

No

**Service Redesign**

No

**Project/Programme**

No

**Commissioning/Procurement**

No

**Strategy/Policy**

No

**Details of other Service Activity**

Defraying of grant funding

### Accountability and Responsibility

**Directorate**

Growth Environment and Transport

**Responsible Service**

Flood and Water Management

**Responsible Head of Service**

Helen Shulver - GT - ECE

**Responsible Director**

Matthew Smyth - GT - ECE

### Aims and Objectives

KCC as Local Planning Authority has received £9.8 million (in December 2024) funding for mitigation works and this funding must be committed by March 2025. It is expected the funding will be defrayed to Local Planning Authority partners including potentially the joint venture company Stour Environmental Credits Ltd to deliver nutrient mitigation.

KCC acts as the catchment coordinator, a non-statutory role, for the Stour Catchment Nutrient Neutrality. KCC has been working in partnership with the districts to assess and identify mitigation measures for managing nutrient levels within the Stour Catchment. Currently housing development within the impacted districts cannot proceed without the generation of nutrient mitigation credits which can demonstrate that the nutrient loading within the catchment will not increase as a result of further housing development.

KCC has been awarded funding from the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund for the delivery of mitigation schemes which can offset nutrients and generate credits. Districts will bid to KCC for funding to develop and deliver mitigation.

This issue is affecting the delivery of up to 30,000 homes up to 2040 in East Kent, including developments around Ashford, Canterbury, Herne Bay, Otterpool, and Lenham. The costs of mitigation options will

potentially also affect the viability and deliverability of sites, which may require the need to renegotiate S106 agreements and ultimately, see less funding for key infrastructure and services delivered by KCC. It is anticipated that the defrayment of funding will release up to 7,000 homes before 2030.

## Section B – Evidence

**Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?**

Yes

**It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?**

Yes

**Is there national evidence/data that you can use?**

Yes

**Have you consulted with stakeholders?**

Yes

**Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?**

Local Planning Authorities:  
Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone, Folkestone and Hythe, Swale.

**Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?**

No

**Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?**

Yes

## Section C – Impact

**Who may be impacted by the activity?**

**Service Users/clients**

Service users/clients

**Staff**

No

**Residents/Communities/Citizens**

No

**Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?**

No

**Details of Positive Impacts**

Not Applicable

### Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

**Are there negative impacts for age?**

No

**Details of negative impacts for Age**

Not Applicable

**Mitigating Actions for Age**

Not Applicable

**Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age**

Not Applicable

20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability

**Are there negative impacts for Disability?**

No

**Details of Negative Impacts for Disability**

Not Applicable

**Mitigating actions for Disability**

Not Applicable

**Responsible Officer for Disability**

Not Applicable
<b>21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sex</b>
No
<b>Details of negative impacts for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Race</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>

Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities</b>
Not Applicable