

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Nutrient Neutrality Local Nutrient Mitigation Funding

Responsible Officer

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

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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

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

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