

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING CHECKLIST
TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE SCREENING

Application Number:	25/1030
Proposal:	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SPORTS AND TEACHING FACILITY INCLUDING ALTERED PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Site:	Caerleon Comprehensive School Cold Bath Road Caerleon Newport South Wales
Application Type:	Env Impact Screening
Applicant:	Newport City Council Newport City Council Civic Centre Newport NP20 4UR
Date Application Valid:	Full (Major)

SECTION A

1. Is there sufficient information to determine if the project is EIA development? - Plan sufficient to identify the land - Brief description of nature and purpose of proposal - Brief description of possible effects on the environment	YES	☒	Go to Question 2
	NO	☐	Request Info and Time Extension Date Info Requested: Date Info Received: (go to question 2 when info received)
2. Is the development of a description mentioned in Schedule 1 of the EIA regs?	YES	☐	EIA development: ES Required Request ES and place Screening decision with reasons on Planning register and EIA register. When ES received: Proceed as per EIA Application - Check content of ES against schedule 4 of regs. - Publicise receipt of ES application in press. - Submit one electronic copy to Welsh Ministers - Co-ordinate Habs Regs Assessment if relevant - Inform WG, consultees and the general public (by press advert) of Council's decision on EIA application
	NO	☒	Go to Question 3
3. Is the development of the description mentioned in Schedule 2 (column 1) of the EIA regs?	YES	☒	Which part of Schedule 2? 10B Go to Question 4
	NO	☐	Not EIA development. Proceed to determine application. Record decision on Planning Register

4. Is any part of the development to be carried out within a "sensitive area" as defined in Regulation 2(1)? (SAC,SPA,SSSI,Scheduled Ancient Monument)	YES	☐	Which Sensitive Area? Go to Question 6
	NO	☒	Go to Question 5
5. Does the development meet or exceed the threshold in Schedule 2 (column 2)?	YES	☒	Go to Question 6 exceeds 1ha of urban development area.
	NO	☐	Not EIA development. Proceed to determine application. Record Screening decision and reasons on Planning Register and EIA Register
6. Is the development likely to have significant environmental effects having regard to Schedule 3 of the EIA Regs? To answer this question you need to complete Section B.	YES	☐	EIA development: ES Required Request ES and place Screening decision with reasons on Planning register and EIA register. When ES received: Proceed as per EIA Application - Check content of ES against schedule 4 of regs. - Publicise receipts of ES application in press. - Submit one electronic copy to Welsh Ministers - Co-ordinate Habs Regs Assessment if relevant - Inform WG, consultees and the general public (by press advert) of Council's decision on EIA application
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REASONS FOR DECISION:

The proposal is not EIA development in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(Wales) Regulations 2017.

Having regard to the answers given in the screening questions below, the characteristics of development having regard, in particular, to—

- (a)the size and design of the development;
- (b)the cumulation with other existing development and/or approved development;
- (c)the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (d)the production of waste;
- (e)pollution and nuisances;
- (f)the risk of major accidents and/or disasters relevant to the development concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;
- (g)the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

And the Location of development having regard to:

The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development as well as:

- (a)the existing and approved land use;
- (b)the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including

soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground;
(c)the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—

- (i)wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths;
- (ii)coastal zones and the marine environment;
- (iii)mountain and forest areas;
- (iv)nature reserves and parks;
- (v)European sites and other areas classified or protected under national legislation;
- (vi)areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in law and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered there is such a failure;
- (vii)densely populated areas;
- (viii)landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

Have been considered and the impact of the development will not likely have significant effects on the environment. This screening is completed with the benefit of specialist consultee comments via the PAC and planning application process and full evaluation of the scheme by the case officer. It is also made having regard to detailed supporting information provided with the application. In some cases, planning conditions are recommended to mitigate potential harm and can be included in any favourable decision to secure such mitigation.

The site is not within a sensitive area and development takes place on previously developed land and will be for the same purpose as the existing lawful use of the site.

Signed: *Joanne Davidson* Date: 16th February 2026

Case Officer: Joanne Davidson

On behalf of Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

SECTION B

When answering the questions below regard should be had to the following issues:

- 1 Will there be a large change in environmental conditions?
- 2 Will new features be out-of-scale with the existing environment?
- 3 Will the effect be unusual in the area or particularly complex?
- 4 Will the effect extend over a large area?
- 5 Will there be any potential for transfrontier impact?
- 6 Will many people be affected?
- 7 Will many receptors of other types (fauna and flora, businesses, facilities) be affected?
- 8 Will valuable or scarce features or resources be affected?
- 9 Is there a risk that environmental standards will be breached?
- 10 Is there a risk that protected sites, areas, features will be affected?
- 11 Is there a high probability of the effect occurring?
- 12 Will the effect continue for a long time?
- 13 Will the effect be permanent rather than temporary?
- 14 Will the impact be continuous rather than intermittent?
- 15 If it is intermittent will it be frequent rather than rare?
- 16 Will the impact be irreversible?
- 17 Will it be difficult to avoid, or reduce or repair or compensate for the effect?

A YES answer to the above questions will generally point to the proposal being EIA development and a NO answer would generally point to the proposal not being EIA development.

SECTION B

Questions to be Considered when screening the application.	Yes / No / ? . Briefly describe	Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No/? – Why?
1. Will construction, operation or decommissioning of the development project involve actions which will cause physical changes in the locality (topography, land use, changes in waterbodies, etc)?	No as this is a new school building on an existing school site and will replace existing buildings to be demolished.	
2. Will construction or operation of the development project use natural resources such as land, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or in short supply?	No. Operationally, the development will be used for school purposes on an active school site and replace buildings to be demolished. Construction will be standard in terms of materials and resources, none of which are in short supply.	
3. Will the development project involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials which could be harmful to human health or the environment or raise concerns about actual or perceived risks to human health?	No.	
4. Will the development project produce solid wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?	Yes, breaking up of existing slabs and removal of existing buildings (consented separately).	No, solid wastes will comprise building materials that are not unusual or harmful in nature or extent.
5. Will the development project release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air?	No.	
6. Will the development project cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat energy or electromagnetic radiation?	Yes.	Construction will cause noise and potentially vibration. This will be for a limited period and of standard nature for construction projects. No residential receptors adjoin site, CEMP provided to manage process, notably in relation to ongoing school operation. Effects are not unusual and impact upon adjoining constraints will not be significant.
7. Will the development project lead to risks of contamination of land or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	No, sensitive receptors for water quality are located sufficient distance away. Construction process will not release any known contaminants to ground or local watercourses and takes place on existing developed land. NRW has not objected on this basis but requests conditions which can be included on any decision.	
8. Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the development project which could affect human health or the environment?	Yes. Always risks with construction and in this case adjoining active school site and close to active travel routes and PROW.	No. the CEMP outlines how construction activities will be managed and construction not unusual in such circumstances, will be for limited period and of not of unusual or harmful character or extent.

9. Will the development project result in social changes, for example, in demography, traditional lifestyles, employment?	No.	
10. Are there any other factors which should be considered such as consequential development which could lead to environmental effects or the potential for cumulative impacts with other existing or planned activities in the locality?	No.	
11. Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value, which could be affected by the development project?	Yes, SAM, SLA, CA, open greenspace, SAC and SSSI.	No. All relevant parties consulted on application. Supporting information sets out how all impacts will be managed. School adjoins protected sites but is archaeologically sensitive. Proposals are not unusual in character or extent and will develop on an existing operational school site that is previously developed land. Development project is distant from SSSI and SAC. Impact is not significant.
12. Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies, the coastal zone, mountains, forests or woodlands, which could be affected by the development project?	Yes. Peripheral landscaping and open spaces.	No. landscaping retained and not directly impacted, same goes for neighbouring open spaces.
13. Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected by the development project?	No.	
14. Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected by the development project?	No.	
15. Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected by the development project?	No. adjoining SLA and Sams for example but not directly impacted by the development which will take place on existing developed school site.	
16. Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected by the development project?	Yes, Cold Bath Road and Active travel route and PROW.	No. Additional traffic may arise along the lane due to added parking in northern area of site, however mitigated by enhancement of PROW/active travel route over and above existing situation.
17. Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected by the development project?	No. whilst Caerleon is known to suffer congestion, the proposal does not increase school capacity.	
18. Is the development project in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?	No. The school is located at the end of Cold Bath Road and the proposed building and works take place within the school enclosure. Proposed parking is	

	located in areas of existing parking or hard surfacing and the proposed building will be located in the south western end of the site closer to existing pitches and open space so not readily visible from active travel, PROW or neighbouring residences and public highways.	
19. Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected by the development project?	No. Whilst there are SAMs adjoining site, these are not impacted by the works. CADW and HENEB are statutory consultees to the application and no objections raised.	
20. Is the development project located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be loss of greenfield land?	No.	
21. Are there existing land uses on or around the location e.g. homes, gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining or quarrying which could be affected by the development project?	No. none are impacted by the works which will take place within the school built area.	
22. Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the development project?	No.	
23. Are there any areas on or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, which could be affected by the development project?	No.	
24. Are there any areas on or around the location which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected by the development project?	No. Cemetery, allotments and recreational areas close by but not impacted by works. Some increase in traffic potential along lane mitigated by enhancement of PROW/active travel route surfacing and enhanced on school parking facilities likely to prevent on lane parking that can impact traffic flows and cyclist/pedestrian visibility.	
25. Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, which could be affected by the development project?	No. As above, adjoining tourist features/SAMs present but not impacted by proposals.	
26. Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the development project?	Yes, Caerleon is subject to an AQMA and site is affected by AQMA buffer.	No. The project will not increase school capacity. Construction phase is of limited duration.
27. Is the development project location susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the development project to present environmental problems?	No. Not within fluvial or tidal flood zone. Small area of site close to existing access gates is subject to surface water flood risk but proposed building not located in this area, affected part will continue to be used for parking and SUDS improvements will enhance existing SW management for benefit of wider site.	