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**Ashfield Local Plan 2023-2040**

**Equalities Impact Assessment Position Statement**

**February 2025**

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In response to the Inspector’s letter dated 03 December 2024 (INS.05), the Council has proposed additional housing allocations. The additional proposed housing allocations are all consistent with the spatial strategy which is set out in the Ashfield Local Plan 2023 – 2040: Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Draft.

The question of whether an update of the existing Equalities Impact Assessment May 2023 is needed has been considered in light of the additional proposed housing allocations. As the additional proposed allocations are consistent with the spatial strategy they will not impact on the outcomes of the existing Equality Impact Assessment, which are set out in Appendix 2 of the Assessment and which reflect the spatial strategy. Therefore it is not considered that an update to the existing Equalities Impact Assessment May 2023 is necessary in light of the additional proposed housing allocations.