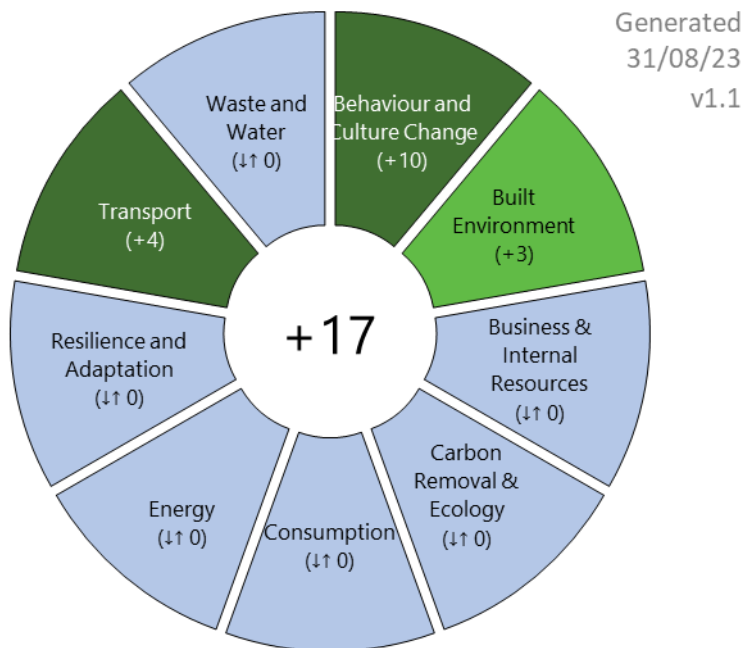


Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) – Nottingham Student Living Strategy

Overview

The Student Living Strategy will help balance the needs of students and long term residents, in order to improve the quality and location of student accommodation across the city, promoting a clean, safe, attractive and sustainable environment. It will help us work together to encourage neighbourliness and respect to create strong and balanced communities, where our student population add to the civic life of the city and view Nottingham as their home.



Nottingham is aiming to become the first carbon neutral city in the country by 2028 (4 years and 4 months away).

We are satisfied that the Carbon Neutral Nottingham 2028 ambition has been taken into consideration in this process of the production of the Nottingham Student Living Strategy.

One aspect the CIA scoring focuses on is the promote of Purpose Built Student Accommodation over Houses within Multiple Occupation for student accommodation needs; this has the potential to be more sustainable as we have set out within the strategy.

*“By contrast, it is widely accepted that PBSAs are more **environmentally friendly**, can reduce anti-social behaviour, have all-inclusive bills, act as a catalyst for other developments and create jobs. They are a popular choice with students and have consistently low vacancy rates (less than 2% of bed spaces in recent years even as their numbers have increased significantly).”*

Here is a summarised breakdown of the items that have scored and justifications for each category:

The strategy aims to enhance 'reduce, reuse, and recycle' efforts, encouraging waste reduction and recycling awareness, resulting in a score of +2 for Communication & Engagement. It involves unique partnerships, anticipating successful actions and influencing waste management in other cities, receiving a score of +3 for Wider Influence, Working with Communities, and Working with Partners. In the Built Environment category, purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) aligns with local plans and encourages sustainable practices, receiving +3 for Building Use and Switching from Fossil Fuels. The strategy's impact on carbon, biodiversity, and water usage is neutral or balanced. PBSA locations reduce travel need, meriting a +1 for Staff Travel Requirement and a +3 for Reduced Need to Travel. The strategy focuses on recycling, which could mitigate waste but also generates construction waste, resulting in neutral scores for End of Life Disposal/Recycling, Waste Volume, and Water Use.

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