EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT **Appendix B**

Service Area:Planning	**Contact Officer:Alan Kilroe**	**Completed by:Oli Dexter**	**Date: 8 September 2026**
Title:	IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION		
Brief Description:	This report identifies the number and broad locations of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Knowsley and recommends the implementation of an immediate Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights to change the use of residential dwellings (C3) to small HMOs (C4) under the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015.		

Use the columns below to give details, with evidence, of the impact of the policy/plan/project on each of the protected characteristics in relation to the general duty to:-

1. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation;
2. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't share them; and,
3. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Does the proposal have a direct impact on people?	NO

If yes, please complete the grid below. If no, consider whether or not an Equality Impact Assessment is necessary - if not, state why not and exit the process.

This decision does not prevent new HMOs in the Borough, it simply means that planning permission will be required and the social impacts of those applications will be determined at part of the planning process at that time.