

## **Equality analysis**

An equality impact assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken on this strategy to ensure that there are no adverse effects for any particular group. The strategy contains priorities and actions which will be delivered to provide a range of housing options so that we can respond to and plan for the growing need for additional housing in West Suffolk.

It is anticipated that all residents in West Suffolk could benefit from the proposals. The strategy intends to increase the supply of affordable housing and improve the quality of existing housing throughout West Suffolk, to help meet the needs of current and future populations.

In terms of how it will impact on those with a protected characteristic, the strategy sets out how West Suffolk intends to improve housing provision for the following groups:

- those with a disability;
- elderly people and younger people;
- those living in rural isolation;
- and those on a low income.