

Equality Impact Assessment



Assessment Of: Report to Executive 1 st June 2021 on Local Plan (Part 2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other [please state]	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review <input type="checkbox"/> Changing
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Version / Date Of Sign Off By Director:	

Step 1: What do we want to do?

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the process by someone with a good knowledge of the proposal and service area, and sufficient influence over the proposal. It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the equality impact assessment. Please contact the Policy Officer early for advice.

1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Describe who it is aimed at and the intended aims / outcomes. Where known also summarise the key actions you plan to undertake. Please use plain English, avoiding jargon and acronyms. Equality Impact Assessments are viewed by a wide range of people including decision-makers and the wider public.

The Draft Local Plan 2020-40 (Part 2) is a development plan document that contains a range of development site options to be considered through a statutory consultation process.

The Part 1 Local Plan covered general development management policies and was published in March 2020 for consultation.

The Local Plan review is needed in order to update the existing Teignbridge Local Plan which was adopted in May 2014.

Consultation on the Site Options draft Local Plan will seek the views of Teignbridge residents, local businesses, stakeholders in the development process, Parish Councils, community/voluntary based groups, statutory organisations including infrastructure providers and government bodies and the general public.

Following the consultation, all responses will be analysed and considered in the formulation and drafting of the Submission version of the Local Plan, which we aim to publish in July 2022.

1.2 Who will the proposal have the potential to affect?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The wider community	<input type="checkbox"/> Teignbridge workforce
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1.3 Will the proposal have an equality impact?

Could the proposal affect access levels of representation or participation in a service, or does it have the potential to change e.g. quality of life: health, education, or standard of living etc.?

If 'No' explain why you are sure there will be no equality impact, then skip steps 2-4 and request review by your manager.

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No [please select]
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Step 2: What information do we have?

2.1 What data or evidence is there which tells us who is, or could be affected?

Please use this section to demonstrate an understanding of who could be affected by the proposal. Include general population data where appropriate, and information about people who will be affected with particular reference to protected and other relevant characteristics (listed in 2.2).

Use one row for each evidence source and say which characteristic(s) it relates to. You can include a mix of qualitative and quantitative data - from national research, local data or previous consultations and engagement activities.

Outline whether there are any over or under representation of equality groups within your service - don't forget to benchmark to local population where appropriate.

For workforce / management of change proposals you will need to look at the diversity of the affected team(s) using available evidence such as the employee profile data. Identify any under/over-representation compared with Teignbridge's economically active citizens for age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion/belief and sexual orientation.

Data / Evidence Source <i>[Include a reference where known]</i>	Summary of what this tells us
Consultation Strategy for Local Plan Review 2020-40 (Part 2)	Sets out approach and range of groups and individuals that will be consulted / affected by the development site options. Section 4 'Who will we consult?' Contains a list of the main groups/categories. Potential feedback will also be gained from individuals and organisations on the Local Plan consultation database.
GIS mapping / Plan document on StoryMaps	The plan includes site options which are mapped and will be available to view. The site options have varying degrees of impact, particularly regarding accessibility.

2.2 Do you currently monitor relevant activity by the following protected characteristics?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender Reassignment
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy/Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/> Race
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation

2.3 Are there any gaps in the evidence base?

Where there are gaps in the evidence, or you don't have enough information about some equality groups, include an equality action to find out in section 4.2 below. This doesn't mean that you can't complete the assessment without the information, but you need to follow up the action and if necessary, review the assessment later. If you are unable to fill in the gaps please state this clearly with a justification.

For workforce related proposals all relevant information on characteristics may need to be sought from HR (e.g. pregnancy/maternity). For smaller teams diversity data may be redacted. A high proportion of not known/not disclosed may require action to address and identify the information needed.

Evidence base in the form of Consultation Plan sources is relatively comprehensive building upon experience from earlier stages of consultation, including Issues Stage in 2018 (May-July). The means for gathering this information and filling gaps is improving with each iteration of the plan.

2.4 How have you involved communities and groups that could be affected?

You will nearly always need to involve and consult with internal and external stakeholders during your assessment. The extent of the engagement will depend on the nature of the proposal or change. This should usually include individuals and groups representing different relevant protected characteristics. Please include details of any completed engagement and consultation and how representative this has been of Teignbridge's diverse communities.

Include the main findings of any engagement and consultation in Section 2.1 above.

If you are managing a workforce change process or restructure please refer to HR for advice on how to consult and engage with employees. Relevant stakeholders for engagement about workforce changes may include e.g. staff-led groups, trades unions as well as affected staff.

In the earlier 2018 Local Plan Issues Consultation there was targeted engagement with: Teignbridge Affordable Housing Partnership, Neighbouring Planning Groups, Town and Parish Councils, District Councillors, Internal departments, Teignbridge Association of Local Councils and Gypsy and Traveller forum. In addition there were eleven Consultation Roadshows and social media posts and wider media releases. Responses to these sources has been evaluated and helped inform the content of the Draft Local Plan (Part 2).

2.5 How will engagement with stakeholders continue?

Explain how you will continue to engage with stakeholders throughout the course of planning and delivery. Please describe where more engagement and consultation is required and set out how you intend to undertake it. Include any targeted work to seek the views of under-represented groups. If you do not intend to undertake it, please set out your justification. You can ask the Consultation Officer for help in targeting particular groups.

- Local Development Scheme for Local Plan Review sets out procedural stages to be followed for the forthcoming preparation of the plan, inclusive of engagement requirements.
- A Consultation Plan is prepared for each of these stages and will adjust to the particular circumstances to be covered. Therefore, reference in 2.1 relates to forthcoming consultation stage during 2021 only.

Step 3: Who might the proposal impact?

Analysis of impacts must be rigorous. Please demonstrate your analysis of any impacts of the proposal in this section, referring to evidence you have gathered above and the characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010. Also include details of existing issues for particular groups that you are aware of and are seeking to address or mitigate through this proposal.

3.1 Does the proposal have any potentially adverse impacts on people on the basis of their protected or other relevant characteristics?

Consider sub-categories (different kinds of disability, ethnic background etc.) and how people with combined characteristics (e.g. young women) might have particular needs or experience particular kinds of disadvantage.

Where mitigations indicate a follow-on action, include this in the 'Action Plan' Section 4.2 below.

GENERAL COMMENTS (highlight any potential issues that might impact **all or many groups**)

The Local Plan Review (Part 2) contains a set of draft Development Site Options which may adversely impact on any of the groups depending upon location. It is therefore cross-cutting in nature and does not specifically rely upon the characteristics of the individual group/s identified. However, the purpose of the plan is to provide a policy framework for delivering beneficial outcomes for all groups in terms of new development which for example seeks to promote town centres first through urban intensification and regeneration and sustainable urban extensions.

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Age: Young People	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Age: Older People	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Disability	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Sex	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Sexual orientation	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Pregnancy / Maternity	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Gender reassignment	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Race	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Religion or Belief	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Marriage & civil partnership	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
OTHER RELEVANT CHARACTERISTICS	
Socio-Economic (deprivation)	Does your analysis indicate a disproportionate impact? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	
Other group(s) <i>Please add additional rows below to detail the impact for other relevant groups as appropriate e.g. Asylums and Refugees; Rural/Urban Communities, Homelessness, Digital Exclusion, Access To Transport</i>	
Potential impacts:	
Mitigations:	

3.2 Does the proposal create any benefits for people on the basis of their protected or other relevant characteristics?

Outline any potential benefits of the proposal and how they can be maximised. Identify how the proposal will support our Public Sector Equality Duty to:

- ✓ Eliminate unlawful discrimination for a protected group

- ✓ Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't
- ✓ Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't

One key element of identifying site options in the draft LPR is closely following an assessment methodology which places a premium on potential housing sites that are well located in terms of access to facilities such as town/village centres and convenient for public transport services and pedestrian/cycle links. The delivery of such sites from the plan will ultimately be beneficial to a number of the groups, particularly young/older people and those with a disability.

By providing a focused lead for new employment sites which follow similar spatial principles it will over the longer term be possible to provide greater opportunities for local employment that can be taken up by young people specifically and reducing travel distances for Teignbridge residents as a whole.

Step 4: Impact

4.1 How has the equality impact assessment informed or changed the proposal?

What are the main conclusions of this assessment? Use this section to provide an overview of your findings. This content should be used as a summary in reports, where this full assessment is included as an appendix.

If you have identified any significant negative impacts which cannot be mitigated, provide a justification showing how the proposal is proportionate, necessary and appropriate despite this.

Summary of significant negative impacts and how they can be mitigated or justified:

Summary of positive impacts / opportunities to promote the Public Sector Equality Duty:

Continue the proposal: The assessment demonstrates that the Local Plan Review – Part 2 draft policies show no potential for discrimination and we have taken all appropriate opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people with different protected characteristics. It builds upon experience from consultation outputs from earlier in the process, as referenced and mix of digital and in person formats, including newsletter, drop-in events (planning café style) and online promotional videos. These methods and others have helped collect input from several of the identified groups as detailed above.

4.2 Action Plan

Use this section to set out any actions you have identified to improve data, mitigate issues, or maximise opportunities etc. If an action is to meet the needs of a particular protected group please specify this.

Improvement / action required	Responsible Officer	Timescale
Review Equality Impact Assessment for LPR alongside preparation of Proposed Submission version of draft plan.	TS	Jan-March 2022

4.3 How will the impact of your proposal and actions be measured?

How will you know if have been successful? Once the activity has been implemented this equality impact assessment should be periodically reviewed to make sure your changes have been effective and your approach is still appropriate. Include the timescale for review in your action plan above.

Monitoring the impact of the draft plan is a long term task which can only be fully undertaken once some of the policies/proposals are implemented. It therefore follows that key timings will be around time of plan adoption (Jan 2024) and then through yearly review linked to the Annual Monitoring Report requirement, with a major assessment after five years during 2029.

Step 5: Review & Sign-Off

EIAs should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the equalities impact of the proposal. Please seek review and feedback from management before requesting it to be signed off. All working drafts of EIAs and final signed-off EIAs should be saved in G:\GLOBAL\EIA. Once signed-off please add the details to the 'Corporate Register' of all council EIAs saved in the same directory.

Reviewed by Service Manager: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instead was reviewed by: Alex Lessware	Strategic Leadership Team Sign-Off:
Date: 10 th May 2021	Date: