The preliminary impact assessment is a quick and easy screening process. It should identify those policies, projects, services, functions or strategies which require a full EIA by looking at negative, positive or no impact on any of the equality groups.

Service Area: Planning Services
Section: Forward Planning
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Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy the preliminary EIA is being produced for:

This Preliminary EIA is being produced for the following Local Plan:
Core Strategy Policies (Focused Changes):
- CS1 Spatial Strategy
- CS4 Renewable Energy
- CS5 Sustainable Design and Construction
- CS6 Management of the Water Cycle
- CS7 Environmental Quality
- CS8 Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
- CS14 Vitality and Viability of Centres
- CS15 Retail
- CS17 Design
- CS18 Historic Environment
- PS3 Chesterfield Waterside and the Potteries
- PS4 Markham Vale
- PS5 Staveley and Rother Valley Corridor

Please see separate Preliminary/Full EIA for Core Strategy Policy CS11 – Sites for Travellers.

Is the policy, project, service, function or strategy:

- Existing □
- Changed □
- New/Proposed ☑
Over the next fifteen years, the borough will have many challenges to face. This includes providing new housing and jobs, securing infrastructure and facilities for residents and visitors, in a way that helps us adapt to a changing climate. The planning system has a key role in helping to manage these changes and helping to reduce the impact on our borough and its residents. As the Local Planning Authority, the Borough Council’s main way of doing this is through the production of the Local Plan.

At the heart of the Local Plan: Core Strategy’s Vision is our aspiration for Chesterfield borough to become ‘a flagship sustainable community’ whilst keeping what makes our Borough unique and strong. Local Plan: Core Strategy is the overarching term for a number of Policies (see above list of policy titles), which will be further developed through other Development Planning Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and Development Briefs for individual sites.

Following a period of consultation it has been agreed to make a number of changes to the wording of some of the policies (those listed above). The remaining policies are unchanged. These changes are exclusively to bring clarity to the policies. It is considered that the thrust of the policies remains as previously assessed.

Q1 - What is the aim of your policy or new service?

Q2 - Who is the policy or service going to benefit?

The Local Plan: Core Strategy will benefit all people who live, visit and work in Chesterfield. The policies are designed to concentrate development around existing centres and other accessible areas which will give better access to jobs, houses, education and services.

Q3 - Thinking about each group below, does, or could the policy, project, service, function or strategy have an impact on protected characteristics below? You may also need to think about sub groups within each characteristic e.g. older women, younger men, disabled women etc.

Please tick the appropriate columns for each group.

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Marital status including civil partnership.  

Pregnant women and people on maternity/paternity. Also consider breastfeeding mothers.  


Ethnic Groups  

Religions and Beliefs including those with no religion and/or beliefs.  

Other groups e.g. those experiencing deprivation and/or health inequalities.  

If you have answered that the policy, project, service, function or strategy could potentially have a negative impact on any of the above characteristics then a full EIA will be required.

Q4 - Should a full EIA be completed for this policy, project, service, function or strategy?

Yes  ☐  
No  ☑

Q5 - Reasons for this decision:
It is anticipated that specific Local Plan: Core Strategy Policies will have a positive impact on protected groups, for example, CS1 (Spatial Strategy) will have a positive impact by providing opportunities for communities arising from new development being guided towards areas suffering from multiple deprivation. CS7 (Environmental Quality) may have a positive impact on groups experiencing health inequalities or disabilities. Policies such as CS10 (Range of Housing), CS16 (Social Infrastructure), CS17 (Design) and CS19 (Influencing the Demand for Travel) will have broad positive impacts on protected groups by reducing isolation, improving access to services and ensuring suitable housing.

As the Core Strategy Policy documents are broad plans, no negative impacts are identified at this stage. Further Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as more detailed Developmental Planning Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and Development Briefs are considered for individual sites.

Please e-mail this form to the Policy Service before moving this work forward so that we can confirm that either a full EIA is not needed or offer you further advice and support should a full EIA be necessary.