Chesterfield Borough Council

Equality Impact Assessment - Preliminary Assessment Form

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
Lead Officer: Mark Shewring

Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy the preliminary EIA is being produced for:

This Preliminary EIA is being produced for the Local Plan : Core Strategy Policy CS11 – Sites for Travellers.

Please see separate Preliminary EIA for Local Plan : Core Strategy policies CS1, CS4, CS5, CS6, CS7, CS8, CS14, CS15, CS17, CS18, CS19, CS20 and PS3, PS4 and PS5.

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 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. 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.

Core Strategy Policy CS11 is designed to meet the accommodation needs of travellers through the provision of authorised sites and to ensure that criteria are developed to assess proposals for Travellers sites, where a need is demonstrated. These criteria include accessibility, services and design. The policy is proposed to be changed to

- Remove the requirement to provide evidence of need
- Clarify that any Local Green Spaces would be inappropriate locations
- Include a requirement for provision of adequate levels of amenity

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

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

Core Strategy Policy CS11 will benefit Travellers by putting criteria in place so that any proposals for development sites can be assessed appropriately. It should support good relations by ensuring that land use planning meets the needs of the community as a whole.

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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<th>Potentially positive impact</th>
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<td>Disabled people – physical, mental and sensory including learning disabled people and people living with HIV/AIDS and cancer.</td>
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<td>Gender – men, women and</td>
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Date: September 2012

Issue 1
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 the Core Strategy Policy CS11 will have a potentially positive impact on Travellers by helping to identify suitable sites where there is evidence of need. Consideration is on the basis of the location of a site, and not in relation to an individual or group.

As the Local Plan : 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.