

Title of proposed EIA	Soho, Lozells and Handsworth Area Public Space Protection Order
Reference No	EQUA1110
EA is in support of	New Function
Review Frequency	Six Months
Date of first review	20/09/2023
Directorate	City Operations
Division	
Service Area	Community Safety
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Lamont
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pamela A Powis
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waqar Ahmed
Purpose of proposal	Equality Impact Assessment for Soho, Lozells and Handsworth Area Public Space Protection Order
Data sources	Interviews; relevant reports/strategies; Other (please specify)
Please include any other sources of data	Police Data and statements from partners, businesses and members of the public.
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristic: Disability	Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community
Disability details:	<p>Positive Impact: Those with a disability, learning disability and who suffer mental ill health are often affected the most due to their vulnerabilities. The introduction of the PSPO will help reduce ASB in the Soho area making it a more welcoming and safer environment.</p> <p>Negative Impact: The PSPO could adversely impact those with mental health concerns and those with alcohol dependency, particularly those associated with the street community</p>

Protected characteristic: Sex	Not Applicable
Gender details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment	Not Applicable
Gender reassignment details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity	Not Applicable
Pregnancy and maternity details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Race	Not Applicable
Race details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Not Applicable
Religion or beliefs details:	Impact Neutral
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	Impact Neutral
Socio-economic impacts	The Council is mindful of the concerns over any impact the PSPO may have upon socially excluded groups, including those dealing with addiction issues or rough sleeping. Impact on the street community, including sex workers, vulnerable due to drug and alcohol misuse and mental health issues.
Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.	To check prohibitions of the legal order to ensure minimal impact on this group.
Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended	YES
What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?	Consultation with client groups and agencies who represent them. Public consultation. On-going work with outreach services and partnership response in place.
Consultation analysis	
Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.	No

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact? No

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

1. Referral received – checks are carried out and support services are requested to make contact and engage with the individual. Name is added to a tracker and monitored.

2. Increased behaviour – Partners carry out assessment considering vulnerabilities, access to services, engagement levels, ASB/Criminal levels and recommendations from support services.

3. Escalation – ASB/Criminal behaviours increase and non-engagement. WMP / BCC will make contact. Warning issued. Warning breached Community Protection Notice issued. Other enforcement tools will be used based on issues.

What data is required in the future?

Breach data, impact of the order.
data from support services

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)

Yes

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Yes, potentially the street community although there are safeguards in place to prevent this via a fortnightly street cohort meeting and commissioned services working within the city centre

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

The PSPO will impact on certain community groups but there are process and support in place to risk assessment and eliminate those risks.

There are positive impacts for the PSPO.

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

Quality Control Officer comments

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Decision by Accountable Officer

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

Reasons for approval or rejection

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No

The PSPO process includes a first stage warning / advisor letter this will ensure no one is breached on the first stage and instead are offered advice and sign posting. Outreach services have been involved in the process.

Proceed for final approval

Yes

Approve

04/04/2023

The EIA will also be part of the consultation process and will be added to as a result.

Yes

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