

Title of proposed EIA	UPDATED TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 to 2024/25
Reference No	EQUA199
EA is in support of	New Function
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	16/03/2020
Directorate	Economy
Division	Transport and Connectivity
Service Area	
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter A Bethell
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet L Hinks
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Purpose of proposal	To review the Options Appraisal updating the Transportation and Highways Capital Programme (THCP) for the period 2019/20 to 2024/25 at a total estimated cost of £221.024m.
What sources of data have been used to produce the screening of this policy/proposal?	
Please include any other sources of data	
PLEASE ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE FOLLOWING PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	
Protected characteristic: Disability	Not Applicable
Disability details:	
Protected characteristic: Gender	Not Applicable
Gender details:	
Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment	Not Applicable
Gender reassignment details:	
Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not Applicable
Marriage and civil partnership details:	
Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity	Not Applicable

Pregnancy and maternity details:

Protected characteristics: Race

Not Applicable

Race details:

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Not Applicable

Religion or beliefs details:

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Not Applicable

Sexual orientation details:

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

This Equalities Assessment reviews the Options Appraisal updating the Transportation and Highways Capital Programme (THCP) for the period 2019/20 to 2024/25 at a total estimated cost of £221.024m (£210.683m approved programme, £8.093m to be approved in this report and £2.248m funding pressure). The Options Appraisal reflects new resources, revised project costings and programmes, slippage and policy changes that have occurred since approval of the previous strategy in July 2018. Within this update, approval is sought to allocate new Integrated Transport Block capital funding available through the West Midlands Combined Authority devolved transport grant

process (£5.160m in 2019/20) to support a range of projects and programmes that contribute towards key Council priorities set out in the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan, Birmingham Development Plan and Birmingham Connected transport strategy. These policy documents and associated reports have already been subject to equalities analysis.

The THCP is also vital to the requirement to develop measures to comply with the provisions of the Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe Directive 2008, which sets limiting values for a range of pollutants to protect public health, and in delivering the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) as per the Host City contract.

The intended outcomes of the THFS include:

- . supporting economic growth,
- . reducing congestion,

- . increasing active travel,
- . improving physical fitness and health,
- . improving road safety, improving accessibility,
- . improving air quality, and
- . maintaining and improving the integrity of the highway network.

Transportation and highway improvements will benefit all districts and wards across the city, with further benefits to visitors and those who commute into the city. Measures implemented will benefit all ages and communities across the city.

Many schemes are prioritised in terms of need, in addition to detailed data analysis, consultation and reference to existing Council, Transport for West Midlands, Department for Transport and other guidance or policy. Schemes will cover a broad spectrum of modes including public transport, walking, cycling, freight / business movement and the private car.

This EA is an update of EA002769: Updated Transportation and Highways Capital Funding Strategy 2018/19 to 2023/24.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

Consultation analysis

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact on any particular group(s)?

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

What data is required in the future to ensure effective monitoring of this policy/proposal?

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

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

All schemes proposed within the THCP are provided as a 'public good' and are available for all members of the community and visitors alike to use. Transport proposals are supported by promotional and educational training provided by the Transport Behavioural Change Team within Transport and Connectivity, particularly in relation to road safety and active travel. Individual schemes will be subject to further

screening for  
equalities analysis.

It is considered that  
there are no aspects  
of the THCP that  
could contribute to  
inequality. The  
facilities and  
measures proposed  
are for all users and  
none are excluded.  
No measures are  
considered to  
discriminate against  
protected groups in  
terms of age, race,  
gender  
reassignment, sexual  
orientation, sex,  
pregnancy or  
maternity, disability,  
marriage / civil  
partnership or  
religion / belief.

Internal consultation  
has been  
undertaken with the  
Director Inclusive  
Growth, Assistant  
Director Highways,  
Assistant Director  
Planning, Assistant  
Director  
Development and  
the Assistant  
Director Transport  
and Connectivity.

Full external  
consultation will be  
undertaken with all  
relevant  
stakeholders as part  
of individual Options  
Appraisals and FBCs,  
in accordance with  
normal practise  
including ward  
councillors,  
residents,

emergency services, businesses, the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) / Transport for West Midlands and the Cycling Forum. All members of the local community, including groups of people whose first language is not English, will be invited to comment on the proposals during the public consultations. All proposals will be designed in accordance with national design standards, which give consideration to the needs of disabled people; helping to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people. Consultation will also be undertaken with Sutton Town Council and Frankley Parish Council where appropriate.

Individual scheme proposals will be further screened for equalities analysis as part of standard Council governance and approval processes, and EA's will be completed at Options Appraisal and FBC stage for individual projects and programmes.

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Agreed to proceed  
to Accountable  
Officer 14.3.19

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Proceed for final  
approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Yes

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

15/03/2019

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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