

Title of proposed EIA	BCC Streetworks Permit Scheme
Reference No	EQUA712
EA is in support of	New Policy
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	27/06/2022
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Transportation and Connectivity
Service Area	Transport Planning and Network Strategy
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter A Bethell
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet L Hinks
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mel Jones
Purpose of proposal	To assess the change from a notification scheme to a permit scheme in Birmingham, whereby companies renew, install and maintain their apparatus on the road network.
Data sources	
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	
Protected characteristic: Disability	Not Applicable
Disability details:	
Protected characteristic: Sex	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:	
Socio-economic impacts	
Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.	
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.

This review is concerned solely with the introduction of a permit scheme to enable companies to operate on city council's road network.

As such, it is considered that none of the protected characteristics are adversely affected and no further action is required.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?

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

What data is required in the future?

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

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

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Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

The Traffic Management Act 2004 provides the legislative basis for the introduction of a Permit Scheme to replace the existing notification system. Under the current system, operators of streetworks (e.g. gas pipes, electric cables, water pipes) only have to notify the Council of work that they intend to carry out. Under the proposed new system operators would have to ask the Council for permission, and receive a permit to carry out the work.

Permit schemes are specifically designed to improve the management and coordination of roadworks on the public highway.

The Government believes that operating a permit scheme is a far more effective way of proactively managing street and road works. The Secretary of State for Transport wrote to all highway authorities in England, in July 2018, requesting they consider introducing a permit scheme by March 2019.

Council officers have been working toward the implementation of a permit scheme for Birmingham and were instructed to develop a draft permit scheme and undertake the necessary statutory consultation prior to a final decision being made to approve its implementation.

The permit scheme aims to:

- Reduce disruption and inconvenience caused by roadworks on the highway
- Protect the structure of the street and the apparatus belonging to utility companies and other parties
- Ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and staff working on the highway
- Help the council provide better information for road users about work on the highway.

#### QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Proceed to Accountable Officer 26 06 21

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

30/06/2021

Reasons for approval or rejection

Approved as no impacts identified on protected characteristics

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Yes

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Person or Group

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