




Title of proposed EIA	DfT Local Pinch Point Fund - Lines 2 and 3 Route Enhancements -Expressions of Interest
Reference No	EQUA424
EA is in support of	New Function
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	16/11/2020
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Transport and Connectivity
Service Area	Transport Planning and Network Strategy
Responsible Officer(s)	 Peter A Bethell
Quality Control Officer(s)	 Janet L Hinks
Accountable Officer(s)	 Mel Jones
Purpose of proposal	To assess the impact of the Expression of Interest by BCC and TfWM in the DfT's Pinch Point fund for bus priority measures on two cross-city corridors.
Data sources	
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community
Age details:	Whilst this Equalities Assessment is just for the Expression of Interest, and each proposal (or group of proposals) will be subject to their own EA, the proposals will need to ensure that the needs of the elderly are taken into account, with facilities to ensure easy access for all.
Protected characteristic: Disability	Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community
Disability details:	Whilst this Equalities Assessment is just for the Expression of Interest, and each proposal (or group of proposals) will be subject to their own EA, the proposals will need to ensure that the needs of bus users with disabilities are taken into account, with facilities to ensure easy access for all.
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	Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community
Pregnancy and maternity details:	

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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.

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?

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.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

The creation of a cross-city bus network is central to plans within the city, to fully integrate all areas of the city in transport terms and unlock the city's economic potential by delivering fast, reliable and stable bus journeys. This is particularly important to support the successful delivery of the Clean Air Zone and realise the city's growth agenda.

A programme of bus priority measures both within the city centre and elsewhere is required needed to unlock cross-city services. The measures required are envisaged to be a mixture of highway improvements to accommodate additional bus stops or dedicated bus lanes, new bus gates and changes in highway layout to prohibit private vehicles.

This £8m investment opportunity will bring forward route enhancements on XC Lines 2 and 3, which covers five radial routes into/from the city centre. This forms part of wider £10m funding package to additionally improve existing bus fleets. The route enhancements would include a package of highway and traffic improvements, including bus priority

measures and additional measures to improve flow for all vehicles.

The package would tackle specific bottlenecks and pinch-points, delivering a cumulative transformation in bus journey times with general highway and junction improvements and bus priority measures, covering the following corridors:

1. A441 - Pershore Road, Birmingham city centre to Stirchley
2. B4284 Harborne Road, Bartley Green to Harborne
3. B4114 Washwood Heath Road, Castle Bromwich to Birmingham city centre
4. A41 Soho Road, Birmingham city centre to Hampstead
5. B4128 Bordesley Green, Birmingham city centre to Meadway

Working in partnership with National Express West Midlands, the proposition will also be complemented by a £1.5m upgrade in bus fleets to provide the greenest buses on the market. This will, at a minimum, result in Euro 6 buses along lines 2 and 3 Birmingham North-South and Birmingham East-West).

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Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

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QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Yes

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer 15/11/2019


Reasons for approval or rejection

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