

Title of proposed EIA	Assessment of equalities issues relating to Draft Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy
Reference No	EQUA305
EA is in support of	New Strategy
Review Frequency	No preference
Date of first review	01/08/2019
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Planning Policy
Service Area	Transport Policy
Responsible Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Naomi R Coleman
Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Janet L Hinks
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Philip Edwards
Purpose of proposal	To seek approval for public consultation on the Draft Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy
Data sources	relevant reports/strategies
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Wider Community
Age details:	<p>The needs of different age groups vary significantly with regards to walking and cycling accessibility.</p> <p>The strategy includes a variety of actions to widen accessibility specifically for children and young people and those with age related mobility constraints.</p>
Protected characteristic: Disability	Wider Community
Disability details:	<p>Those with disabilities can require particular types of infrastructure to enable walking and cycling.</p> <p>The strategy includes a variety of actions to upgrade and improve infrastructure and ensure that people with disabilities are included in the design process and their needs are fully considered.</p>
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.

A comprehensive public consultation process will take place to ensure that stakeholders representing the needs of different age groups and different types of disability are engaged and their views taken into account for the final version of the strategy.

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

It is broadly felt that the impact of the draft Walking and Cycling strategy on those with protected characteristics, in particular Age and Disability, will be positive. Increasing levels of walking and cycling in Birmingham, including improvements to infrastructure will improve accessibility for all.

However the decision of the Cabinet Member at this stage is to approve the public consultation on the Draft

Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy. This will allow for further feedback from stakeholders regarding equality impacts which will be taken into account in the final version of the strategy.

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, an adopted City Council policy. The approach to public consultation will ensure that protected characteristics are fully considered and the views of groups representing age and disability characteristics are included. Relevant organisations with an interest in equalities will be consulted.

An engagement strategy has been developed to set out how the public consultation will be carried out on the Draft Strategy. This will meet the requirements of the relevant regulations and guidance. The broad range of specific and general stakeholders will be informed about the draft strategy and invited to comment. Consultation methods will include letters, emails, a press release, social media publicity and a Be Heard consultation site for feedback. Workshops and Meetings will be offered/ carried out with key stakeholders and the general public will be able to discuss the strategy face-to-face at a variety of public events.

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

A full assessment is not required at this stage, however the results of the public

consultation on the draft documents will be used to update the Equalities Analysis and inform the final strategy when it is adopted by the City Council (programmed for Autumn 2019).

QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

To go to Accountable Officer
12.06.2019

Decision by Quality Control Officer

Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

No

Decision by Accountable Officer

Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer

14/06/2019



Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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