

Title of proposed EIA	WHEELS SITE DEVELOPMENT: STRATEGIC BUSINESS CASE
Reference No	EQUA434
EA is in support of	New Strategy
Review Frequency	Two Years
Date of first review	27/05/2020
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Transportation and Connectivity
Service Area	Project Delivery
Responsible Officer(s)	 Hussein Kudah
Quality Control Officer(s)	 Janet L Hinks
Accountable Officer(s)	 Simon Garrad
Purpose of proposal	To approve the cost associated in producing an Outline Business Case to set out the key aspirations and requirements for the development of the site, including site surveys, transportation study, remediation and market research.
Data sources	Consultation Results; relevant reports/strategies
Please include any other sources of data	Bordesley Park Area Acton Plan (BPAAP)
ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Not Applicable
Age details:	The overall impact of the change envisaged in the BPAAP will benefit the wider community. The Wheels regeneration will provide positive impacts by enhancing employment opportunities which will be targeted at the local community. The Proposals and policies within the BPAAP all sit within the context of the Birmingham Development Plan, for which an Sustainability assessment and Equality assessment have also been produced.
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.	Equalities has been considered at each stage of the BPAAP plan-making process and includes the completion of an Equalities Assessment Initial Screening form in 2013 that was revised in 2016 and revised further in 2018 prior to the submission of the BPAAP to the Secretary of State. Following Examination in Public on 20 May 2019 there are no modification to the version of that is now proposed for adoption (the Planning Inspectorate found the plan to be sound with no need for modificcation). The proposals and policies within the wheels project and the winder BPAAP will be monitored as they progress. This will include reviews of the equities impacts of the plan at a regular intervals.
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	Consultaion will take place during the development of the FBC.
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?

To be agreed during the Full Business Case development.

What data is required in the future?

To be agreed during the Full Business Case development.

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

No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

No

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

The Cabinet report is seeking to approve the descriptive document, and the relevant procurement strategy.

The BPAAP identifies the Wheels site and Environs as a key area of change (Key opportunity 1) which has the potential to become an attractive location for high quality employment use which delivers inclusive and sustainable growth, improved transportation and employment and training opportunities.

The Birmingham Development Plan identifies Bordesley Park (including the Wheels site) as one of ten key growth areas to deliver the objectives of the plan. It also designates the Wheels site as Core Employment Area which will make a significant contribution to the city's growth strategy to deliver industrial land and job opportunities.

The Council's Plan 2018-2020 to prioritise Jobs and Skills for Birmingham to be a great city to succeed in and to be renowned as an enterprising, innovative and green city. The Scheme will support inclusive sustainable growth in the number of jobs across Birmingham, invest in infrastructure to develop a modern, sustainable transport system; invest in growth sectors such as manufacturing; and provide training for Birmingham residents so that they can take advantage of sustainable employment.

The Scheme will deliver on actions within the Council Plan to concentrate on significant areas of opportunity (by facilitating jobs and training

opportunities in an area of deprivation within East Birmingham), to use the Council's property assets to bring forward regeneration and investment and by facilitating the expansion of the Metro.

The submitted version of the BPAAP was then considered by the planning Inspectorate at an Examination in Public on the 30 May 2019. This included attendance by individuals and organisations occupying site within the affected areas who had maintained objections to the Wheels regeneration.

There has been a positive response to the policies and proposals within the AAP. The main objections have been from the affected property owners including the occupiers of the wheels site which is the focus of the proposed project.

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

The Wheels Project proposals will deliver on actions within Bordesley Park Area Action Plan approved by City Council on 14 January 2020 for which an Equality Analysis was undertaken. This Equality Analysis has been reviewed and it is concluded that the development of the Wheels site will have an impact on certain groups (individuals and organisations occupying the wheels site). However, those effects are not a result of the protected groups and characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, and in any case are considered positive impacts, with mitigation measures in place where appropriate. Such positive impacts include enhanced employment opportunities which will be targeted at the local community. The Council are currently in discussions with individuals and organisations occupying the wheels site to assist them in finding relocation site.

Overall there has been support for the positive proposals and improvements included within the AAP which will support growth and regeneration with the Bordsley Park area.

A full assessment is not required at this stage as the report seeks approval to develop proposals capable of being assessed for equality purposes. When firm proposals are developed, another report will be required for Cabinet and it will provide specific elements of the Wheels site development programme that will need a further equality assessment.

QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Corrected Cabinet to City Council. Can proceed to Accountable Officer
14.02.2020

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

19/02/2020

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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