

Title of proposed EIA Public Consultation on the draft Birmingham Local Enforcement Plan (BLEP)

Reference No EQUA527

EA is in support of New Policy

Review Frequency Annually

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Directorate Inclusive Growth

Division Planning and Development

Service Area Planning Enforcement

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Purpose of proposal Evaluate consultation document for draft BLEP

Data sources Consultation Results; relevant reports/strategies; relevant research

Please include any other sources of data

ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Protected characteristic: Age Wider Community

Age details:

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Protected characteristic: Disability Wider Community

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Protected characteristic: Sex Wider Community

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Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment Not Applicable

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership Not Applicable

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity Wider Community

Pregnancy and maternity details:

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Protected characteristics: Race Wider Community

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Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs Wider Community

Religion or beliefs details:

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Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation Wider Community

Sexual orientation details:

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Socio-economic impacts

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

The BLEP was subject to public consultation for 6 weeks. The comments have been analysed and have resulted in some amendments proposed to the document. The consultation results will be reported to Cabinet on adoption of the BLEP. The changes proposed to the document are deemed not to have an effect on any characteristic.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended NO

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

The drafting of the BLEP has been informed by the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance as well as the requirements of the Birmingham Development Plan which is fundamental in guiding decisions relating to breaches of planning control. In addition the Town and Country Planning Act (T&CPA) 1990 (as amended) provides the statutory basis for most planning enforcement matters. Amendments have been made following comments made during the consultation which took place in late 2020.

Consultation analysis

Consultation has been carried out on this draft document. The responses have been analysed and used to make appropriate amendments to the BLEP accordingly. The result of the consultation and consequent final version of the BLEP has now been subject to further equality screening and analysis. However none of the consequent changes are deemed to have an equalities impact on any of the protected characteristics.

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

The draft version of the BLEP was not deemed to have any adverse impacts on any people with protected characteristics. Through the consultation process, the BLEP was amended and strengthened but was deemed not to have any further adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

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

The BLEP was modified following consultation but none of the changes were deemed to have any adverse impacts on those with protected characteristics.

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

The BLEP contains a final chapter about monitoring to ensure that the effects of the BLEP on consultation and engagement will achieve the principles identified within it. The Council is committed to constant monitoring and review of the principles and ensure that the consultation database is continually updated to ensure new groups are captured in future consultation exercises.

What data is required in the future?

Data will be collected as part of the monitoring of the BLEP and is set out within the monitoring section of the document. This includes the number of individuals/groups participating in consultations with the protected characteristics and how much participants value their involvement in the process.

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

A full assessment is not required at this stage for this document and consultation. The results of the public consultation and any lessons learnt have been used to update this Equalities Analysis and inform the final version of the BLEP when it is brought forward for adoption by the City Council.

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing? No

Quality Control Officer comments

Approved following further information provided on consultation plan - external consultation was carried out with local community groups, residents associations, business groups, public sector partners, agents and other stakeholders. The results have been assessed with no potential for adverse impacts on protected groups being identified.

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 01/07/2020

Reasons for approval or rejection

Agree with summary. Approve.

Please print and save a PDF copy for your records Yes

Julie Bach

Person or Group

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