




Title of proposed EIA	Birmingham Transport Plan consultation
Reference No	EQUA353
EA is in support of	New Policy
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	11/01/2021
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 draft Birmingham Transport Plan and associated consultation which will take place from 28 Jan to 27 March 2020.
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:	<p>In terms of the policies set out in the draft Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP), people within certain age groups may have different travel needs and therefore there could be different impacts of the policies in the plan based on age. The principle is that the more comprehensive, accessible and integrated the transport network is, the more likely it is to cater to the needs of a broad range of groups and so the overall impact is likely to be positive.</p> <p>The BTP further supports the clean air agenda, following on from the implementation of the Clean Air Zone, through prioritising sustainable modes of transport including public transport, walking and cycling to encourage cleaner modes of travel which will improve air quality. Air pollution affects everyone, but certain age groups are more likely to be adversely affected by poor air quality (e.g. the very old or the very young) so the policies set out in the BTP are expected to have a positive impact on these groups in this regard.</p> <p>We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics for this purpose.</p>

In terms of the format of the consultation itself, it is important that the consultation is accessible to all. For example older people may have mobility impairments or could be less able to access online materials. People will be able to participate in the consultation in a range of formats as set out in the consultation plan. For drop-in sessions, venues will be chosen that have level access or ramp access at the entrance, and a room at the front of the building to minimise walking inside. Chairs will be available for consultees to rest.

As well as seeking to engage with citizens directly, representatives of older people's groups will be specifically invited to respond to the consultation, so that they have ample opportunity to put forward their views.

Protected characteristic: Disability

[Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community](#)

Disability details:

In terms of the policies set out in the draft Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP), people with disabilities may have different travel needs and therefore there could be different impacts of the policies in the plan based on disability. The principle is that the more comprehensive, accessible and integrated the transport network is, the more likely it is to cater to the needs of a broad range of groups and so the overall impact is likely to be positive.

Policies to restrict parking and access by private car may be of concern to people with particular mobility issues and we will look to explore this further through the consultation process. However, these concerns are more likely to be resolved as part of detailed development of schemes and proposals brought forward to deliver the plan, rather than in the plan itself. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics so that the views of people with disabilities can be identified and addressed.

Poor air quality is likely to impact on people with disabilities, particularly those with respiratory problems. Schemes outlined in the Draft Birmingham Transport Plan aim to improve the air quality in the city and therefore this is likely to have a positive impact on those with long-term health issues.

In terms of the format of the consultation itself, it is important that the consultation is accessible to all. People will be able to participate in the consultation in a range of formats as set out in the consultation plan. To assist people with physical disabilities in attending drop-in sessions, venues will be chosen that have level access or ramp access at the entrance, and a room at the front of the building to

Protected characteristic: Gender

Gender details:

minimise walking inside. Chairs will be available for consultees to rest.

As well as seeking to engage with citizens directly, representatives of disability groups will be specifically invited to respond to the consultation, so that they have ample opportunity to put forward their views.

Not Applicable

In terms of the policies set out in the draft Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP), travel needs can vary according to gender and therefore there could be different impacts of the policies in the plan based on gender. The principle is that the more comprehensive, accessible and integrated the transport network is, the more likely it is to cater to the needs of a broad range of groups and so the overall impact is likely to be positive.

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics to enable this analysis.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment

Gender reassignment details:

Not Applicable

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics to enable this analysis.

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Marriage and civil partnership details:

Not Applicable

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics to enable this analysis.

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Pregnancy and maternity details:

Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community

Air pollution affects everyone however recent scientific studies show that increases in NO₂ have even greater damaging impacts on pregnant women than first thought, with evidence of pollution particles found in placentas.

It is estimated that traffic-related air pollution

exposure (particularly exposure to PM) of pregnant women accounts for more than one-fifth of all cases of low birth weight at term. Low birth weight is associated with low lung function, COPD, cardiovascular disease and early death in adulthood. Air pollution can also harm placental development, which affects the development of the unborn child and has been associated with several chronic diseases, including heart disease, obesity and type 2 diabetes. Poor foetal growth is linked to abnormal development of the kidneys, and to hypertension and kidney disease in later life.

The BTP further supports the clean air agenda, following on from the implementation of the Clean Air Zone, through prioritising sustainable modes of transport including public transport, walking and cycling to encourage cleaner modes of travel which will improve air quality. It is therefore anticipated that the BTP will have a positive impact to pregnant women and those on maternity leave with small children.

The consultation on the Draft Birmingham Transport Plan may bring to light any relevant equalities issues. Air pollution affects everyone, but in particular young children, so the implementation of the Clean Air Zone in Birmingham would particularly benefit pre-school-age children .

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics to enable this analysis.

In terms of the consultation itself, it is important that all consultation venues are fully accessible, so that pregnant women, some parents with young children and some parents with buggies; are not disadvantaged. Venues will be chosen that have level access or ramp access at the entrance, and a room at the front of the building to minimise walking inside. Chairs will be available for consultees to rest.

Protected characteristics: Race

Race details:

[Not Applicable](#)

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics to enable this analysis.

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Religion or beliefs details:

[Not Applicable](#)

In terms of the policies set out in the draft Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP), travel needs can vary

according for certain religious or cultural groups and therefore there could be different impacts of the policies in the plan based on this protected characteristic. The principle is that the more comprehensive, accessible and integrated the transport network is, the more likely it is to cater to the needs of a broad range of groups and so the overall impact is likely to be positive.

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics for this purpose.

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Sexual orientation details:

Not Applicable

We have not identified any adverse impacts on this protected characteristic, however the purpose of the consultation is to explore this further. The consultation will collect (optional) data on protected characteristics for this purpose.

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

No additional actions are required resulting from this screening exercise as the relevant points have already been captured in the planning of the consultation. One of the outcomes of the consultation will be further exploration of the highlighted issues relating to protected characteristics.

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

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

It is acknowledged that some groups have different travel needs and there may be a correlation between certain protected characteristics and potential impact from the proposals in the plan. The principle is that the more comprehensive, accessible and integrated the transport network is, the more likely it is to cater to the needs of a broad range of groups and so the overall impact is likely to be positive. The consultation will enable further exploration of these issues and will

collect (optional) data on protected characteristics for this purpose.

QUALITY CONTORL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

No

Quality Control Officer comments

Proceed to Accountable Officer 10.01.2020

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

15/11/2019

Reasons for approval or rejection

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Yes

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