

Title of proposed EIA	Public Consultation on Draft Birmingham Urban Centres Framework for Inclusive Growth
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EA is in support of	New Policy
Review Frequency	Six Months
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Directorate	Economy
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Service Area	
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Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Woodland
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Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal	<p>The draft Birmingham Urban Centres Framework sets out strategic principles that all Urban Centres and parades can utilise to become successful multifunctional places. 10 Centres of Transformation are identified for directing investment decisions and targeting actions as places that can evolve to meet the city's growth agenda. The draft Framework is in line with the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) policies, which were subject to an Equalities Analysis.</p> <p>The draft Framework has been informed by an evidence base, including evidence collected on the health of all Centres in the city (such as vacancy rates and mix of uses), opportunities of investment and development linked to the BDP opportunities, key public transport corridors for investment and the potential of the Centres to adapt to meet the needs of their communities and businesses.</p> <p>There will be positive outcomes for the local population from having successful Centres, including new homes, job opportunities and infrastructure delivery. There is reference in the draft Framework on matters which do not require a Full Equalities Assessment, with specific points set out under the protected characteristic sections.</p> <p>Any projects identified in the draft Framework will need to be subject to their own Equalities Analysis as part of their development where the City Council has involvement (e.g. considering mobility issues and the protected characteristics in developing transport projects). Equalities issues will also be assessed in relevant ways as part of the determination of planning applications for developments in the Centres.</p>
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Age details:	See Consulted people or groups section

Protected characteristic: Disability	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Disability details:	A high level masterplanning approach and infrastructure requirements are set out in the Framework for Centres of Transformation, however technical design matters are addressed in other planning documents (e.g. Access for People with Disabilities SPD).
Protected characteristic: Gender	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Gender details:	See Consulted people or groups section
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; Wider Community
Pregnancy and maternity details:	See Disability section
Protected characteristics: Race	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Race details:	See Consulted people or groups section
Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs	Service Users / Stakeholders; Wider Community
Religion or beliefs details:	See Consulted people or groups section
Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation	Not Applicable
Sexual orientation details:	
Consulted People or Groups	<p>The decision of Cabinet at this stage is to approve the public consultation on the draft Framework. An engagement strategy has been developed to set out how the public consultation will be carried out, meeting the requirements of relevant guidance and best practice including the principles set out in the Statement of Community Involvement (2008). The approach to public consultation will be made relevant to the community of the Wards where the Centres of Transformation are, and will be informed by a community profile (ensuring protected characteristics inform the approach, such as Age, Gender, and Race). Relevant organisations with an interest in equalities issues will also be consulted.</p> <p>The broad range of stakeholders will all be informed about the draft Frameworks (letters, press release, etc), with a number of drop-in sessions proposed during the consultation period. More detailed engagement work (meetings, workshops, etc) will be offered to key stakeholders at this time, including Business Improvement Districts.</p>

Informed People or Groups	See Consulted people or groups section
Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA	A Full Assessment is not needed at this stage. The results of the public consultation on the draft document will be used to update the Equalities Analysis and inform the final Framework when it is brought forward for adoption by the City Council (programmed for mid-2019).
Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?	No
Quality Control Officer comments	
Decision by Quality Control Officer	Proceed for final approval
Submit draft to Accountable Officer?	No
Decision by Accountable Officer	Approve
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