

Stage 1: Equality Impact Assessment

1. What are the main aims purpose and outcomes of the Policy and how do these fit with the wider aims of the organization?
The Statement of Community (SCI) sets out how and when stakeholders and the local community can participate in the preparation of local planning policy documents and planning applications. Engagement with the local community is an essential part of the planning process, particularly at an early stage, and can enable communities to shape the area where they live. The Council has a duty to prepare an SCI and to follow the procedures set out in the document. The SCI meets the wider aims of the council for corporate and customer excellence, and supports the council's Corporate Equality Policy.
2. How do these aims affect our duty to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimization and other conduct prohibited by the act.• Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.• Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
By undertaking public consultation in accordance with the processes set out in the SCI the duty will be met.
3. What aspects of the policy including how it is delivered or accessed could contribute to inequality?
The SCI seeks to address inequality through stakeholder engagement and public consultation.
4. Will the policy have an impact (positive or negative) upon the lives of people, including particular communities and groups who have protected characteristics ? What evidence do you have for this?
The SCI will have a positive impact upon all members of the public, including groups who have protected characteristics, by setting out the plan making and planning application stages for stakeholder engagement and public consultations, together with the range of consultation methods to suit all potential respondents.

If the answer to the second question has identified potential impacts and you have answered yes to any of the remaining questions then you should carry out a full EQIA set out as stage 2 below.