

## Equality Impact Assessment Part 1: Screening Form

<b>Title of report or proposal:</b>
Publication of Bolton's Allocations Plan (ECME75/13)

<b>Department:</b>	Development and Regeneration
<b>Section/SIAP unit:</b>	Economic Strategy
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2013

This report is for decision and is therefore subject to an Equality Impact Assessment. The following questions have been completed to ensure that this proposal, procedure or working practice does not discriminate against any particular social group. Details of the outcome of the Equality Impact Assessment have also been included in the main body of the report.

### Equality Impact Assessment Questions

<b>1.</b>	<b>Describe in summary the aims, objectives and purpose of the proposal, including desired outcomes:</b>
	<p>The council's planning policy is set out in the adopted Core Strategy and Unitary Development Plan policies. The Allocations Plan will assist in implementing the Core Strategy by expressing its policies on a Proposals Map and through the addition of a small number of additional policies.</p> <p>The council consulted on its Draft Allocations Plan between November 2011 and January 2012; 553 responses were received. These were considered in detail and some changes made as a result. In addition, two recent Central Government publications: Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and the National Planning Policy Framework, together with changes in the availability of potential development sites have also necessitated changes.</p> <p>The council consulted on proposed changes to the Draft Allocations Plan between September 2012 and December 2012; 114 responses were received.</p> <p>The report sets out further proposed changes to be made as a result of consultation responses, and summarises the content of the Plan as a whole. It explains what happens once the plan is published and the opportunities for representation.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the proposal?</b>

	<p>The main stakeholders are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bolton Council</li><li>• Elected Members</li><li>• Local residents and other members of the public</li><li>• Applicants and their agents</li><li>• All those with an interest in future development in the Borough.</li></ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>In summary, what are the anticipated (positive or negative) impacts of the proposal?</b>
	<p>The Local Plan is a spatial expression of the community strategy and should result in a sustainable future for the Borough</p>

**4. With regard to the stakeholders identified above and the diversity groups set out below:**

	<b>Is there any potential for (positive or negative) differential impact?</b>	<b>Could this lead to adverse impact and if so what?</b>	<b>Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group, or for any other reason?</b>	<b>Please detail what measures or changes you will put in place to remedy any identified adverse impact</b>
<b>Race</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Religion</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Disability</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Gender (including gender reassignment)</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Age</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Sexuality</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			

<b>Caring status (including pregnancy &amp; maternity)</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Marriage and civil partnership</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Socio-economic</b>	No potential for differential impact has been identified.			
<b>Other comments or issues</b>	Any potential for differential impact has been explored through previous consultations. The proposals are, in the main, a response to this and as such, we do not anticipate any further differential impact will be identified.			
<p><b>Please provide a list of the evidence used to inform this EIA, such as the results of consultation, service take-up, service monitoring, surveys, stakeholder comments and complaints where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>If you have undertaken consultation as part of the proposal, the consultation manager will upload it on to the corporate database.</b></p>			<p><i>Consultations undertaken between November 2011 and January 2012, and September and December 2012 which included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Through the council's website</i></li> <li>• <i>Documents placed for inspection at Bolton Town Hall and in all libraries</i></li> <li>• <i>Through direct letters to consultees.</i></li> <li>• <i>Via the local media</i></li> </ul>	

5.a	<p><b>Are there any gaps in your evidence or conclusions that make it difficult for you to quantify the potential adverse impact?</b></p>
	<p>The proposals are, in the main, a response to previous consultations, which explored potential for differential impact; as such, we do not anticipate any further differential impact will be identified.</p>
5.b	<p><b>If so, please explain how you will explore the proposal in greater depth or please explain why no further action is required at this time.</b></p>
	<p>There will be an opportunity for representations to be made on the Published Allocations Plan. This will be undertaken using similar methodology to the undertaken at the Draft Allocations Plan stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the council's website</li> <li>• Documents will be placed for inspection at Bolton Town Hall and in all libraries</li> <li>• Through direct letters to consultees. Everybody who responded at previous consultations on the Allocations Plan stage will be contacted.</li> <li>• Using local media</li> </ul>
<p><b>You may wish to consider undertaking secondary data analysis, further consultation or research or investigating best practice. If you are planning to undertake further consultation or research as a result of this EIA, please contact the Consultation Manager on ext. 1083.</b></p>	

**This EIA form and report has been checked and countersigned by the Departmental Equalities Officer before proceeding to Executive Member(s)**

Please confirm the outcome of this EIA:

No major impact identified, therefore no major changes required – proceed

Adjustments to remove barriers / promote equality (mitigate impact) have been identified – proceed

Continue despite having identified potential for adverse impact/missed opportunities for promoting equality – this requires a strong justification

Stop and rethink - the EIA identifies actual or potential unlawful discrimination

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