



Equality Impact Assessment

Part 1 - Initial Assessment or screening

Name of Policy/Function: Draft Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)		This is new
	✓	This is a change to an existing policy
		This is an existing policy, not previously assessed

Date of screening	19.08.14
Name of screener	Ed Morgan

1. Briefly describe its aims & objectives

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how and when stakeholders can influence new planning documents covering the Borough and the ways in which comments on planning applications, as well as other forms of submissions such as applications for listed building consent are considered.

The Draft Statement of Community Involvement underwent a public consultation between Wednesday 2 July 2014 and Wednesday 13 August 2014 and therefore, this is an updated EIA taking into account any changes that have been made to the SCI document.

2. Are there external considerations? (legislation/government directive etc)

In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Borough Council has produced this Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI will address the community, businesses and other organisations with an interest in the development of the Borough by setting out how the Borough Council will engage with them on the planning system. Minimum requirements for consultation are set out in 'The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012' (The Regulations) in the case of Planning Policy Documents and 'The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010' (DMPO) for planning applications.

3. Who are the stakeholders and what are their interests?

Local residents within the Borough who might be affected by a land use development in their area and future occupiers of new development; Developers, land owners and design professionals involved in the planning process. Other

professionals or organisations with a vested interest in the Borough.

Internally, Planning Officers involved in determining applications and consulting and developing planning policy documents.

4. What outcomes do we want to achieve and for whom?

The Council want as many stakeholders as possible to be involved in the planning process. This will make the planning process as inclusive as possible and result in the built environment reflecting what the local residents, businesses and visitors want for the Borough.

5. Has any consultation/research been carried out?

The Draft Statement of Community Involvement underwent a public consultation between Wednesday 2 July 2014 and Wednesday 13 August 2014 and therefore, this is an updated EIA taking into account any changes that have been made to the SCI document.

Minor modifications to the SCI have been made as a result of the consultation responses received and now the document is being submitted to the Borough Council's Members, seeking their approval or it to be adopted.

Research into the latest regulations and statutory requirements has been undertaken to inform the content of this report.

6. Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate the possibility of inequalities/negative impacts? (Consider & identify any evidence you have - equality data relating to usage & satisfaction levels, complaints, comments, research, outcomes of review, issues raised at previous consultations, known inequalities) If so please provide details.

No.

7. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?

(**Positive** – it could benefit, **Negative** – it could disadvantage, **Neutral** – neither positive nor negative impact or **Not sure?**)

	Type of impact, reason & any evidence
Disability	Positive - The documents will be available on the website.
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	Positive - Alternative languages will be accommodated on request.
Age	Neutral.
Gender	Neutral.

Reassignment	
Sex	Neutral.
Sexual Orientation	Neutral.
Religion/Belief	Neutral.
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Neutral.
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral.

8. Could other socio-economic groups be affected e.g. carers, ex-offenders, low incomes?

No.

9. Are there any human rights implications?

No.

10. Is there an opportunity to promote equality and/or good community relations?

Yes. The consultation methods will endeavour to consult all residents (where appropriate).

11. If you have indicated a negative impact for any group is that impact legal (not discriminatory under anti-discrimination legislation)?

Not applicable.

12. Is any part of this policy/service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors?

No.

13. Is a full impact assessment required?

No.

14. Date by which a full impact assessment is to be completed and actions

Not applicable.

Please note that you should proceed to a Part 2, the full Equality Impact Assessment if you have identified actual, or the potential to cause, adverse impact or discrimination against different groups in the community.

We are satisfied that an initial screening has been carried out and a full impact assessment **is not required*** (please delete as appropriate).

Completed by: Ed Morgan

Date: 04.04.14

Countersigned by:

Date:

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