

Equality Impact Assessment Form



Directorate: Development & Regeneration	Service: Planning
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Subject Title: Local Plan Review – Proposed Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation	
1. DESCRIPTION	
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	Yes - a new Local Plan for West Lancs
Is a service being designed, redesigned or cutback:	No
Is a commissioning plan or contract specification being developed:	No
Is a budget being set or funding allocated:	No
Is a programme or project being planned:	No
Are recommendations being presented to senior managers and/or Councillors:	Yes
Does the activity contribute to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty (Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations):	Yes
Details of the matter under consideration:	Consideration of options for the meeting of unmet housing need from a neighbouring authority and consequential matters of changing the Green Belt within the Local Plan.
<p><i>If you answered Yes to any of the above go straight to Section 3</i> <i>If you answered No to all the above please complete Section 2</i></p>	
2. RELEVANCE	
Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):	Yes/No* <i>*delete as appropriate</i>
If Yes , provide details of how this impacts on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders): <i>If you answered Yes go to Section 3</i>	
If you answered No to both Sections 1 and 2 provide details of why there is no impact on these three groups: <i>You do not need to complete the rest of this form.</i>	
3. EVIDENCE COLLECTION	
Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)?	A new Local Plan will ultimately, directly or indirectly, affect all stakeholders in West Lancashire, be they residents, businesses or other organisations.
If the work being carried out relates to a universal service, who needs or uses it most? (Is there any	n/a.

particular group affected more than others)?	
Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out?	<i>*delete as appropriate</i>
Age	No
Gender	No
Disability	No
Race and Culture	No
Sexual Orientation	No
Religion or Belief	No
Gender Reassignment	No
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No
Pregnancy and Maternity	No
4. DATA ANALYSIS	
In relation to the work being carried out, and the service/function in question, who is actually or currently using the service and why?	The Local Plan provides policy that is used to determine planning applications and provides strategy that guides the delivery of new infrastructure and new development across West Lancs, and so will be used by applicants, residents, statutory consultees and the Council in making planning decisions.
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	A new Local Plan is unlikely to impact the usage of the service/function in question and will not directly affect any protected characteristics of the stakeholders involved.
What are people's views about the services? Are some customers more satisfied than others, and if so what are the reasons? Can these be affected by the proposals?	People's views on the Local Plan in general will depend upon how directly they are affected by allocation of new development or specific policies where they wish to deliver new development (or don't wish to see development).
What sources of data including consultation results have you used to analyse the impact of the work being carried out on users/stakeholders with protected characteristics?	Guidance provided through the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Census data and a range of other data have been included in the evidence base that informs the preparation of the Local Plan.
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:	The decision related to Sefton's unmet housing need being considered by Cabinet will ultimately be incorporated into the Publication version of the Local Plan, which will be subject to public consultation.
5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS	
In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?	A new Local Plan will generally affect people with protected characteristics no differently than those without those characteristics. However, some policies in the Local Plan (most notably related to Travellers and to provision for the Elderly – issues not being considered in this decision) will have a positive impact on those

	protected groups as those policies specifically seek to ensure opportunities for development that cater to those groups' needs are provided.
6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT	
If there is a negative impact what action can be taken to mitigate it? (If it is not possible or desirable to take actions to reduce the impact, explain why this is the case (e.g. legislative or financial drivers etc.).	There is no negative impact at this stage.
What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?	No actions. <i>If no actions are planned state no actions</i>
7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING	
When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?	At each key stage of Local Plan preparation.