

# Equality Impact Assessment Form



<b>Directorate: Planning, Economy, Wellbeing and Leisure</b>	<b>Service: Planning and Regulatory Services</b>
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<b>Subject Title: Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monies for Halsall to Scarisbrick Towpath Improvements (Revised Bid)</b>	
<b>1. DESCRIPTION</b>	
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	No <span style="float: right;"><i>*delete as appropriate</i></span>
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:	Yes
Is a programme or project being planned:	Yes
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 ( <b>Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations</b> ):	Yes
Details of the matter under consideration:	The approval and allocation of CIL monies to the Canal and River Trust to carry out towpath improvements adjacent to the Leeds Liverpool Canal between Halsall Warehouse Bridge on Summerwood Lane to Scarisbrick Bridge at Scarisbrick Marina.
<p><i>If you answered <b>Yes</b> to any of the above go straight to Section 3</i></p> <p><i>If you answered <b>No</b> to all the above please complete Section 2</i></p>	
<b>2. RELEVANCE</b>	
Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):	Yes <span style="float: right;"><i>*delete as appropriate</i></span>
If <b>Yes</b> , provide details of how this impacts on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders): <i>If you answered <b>Yes</b> go to Section 3</i>	The project will deliver a sustainable transport project between Halsall and Scarisbrick.
If you answered <b>No</b> 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>	-
<b>3. EVIDENCE COLLECTION</b>	
Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)?	The expenditure will benefit the residents and businesses within the locality, as well as the visitors to the borough by delivering

	improvements to sustainable existing infrastructure and green spaces that link in to a wider existing green infrastructure.
If the work being carried out relates to a universal service, who needs or uses it most? (Is there any particular group affected more than others)?	N/A
Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out?  Age Gender Disability Race and Culture Sexual Orientation Religion or Belief Gender Reassignment Marriage and Civil Partnership Pregnancy and Maternity	<i>*delete as appropriate</i>  Yes Yes Yes Yes No No No No No
<b>4. DATA ANALYSIS</b>	
In relation to the work being carried out, and the service/function in question, who is actually or currently using the service and why?	Service-users include, but not be limited to, members of the public, residents of the borough and wider area using the route for connectivity and leisure pursuits.
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	Provision of improved infrastructure can only benefit stakeholders.
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?	The Council consults on proposals for spending and a public consultation exercise has been carried out. There is overall strong support for this project to be delivered as it would improve physical and mental well-being.
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?	Consultation of this project was carried out in October 2023 as part of the annual CIL Funding Programme 2023, seeking support (or otherwise) and views on this project. These are presented in this report as part of Appendix 1.
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:	N/A
<b>5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS</b>	
In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?	Provision of improved infrastructure can only benefit all parts of the community, including those with protected characteristics.
<b>6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT</b>	

<p>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.).</p>	<p>No negative impacts have been identified.</p>
<p>What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?</p>	<p>No actions.</p> <p><i>If no actions are planned state no actions</i></p>
<p><b>7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING</b></p>	
<p>When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?</p>	<p>N/A</p>