

Equality Impact Assessment Form



Directorate: Development & Regeneration		Service: Planning	
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Subject Title: Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation			
1. DESCRIPTION			
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	Yes	This consultation proposed marks the first step in producing 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:	Proposals for public consultation on the Scope and Issues & Options for the Local Plan Review		
<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? 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> No No No No No No No No 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. All are able to participate in the public consultation being proposed.
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	The impact of a new Local Plan cannot currently be assessed as it is too early in the preparation of the document. The proposed consultation will have no impact on stakeholders other than inviting them to engage in the preparation of a new Local Plan.
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. These views may well be affected by proposals in a new Local Plan but it is too early in the process to assess this.
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:	Cabinet decision is whether to consult or not on the Scope and Issues & Options for the Local Plan Review.
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)?	The decision on whether to consult at this point or not will not have an impact on people with protected characteristics, although all will be able to engage with the consultation. The Local Plan itself may, in due course, identify impacts on specific groups with particular protected

	characteristics, for example Travellers and Older Persons.
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 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.