

# Equality Impact Assessment Form



<b>Directorate: Development and Regeneration</b>		<b>Service: Planning</b>	
<b>Completed by: Ian Bond</b>		<b>Date: 30/09/17</b>	
<b>Subject Title: Application for the confirmation of the Article 4 Direction covering the Granville Park Conservation Area, Aughton.</b>			
<b>1. DESCRIPTION</b>			
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	No	<i>*delete as appropriate</i>	
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 ( <b>Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations</b> ):	Yes		
Details of the matter under consideration:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of the Article 4 Direction covering Granville Park Conservation Area which was made at a previous Cabinet (13 June 2017)</li> </ul>		
<p><i>If you answered <b>Yes</b> to any of the above <b>go straight to Section 3</b></i></p> <p><i>If you answered <b>No</b> to all the above <b>please complete Section 2</b></i></p>			
<b>2. RELEVANCE</b>			
Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):	Yes/No*	<i>*delete as appropriate</i>	
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 <b>Section 3</b></i>			
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)?	Residents of Granville Park Conservation Area.		
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)?	No		

Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out?	
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
<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?	N/A
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	The Article 4 Direction adds a further layer of planning restrictions on properties within the Conservations Area.
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?	Consultation with residents affected by the proposals has been undertaken. No comments or enquiries were received.
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?	The views of residents (via a workshop, direct consultation and from an exhibition) have been incorporated into the draft document.
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:	
<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)?	Article 4 Directions remove certain planning 'permitted development' rights from homeowners and therefore can have a negative impact on those residents. However the work has been justified by the Council's duty to preserve the character and appearance of conservation areas. This work helps the Council fulfil that statutory duty.
<b>6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT</b>	
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.).	Homeowners affected by the Directions have the opportunity to apply for planning permission and in some instances apply for compensation if their applications are refused planning permission.
What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?	A risk assessment has been undertaken identifying that the risk of such action is low.
<b>7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING</b>	
When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?	We have a general duty to review all the Borough's Conservation Areas from time to

time. We currently have a program to review and monitor conservation areas.