

Equality Impact Assessment

Purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment process:

The Equality Act (2010) introduced the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) (PSED) requiring public bodies to give due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations

Consideration must be given to the protected characteristics covered by the Equality Act (2010). Assessments should consider relevant evidence relating to persons with protected characteristics in relation to assessments of potential impact.

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that policies, functions, plans or decisions (hereafter referred to as 'policy/ decision') do not create unnecessary barriers for people protected under the Act. Where negative impacts are identified these should be eliminated or minimised, and opportunities for positive impact should be maximised. An EIA is not required for a decision in relation to an individual.

Screening is a short exercise to determine whether a policy/ decision is relevant to equalities, and if so, whether a full EIA should be conducted.

Section 1: Equality Impact Assessment Screening

Title and description of the policy/ decision:		Mid Devon Infrastructure List December 2024	
Job title of the person(s) undertaking the assessment:		Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer	
Council service:		Development Management	
Date of assessment:		2 nd October 2024	
What are the aims, purposes, objectives and proposed outcomes of the policy/ decision?			
To publish a list of Infrastructure which the Council intends may be funded (partly or wholly) by developer contributions			
Who may be affected by the policy/ decision?		All residents of Mid Devon	
How have stakeholders been involved in the development of the policy/ decision? E.g. a consultation exercise		The list is informed by the Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 and other planning policy documents	
Will there be scope for prompt, independent reviews and appeals against decisions arising from the policy/ decision?		It is unlikely. The list is predominantly for information purposes though there is a statutory requirement to publish the list under The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended)	
To which part(s) of the Public Sector Equality Duties is the policy/ decision relevant:			
	Yes	No	Details
1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Advance equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	To provide infrastructure through development available which will be of benefit to all Mid Devon residents
3. Foster good relations between different groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Which of the protected characteristics is the policy/ decision relevant to?

Tick and briefly describe any likely equalities impact (positive, negative, or neutral)

Characteristic	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Comments
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure to benefit a range of age groups
Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible facilities delivered where possible
Religion or Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Characteristic	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Comments
Race	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pregnancy/ maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Marriage and Civil partnership*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

*Applies only to Employment and the duty to give regard to the elimination of discrimination.

Decision by Corporate Manager to recommend this policy/ decision for an Equality Impact Assessment?

Yes/~~No~~

If the answer is “Yes”, please continue to the Section 2 and complete the Equality Impact Assessment. If the answer is “No”, please give a brief reason here.

The Council has a statutory duty to publish a list of infrastructure types it intends may be funded through development. Whether or not those items of Infrastructure on the list are delivered depend on a suite of other factors – the list itself is primarily for guidance and any funding received through development requires relevant development proposals to come forward and for any infrastructure that may be funded by such a development to be directly related to that development.

The Infrastructure List is primarily informed by the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan which has been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment in 2017 and an Addendum in 2019 which was necessary following the Council’s proposed Main Modifications to the local plan. The Inspector has considered the Equalities Impact Assessment as part of the examination process for the local plan and has had regard to the Equality Act 2010.

EIA Screening Complete

Section 2: Equality Impact Assessment

Evidence and Consultation

What existing sources of information have you gathered to help identify how people covered by the protected characteristics may be affected by this policy/ decision? E.g. consultations, national or local data and/or research, complaints or customer feedback. Please identify any gaps in the available information that might make it difficult to form an opinion about the effect of the policy on different groups.

Please complete this table for all the Protected Characteristics. If you have identified any negative impacts you will need to consider how these can be justified or where possible mitigated either to reduce or remove them. (Please add rows where needed)

Potential Impacts/ Issues Identified/ Opportunities identified	Mitigation required (action) or Justification	Lead Officer and target completion date	What is the expected outcome from the action?
Sex			
Age			
Disability			
Religion or Belief			
Race			
Sexual Orientation			
Gender Reassignment			

Pregnancy/ maternity			
Marriage and Civil partnership (Applies only to Employment and the duty to give regard to the elimination of discrimination)			

Please provide details of arrangements to monitor and review the policy/ decision and any mitigating actions or actions to promote equality:

Please state where the EIA will be published (e.g. on the Mid Devon District Council website):

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Equality Impact Assessment Sign off

For completion by Director of Place and Economy

Are you prepared to agree and sign off the EIA?

Yes **No**

If "No", provide details of why and next steps:

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Job Title: Director of Economy and Place

Date: 11th November 2024