Equality Impact Assessment

For support in completing this EQIA, please consult the EQIA Guidance Document or contact equality@rbwm.gov.uk



1. Background Information

Title of policy/strategy/plan:	Public Path Diversion Order application Maidenhead Footpath 19
Service area:	Neighbourhood Services
Directorate:	Place

Provide a brief explanation of the proposal:

- What are its intended outcomes?
- Who will deliver it?
- Is it a new proposal or a change to an existing one?

The Public Path Diversion Order application for Maidenhead Footpath 19 seeks to divert the existing route of part of the path from a cross field path to a field edge path in order to accommodate the provision of additional football pitches. The applicant will deliver the changes on the ground if an Order is confirmed.

2. Relevance Check

Is this proposal likely to directly impact people, communities or RBWM employees?

- If Yes, state 'Yes' and proceed to Section 3.
- If No, please explain why not, including how you've considered equality issues.
- Will this proposal need a EQIA at a later stage? (for example, for a forthcoming action plan)

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If 'No', proceed to 'Sign off'. If unsure, please contact equality@rbwm.gov.uk
3. Evidence Gathering and Stakeholder Engagement
Who will be affected by this proposal? For example, users of a particular service, residents of a geographical area, staff
Path users which could be local residents or visitors to the Borough. The majority are likely to be local residents.
Among those affected by the proposal, are protected characteristics (age, sex, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, marriage/civil partnership) disproportionately represented? For example, compared to the general population do a higher proportion have disabilities?
Amongst path users protected characteristics are not expected to be disproportionately represented.
What engagement/consultation has been undertaken or planned?
 How has/will equality considerations be taken into account? Where known, what were the outcomes of this engagement?
Local user groups and the local parish council have been consulted. If an Order is made there will be a wider public consultation before the Order can be confirmed.
What sources of data and evidence have been used in this assessment? Please consult the <u>EQIA Evidence Matrix</u> for relevant data. Examples of other possible sources of information are in the Guidance document (Section 2.3).
Informal consultation responses to date. Formal consultation responses will be taken into consideration if an Order is made.

4. Equality Analysis

Please detail, using supporting evidence:

- How the protected characteristics below might influence the needs and experiences of individuals, in relation to this proposal.
- How these characteristics might affect the impact of this proposal.

Tick positive/negative impact as appropriate. If there is no impact, or a neutral impact, state 'Not Applicable'.

More information on each protected characteristic is provided in the EQIA Guidance document (available on the intranet).

	Details and supporting evidence	Potential positive impact	Potential negative impact
Age	The Public Path Diversion Order application will improve the surface conditions of part of the path improving access for people of all ages	Yes	
Disability	The Public Path Diversion Order application will improve the surface conditions of part of the path improving access for people with disabilities.	Yes	
Sex	N/A		
Race, ethnicity and religion	N/A		
Sexual orientation and gender reassignment	N/A		
Pregnancy and maternity		Yes	
Marriage and civil partnership	N/A		
Armed forces community	N/A		

Socio-economic considerations e.g. low income, poverty	N/A	
Children in care/Care leavers	N/A	

5. Impact Assessment and Monitoring

If you have not identified any disproportionate impacts and the questions below are not applicable, leave them blank and proceed to Sign Off.

What measures have been taken to ensure that groups with protected characteristics are able to benefit from this change, or are not disadvantaged by it?
For example, adjustments needed to accommodate the needs of a particular group
Where a potential negative impact cannot be avoided, what measures have been put in place to mitigate or minimise this?
 For planned future actions, provide the name of the responsible individual and the target
date for implementation.
How will the equality impacts identified here be monitored and reviewed in the future?

6. Sign Off

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Approved by: Alysse Strachan	Date: 24/11/2023

If this version of the EQIA has been reviewed and/or updated:

Reviewed by:	Date: