

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (January 2021)

Section 1: Your details

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Directorate: Neighbourhood Services

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Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

The introduce no waiting at any time restrictions to allow enforcement of the existing double yellow lines in place. These restrictions will ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians and deter future parking in the existing cycle lane and on footways along New Chester Road.

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Committee meeting? No, EIA will be included as part of an Officer Decision Notice.

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

N/A

Hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any protected groups (age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

Which group(s) of people could be affected	Potential positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications
Disability/Age/ All	Positive – the proposals will enable a safe space for cycling and walking.	n/a	K.Reynolds	n/a	Staff Resource
Disability/Age/ All	Negative – parking for residents will be affected.	Alternative parking locations have been identified and communicated in the responses. Also the council do not require to provide on street parking. The parking restrictions won't have an affect on blue badge users.	K.Reynolds	n/a	Staff Resource
All	Positive - Journey times of all users may increase as a result of the introduction of a cycle lane and double yellow lines.	An alternative safe, affordable, and direct method of travel (walking	K.Reynolds	n/a	Staff Resource

		and cycling) has been made available for all users.			
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Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

Works will be supervised during construction and checked upon completion to ensure adherence to design and safety guidelines. The double yellow lines will then be enforced by the police and traffic enforcement officers.

As with all Wirral Council highway schemes, the proposals will be monitored and reviewed if required, to ensure compliance with national active travel design guidance.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

N/A

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

TSRGD 2016, LTN 1/20, Gear Change, Road Safety Audit combined stage 1 & 2, Manufacturers/Suppliers trade literature.

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

A public consultation exercise including stakeholders, elected members, internal departments of WBC, and local residents. This will be carried out prior to any decision making process (in line with Council democratic procedures) regarding the introduction of the proposals.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 4. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published** (section 2a)
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 4)
- c) **Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 4 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**