

Equality Impact Assessment

This **online** equality impact assessment should:

An equality impact assessment should take place when considering doing something in a new way. Please submit your completed EIA as an appendix to your committee report. Please remember that this will be a public document – do not use jargon or abbreviations.

Service

Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy

Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy: Existing New/Proposed

Lead Officer

People involved with completing the EIA

Step 1.1: Make sure you have clear aims and objectives

Q1. What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?

Q2.

Who is intended to benefit? Who will it have a detrimental effect on and how?

Step 1.2: Collecting your information

Q3. Using existing data (if available) and thinking about each group below, does, or could, the policy, service, function, project or strategy have a negative impact on the groups below?

Group	Negative	Positive/No Impact	Unclear
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith, religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender including marriage, pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation including civic partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other socially excluded groups such as carers, areas of deprivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Step 1.3 – Is there a need to consult!

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Q4. Who have you consulted with? If you haven't consulted yet please list who you are going to consult with? Please give examples of how you have or are going to consult with specific groups of communities

Defra have been consulted on the proposed variation and have confirmed that the change is the correct way to proceed. Formal consultation on the proposed variation to the Order was undertaken in August 2016. The consultation was open to the public and any interested party through an on line survey via the Council's web site. It was also sent specifically to key stakeholders (Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council Public Health, Lancashire County Council Highways, Public Health England, National Health Service and Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce). No objections were received to the proposal to amend the Air Quality Management Area order to include the likely exceedance of the 1 hour nitrogen dioxide objective.

Step 1.4 – Assessing the impact

Q5. Using the existing data and the assessment in questions 3 what does it tell you, is there an impact on some groups in the community?

Age: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Disability: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Faith, Religion or Belief: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Gender including Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Gender Reassignment: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Race: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

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Sexual Orientation including Civic Partnership: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Rural Communities: The proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area order for the City of Lancaster addresses an important administrative update about air pollution levels in parts of central Lancaster, serving the interests of residents living in areas close to busy roads and highest concentrations of air pollution from road traffic. There is no detrimental impact on anyone as a consequence of the proposed variation to the order.

Step 1.5 – What are the differences?

Q6. If you are either directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to change this or mitigate the negative impact?

There is no direct or indirect discrimination arising from the proposed variation to the Air Quality Management Area Order.

Q7. Do you need any more information/evidence eg statistic, consultation. If so how do you plan to address this?

No

Step 1.6 – Make a recommendation based on steps 1.1 to 1.5

Q8. If you are in a position to make a recommendation to change or introduce the policy, service, function, project or strategy, clearly show how it was decided on.

The council has a duty under Part 4 of the Environment Act 1995 to monitor and manage local air quality. Variation of the AQMA order is a requirement under these duties. The Council has followed closely the Government’s recommended methodology for the proposed variation of the Lancaster Air Quality Management Area Order and our findings and interpretation of required process have been submitted to and accepted by Defra. Although there is no explicit requirement to consult on this change, in accordance with best practice the Council has carried out a public and key stakeholders consultation. No objections were received to the proposed amendment. The Council needs to vary the Air Quality Management Area order for Lancaster as part of its duty to monitor and manage local air quality.

Q9.
If
you
are
not
in a

position to go ahead, what actions are you going to take?

N/A

Q10. How do you plan to monitor the impact and effectiveness of this change or decision?

Change is an administrative change. No monitoring is proposed specific to the proposed amendment. Air Quality monitoring is ongoing and will continue within the Lancaster Air Quality Management Area.