Equality Impact Assessment

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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.

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Service | Regeneration and Planning

Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy

Flood Risk Management Scheme

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

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People involved with completing the EIA

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Step 1.1: Make sure you have clear aims and objectives
Q1. What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?

The aims to address the unacceptably high level of flood risk immediately upstream of Lancaster city centre between Halton Weir and Skerton Bridge. The most vulnerable parts of this area have a 1 in 5 (20%) chance of flooding from the River Lune in any given year.

Q2. Who is intended to benefit? Who will it have a detrimental effect on and how?

Construction of a flood risk management scheme in this location would protect the Riverside Industrial Estate, the Lansil Industrial Estate and the Caton Road Industrial Park from flooding. On the right bank of the river, improved protection for 20 residential properties is also proposed. There are no detrimental effects, although there will be disruption to the riverside path during construction.

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	☐	☒	☐
Disability	☐	☒	☐
Faith, religion or belief	☐	☒	☐
Gender including marriage, pregnancy and maternity	☐	☒	☐
Gender reassignment	☐	☒	☐
Race	☐	☒	☐
Sexual orientation including civic partnerships	☐	☒	☐
Other socially excluded groups such as carers, areas of deprivation	☐	☒	☐
Rural communities	☐	☒	☐

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

> The overall idea of a flood defence scheme along the Lune has been raised with the businesses along
> Caton Road who are in full support of a scheme being developed and delivered.   River user and
> amenity groups will be consulted during the design and planning stage.

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: None	
Disability: Potentially positive impacts in terms of riverside access improvements	
Faith, Religion or Belief: None	
Gender including Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity: None	
Gender Reassignment: None	
Race: None	
Sexual Orientation including Civic Partnership: None	
Rural Communities: None	

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?

> No discrimination effects.

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

> Consultation on desigan and access aspects will be undertaken throiugh the design phase.

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.

> No furtehr recomemndation required

Q9. If you are not in a position to go ahead, what actions are you going to take?

> N/A

Q10. Where necessary, how do you plan to monitor the impact and effectiveness of this change or
decision?

> N/A

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