

## Lancaster City Council's Equality Impact Assessment

### Section 1: Details

<b>Service</b>	Regeneration & Housing
<b>Title and brief description (if required)</b>	Draft Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation Application Acceptance
<b>New or existing</b>	New
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**Does this affect staff, customers or other members of the public?**

No

### Section 2: Summary

**What is the purpose, aims and objectives?**

Under the Localism Act 2011, local communities can produce Neighbourhood Plans, setting out policies on the development and use of land in their area. If the Plans are adopted by the Council they will have the same weight as other Development Plan documents for the Lancaster District. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. It may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area.

First stage

The designation of a Neighbourhood Area by the Council is the first stage in producing a Neighbourhood Plan. It establishes the area to be covered by the Plan.

The Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation is in line with the current parish boundary and therefore must be approved.

**Who is intended to benefit and how?**

A neighbourhood plan will directly impact local communities. However, this impact will be subject to the plans focus e.g. housing, local facilities, open space etc. Equality and diversity and sustainability impact assessments will be required as part of the neighbourhood plan development process. Neighbourhood planning provides rural communities with an

opportunity to shape future development in their area, as well as helping to protect and conserve their heritage and environment (in line with the District's Local Plan and national planning policy guidance).

**Section 3: Assessing impact**

<b>Is there any potential or evidence that this will or could:</b>		
• Affect people from any protected group differently to others?		Yes
• Discriminate unlawfully against any protected group?		No
• Affect the relations between protected groups and others?		No
• Encourage protected groups to participate in activities if participation is disproportionately low (won't always be applicable)?		No
• Prevent the council from achieving the aims of its' Equality and Diversity Policy?		No

<b>If yes, please provide more detail of potential impact and evidence including:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A brief description of what information you have and from where eg getting to know our communities data, service use monitoring, views of those affected ie discussions or consultation results?</li> <li>- What does this tell you ie negative or positive affect?</li> </ul>	
Age  including older and younger people and children	No impact
Disability	No impact
Faith, religion or belief	No impact
Gender  including marriage, pregnancy and maternity	No impact
Gender reassignment	No impact
Race	No impact
Sexual orientation	No impact

Including Civic Partnership	
Rural communities	<p>The Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan designation provides the community with an opportunity to shape future development in their area, as well as helping to protect and conserve their heritage and environment (in line with the District's Local Plan and national planning policy guidance).</p> <p>Carnforth Parish Council will need to engage with its communities to help to inform their Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
People on low incomes	No impact

#### **Section 4: Next steps**

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

N/A

**How have you taken/will you take the potential impact and evidence into account?**

N/A

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

The process following on from the designation of the Neighbourhood Area (creating the Neighbourhood Plan) will need to be informed through the development of the Consultation Strategy/Plan that assesses how groups and individuals can be included in plan making, potential barriers to engagement and potential solutions