

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?

The scheme 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. 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.

Q2.

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

Without intervention the Standard of Protection will decline further due to climate change. The Environment Agency and Lancaster City Council agree that doing nothing in this location is not considered viable as it leaves an unacceptably high level of flood risk leading to the likelihood of businesses closing or moving away. Works undertaken to date include design of the scheme, modelling to ensure the scheme did not cause or exacerbate flooding elsewhere, environmental survey work and ground investigation work including boreholes to ensure defences were going to be suitably sited. A planning application has been submitted and a public information event is planned for early August. In order to have the best chance of meeting the ERDF funding contracting and planning deadlines, officers have identified the need to undertake further work, starting at the earliest opportunity, on finalising design and developing the target cost and Stage 2 contracting package for the project. It is estimated that this work will cost £532K inclusive of contribution to internal staff time.

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"/>

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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!

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 Extensive consultation established the original project objectives and principles. The planning application has been widely publicised and an information event will be held in August.

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: None
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?

Not Applicable

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.

No significant changes intended from previous reports

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable