

<b>Directorate: Environment &amp; Housing</b>	<b>Service area: Public Rights of Way</b>
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**1. Title:** Extinguishment of a Footpath between Chapel Yard and Chapel Street

Is this a:

**Strategy / Policy**
 **Service / Function**
 **Other**

**If other, please specify**

**2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening**

The proposed extinguishment of a footpath between Chapel Yard and Chapel Street, Halton under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

<b>3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</b>		
<b>Questions</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	X	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		X
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li> <li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Fostering good relations</li> </ul>		X

**4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration**

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**

The extinguishment of the footpath would affect all path users but the impact would be greater on those with more limited mobility or with young children as the alternative route is longer and would involve use of a narrow pavement alongside a busy road. Although

the alternative route is only twenty metres longer, it is know that there are disabled users and used by groups of children from a pre-school. The alternative route is also paved with slabs which are cracked and uneven in places, whereas the route proposed to be extinguished has a much smoother surface which was only laid in 2008. Therefore, it is safer and easier to use.

Consultation has been carried out with user groups and adjoining properties.

- **Key findings**

Objections have been received from user groups who consider that the alternative route is not as safe and is longer for path users. This would have a negative impact on all users of the footpath but particularly those who are less mobile of children who would have to use a narrow pavement by a busy road. User groups also spoke to users of the path who did not want it closed and found it a useful link to local services and the library. Library staff also stated that it was well used and the path also provides the only access to a bin store for an adjoining property.

User groups also considered that the development did not require the extinguishment of the footpath as it was only to provide additional garden space which was not development, an alternative could also be provided to avoid the pavement and the development was already being built so extinguishing the footpath is not needed to enable the development.

- **Actions**

The surface of the alternative route could be improved to make it easier to use. However, this would still require the use of a narrow pavement on a busy road. There is no option to improve the width of the pavement here. It would also be a longer route than the footpath proposed to be extinguished. The developer could consider creating a new alternative route but is advance in his development so is unlikely to agree to this and a diversion under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 would not be possible due to the stage of the development. The two options available are to make an Extinguishment Order or refuse to make one. Wider legislation will also need to be taken into consideration

**5. If you are **not** already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment.****

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

**6. Governance, ownership and approval**

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Claire Tregembo	Principal Definitive Map Officer	11 November 2014

<b>7. Publishing</b>	
<b>Date screening completed</b>	11 November 2014
If relates to a Key Decision - <b>date sent to Corporate Governance</b>	
Any other decision – <b>date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)</b>	