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Directorate: Environment & Housing	Service area: Parks & Countryside
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1. Title: Diversions/ Stopping Up of Footpaths and Bridleways at Thorpe Park

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

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

To make a Public Path Stopping Up Order in accordance with Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in respect of a parts various footpaths and bridleways at Thorpe Park

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration		
Questions	Yes	No
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"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		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 proposed diversions will affect people who use the public right of way network in this area. It will include recreational users as well as commuters and utility users. The diversion may affect lower income groups who are more likely to use the public rights of way network on foot or by bicycle because they do not have access to a car. Both Leeds City Council and the developers have consulted with relevant user groups including walkers, horse riders and cyclists.

- **Key findings**

The proposed new routes will provide recreational routes for horse riders, cyclists and walkers. There will also be additional walking and cycling routes for utility trips and commuting on the routes included in the Order and on other routes to be provided by the developer. Some of these will provide shorter and more direct routes than those that currently exist as well as some new links that currently do not exist. The proposal has taken into account the needs of walkers, horse riders and cyclists in terms of the surfaces that they require for use.

- **Actions**

After receiving comments from cyclists an existing public footpath is to be upgraded to bridleway status to provide a more direct link for cyclists to use between the eastern and western ends of Barrowby Lane.

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:	
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Date to complete your impact assessment	
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Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	
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6. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Claire Tregembo	Principal Definitive Map Officer	9 th February 2015

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	9 th February 2014
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If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
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Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	
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