

# Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

<b>Directorate: City Development</b>	<b>Service area: Highways and Transportation</b>
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**1. Title: Section 116 Highways Act 1980-Stopping Up Order and Diversion Order, Sandbed Lane (Byway Arthington 11) in Arthington, Leeds LS21**

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

**If other, please specify:**

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

Promote an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish vehicular rights, divert part and stop up part of the byway known as Sandbed Lane in Arthington, Leeds LS21

**3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration**

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

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"> <li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li> <li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Fostering good relations</li> </ul>		X X X

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

<b>4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration</b>
<p>If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.</p> <p>Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?</b> (<b>think about</b> the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)</li> </ul> <p>Sandbed Lane provides vehicular access to views of the River Wharfe and the viaduct carrying the Leeds to Harrogate railway across it which is particularly convenient for disabled residents of adapted bungalows in Warren Lane.</p> <p>There is concern that a gate at the top of the descent to the riverbank area would discriminate on grounds of disability or age by preventing vehicular access to these views by those who, because of their mobility difficulties, would be less able than others to access them by other means.</p> <p>The Landowner has, therefore, agreed to relocate the gate and provide a parking area for 3 to 4 vehicles on the level ground at the bottom of the hill.</p> <p>Access from Sandbed Lane would still be legally available for wheelchair or mobility scooter users, although the topography and surface are unsuitable.</p>

Fitting a RADAR lock to the barrier, which would allow disabled people with RADAR keys to open it to gain access, has been considered but rejected because the track is too narrow for vehicles to turn without trespassing on farmland.

- **Key findings**  
**(think about** any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another.

Vehicular access to more distant views of the river and viaduct would still be available from Castley Lane on the other side of the river and access from Sandbed Lane would still be legally available to wheelchair or mobility scooters although the unmade surface would make it difficult.

- **Actions**  
**(think about** how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

Removing vehicular access would improve safety for non vehicular users, particularly those with disabilities and older people by removing potential conflict with vehicles

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:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A

**6. Governance, ownership and approval**

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

Name	Job title	Date
Nazneen Malik	Operations Manager, Site Development	22 January 2020

**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](mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk). For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

<b>Date screening completed</b>	22 January 2020
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>	22 January 2020