

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) 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 or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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1. Title: Motorcycle Parking Security and Availability Improvement Scheme

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy
 Service / Function
 Other

If other, please specify

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

Leeds City Council is proposing the introduction of 44 motorcycle spaces with locking anchors spread across 16 locations within the district. These will be in off streets car parks shown below.

Car Park Location	Motorcycle Parking Spaces
Ivegate, Yeadon, LS197RE	2
Annie Street, Morley, LS278QH	4
King Lane Park & Ride	4

Charles Street, Farsley, LS28 5JW	2
High Street Pavilion Morley, LS27 0AA	2
High Street Post Office Morley,	2
Pudsey Leisure Centre, LS28 7BW	2
Wilderness, Wetherby	2
Lidget Hill, LS28 7LG	4
Main Street LS25 1AF	4
Fink Hill, Horsforth LS18 5DX	4
Hallfield Lane (Cluster of Nuts) LS16 7RY	2
Barley Hill Road LS25 1DY	2
Pudsey Civic	2
Burley Road	2
Kirkstall Road	4

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies and policies, service and functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater or 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. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

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 	x	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		
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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**.

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.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?** (**think about** 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)

Potential impacts, both positive and negative, have been considered with the use of existing sources of information. This included published research, reports and examples of Best Practice.

Improved security and availability motorcycle parking is consulted on in the Leeds Safer Roads Partnership which includes the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG). MAG and the police have been consulted with on the sites proposed. Environmental Services, Communities & Environment Section have consulted with councillors and the planned locations have been amended.

Relevant internal LCC departments including parking services and traffic management have been consulted with.

Motorcycles and other powered two wheelers can be lower cost to own and run than cars,

so improved parking availability will improve equality of accessibility. This increases accessibility opportunities for lower income groups. They also have lower pollution levels than cars and pollution levels are generally higher in low income areas, so a shift from cars to motorcycles would have health benefits for lower income areas.

- **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)

The increased motorcycle parking will improve accessibility as it reduces the risk of motorcycles being parked in inappropriate places like cycle parking and chained to railings. This reduces the risk of motorcycles being ridden onto or blocking the footway.

The vast majority of the increased motorcycle parking provision does not require removal of car parking, so car users will not be significantly impacted. Where car parking is removed this is proposed in underutilised car parks, so there should be minimal impact on car parking space availability.

Improving air quality, reducing pollution and noise. Increasing the availability of motorcycle parking would be positive if it encouraged mode shift from cars to motorcycles as air quality would be improved, pollution and noise reduced.

The European Commission's Motor Vehicle Emissions Group noted that in comparison to cars, motorcycles could achieve a saving in fuel of 55% to 81% on urban journeys. Motorcycles also produce fewer harmful emissions. A motorcycle produces 43% fewer particulates, 45.5% fewer Sulphur Oxides, 50% fewer Hydrocarbons, 50% fewer Oxides of Nitrogen, 50.3% less Carbon Monoxide and 64.7% less Carbon Dioxide per kilometre than a car.

Improving the security and availability of motorcycle parking in Leeds will encourage sustainable modal shift from cars to motorbikes which will reduce pollution and better utilize road and parking space. It will also reduce the risk of theft and antisocial behaviour and improve accessibility.

Low income and poverty

A 2015 ICL study has found that ethnic minorities and deprived communities in densely populated urban areas are disproportionately exposed to air pollution therefore a switch to less polluting vehicles is likely to benefit this equality group in particular.

Motorcycles and other powered two wheelers can be lower cost to own and run than cars, so improved parking availability will improve equality of accessibility. This increases accessibility opportunities for lower income groups. West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040: 'Motorcycles are another convenient, affordable and efficient form of transport in their use of fuel and of road space. Levels of motorcycle usage could increase due to the lower costs associated with motorcycles and the limited alternative transport options in some areas.

Motorcycles can also reduce Covid risk exposure compared to bus use. Increasing Motorcycle parking provision encourages physical activity & social inclusion.

Children:

In Leeds the proportion of young people is above the national average. The project could reduce pollution and improve the health of children. That 'Children can travel around the city safely and independently' was the first of the children's 12 wishes on how to make Leeds a Child Friendly City. Reducing motorcycle theft and illegal use would help achieve this aim.

Older People

In the Leeds the percentage of people over 65 is below the national average. Older people generally have more health issues, so reducing the amount of pavement parking by motorbikes could encourage older people with issues walking to lead a more active life and access more opportunities. The project reducing pollution would have positive health impacts for older people and encourage active travel and exercise.

Disabled people

Reducing the amount of pavement parking by motorcycles could encourage disabled people with issues walking to lead a more active life and access more opportunities. The project reducing pollution would have positive health impacts for disabled people and encourage active travel and exercise.

Women

Women are also less likely to have access to a car, so suffer disproportionately from the effect of pollution. A reduction in pollution caused by a switch to less polluting vehicles would have health benefits for women.

BAME

There is a lower proportion of BAME residents in Leeds than the national average. A 2015 ICL study has found that ethnic minorities and deprived communities in densely populated urban areas are disproportionately exposed to air pollution therefore a switch to less polluting vehicles is likely to benefit this equality group in particular.

- **Actions**

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

Consultation with Motorcycle action group and police to promote use of secure motorcycle parking and appropriate locks to reduce risk of theft. The motorcycle parking spaces will have a secure anchor that motorbikes can be chained to, which reduces the risk of theft. There is also a sign on the anchor that reminds users to lock the motorcycle with a sold secure standard lock and chain. Promote new spaces to discourage illegal parking that can cause accessibility issues.

The vast majority of the increased motorcycle parking provision does not require removal

of car parking, so car users will not be significantly impacted. Where car parking is removed this is proposed in underutilised car parks, so there should be minimal impact on car parking space availability.

There will be some disruption during the works but the impacts can be minimised.

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

Name	Job title	Date
Date screening completed		

7. Publishing

Though **all** key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council **only** publishes those related to **Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions or a Significant Operational Decision**.

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.
- The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.
- A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent:
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For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: