

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

Introduction

This EqIA is for:

King St / Lindley's Lane & Queen St / Lindley's Lane (parking

restrictions) - Traffic Regulation Order 4196

Details are set out:

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The Public Sector Equality Duty which is set out in the Equality Act 2010 requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

The purpose of carrying out an Equality Impact Assessment is to assess the impact of a change to services or policy on people with protected characteristics and to demonstrate that the Council has considered the aims of the Equality Duty.

Part A: Impact, consultation and proposed mitigation

1 What are the potential impacts of proposal? Has any initial consultation informed the identification of impacts?

Lindley's Lane is a residential road in Kirkby in Ashfield off the B6020 Urban Road, which is the main road running through the town centre. There are a number of small cul-de-sacs leading from Lindley's Lane, including King Street and Queen Street. These roads primarily consist of terraced properties with no off-street parking. On the section of Lindley's lane between King Street and Queen Street the properties consist of terraced properties on the western side and semi-detached properties with parking on the eastern side.

The County Council has received requests from local residents for parking restrictions to address obstructive parking at the junctions of King Street and Queen Street with Lindley's Lane. It has been reported that parking at these junctions is restricting visibility, obstructing dropped kerbs and causing access / egress issues. In response the County Council proposes to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) around the junctions to improve visibility and safety for both motorists and pedestrians.

These proposals were publicly advertised between 12th April 2017 and 10th May 2017 and are shown on the attached plan H/04078/2435.

2 Protected Characteristics: Is there a potential positive or negative impact based on:

Age			
Disability			□ Neutral Impact
Gender reassignment	☐ Positive	□ Negative	Neutral Impact ■
Pregnancy & maternity		☐ Negative	☐ Neutral Impact
Race including origin, colour or nationality	Positive	□ Negative	Neutral Impact ■
Religion	☐ Positive	□ Negative	Neutral Impact ■
Gender	☐ Positive	□ Negative	Neutral Impact ■
Sexual orientation including gay, lesbian or bisexual	☐ Positive	□ Negative	Neutral Impact ■ Neutral Impact Neutral

Where there are potential negative impacts for protected characteristics these should be detailed including consideration of the equality duty, proposals for how they could be mitigated (where possible) and meaningfully consulted on:

How do the potential impacts affect people with protected characteristics What is the scale of the impact?	How might negative impact be mitigated or explain why it is not possible	How will we consult
Positive: It was reported that parking close to the junctions was restricting visibility, obstructing dropped kerbs and causing access / egress issues.	Negative: See comments below.	All affected frontages, the requester and statutory consultees were written to. The proposals were advertised on site, in the newspaper and were also publicised on NCC's website.

Part B: Feedback and further mitigation

4 Summary of consultation feedback and further amendments to proposal / mitigation

During this consultation period three responses were received. One response was an objection on the basis of a protected characteristic; this is due to the local resident having health / mobility issues which they considered necessitates them being able to park in close their house.

The option of applying for an advisory disabled parking bay has been discussed with the respondent. However, they have access to a private driveway and garage at the side of their property they are not eligible for an on-street advisory disabled bay.

The proposed double yellow lines have been kept to the minimum lengths (5m rather than the usual 10m) required to ensure the safe operation of the junction. The markings will cover approximately one-third of the property frontage, leaving the remainder un-restricted and available for parking directly outside the property.

If the respondent parks in close proximity to the junction (within the 5m proposed for the double yellow lines) they will block the dropped kerb pedestrian access and negatively impact on other users ability to safely cross the road; including the elderly, disabled, and those with small children / pushchairs.

As the respondent has off-street parking, including access to unrestricted highway parking over the majority of the frontage of their property and all of the kerb-space at the side of their property (adjacent to their rear entrance and garage), it is not considered that their access to their premises is restricted and no amendments to the proposals are considered necessary.

Completed EqIAs should be sent to equalities@nottscc.gov.uk and will be published on the Council's website.

