

Equality Impact Assessment: Water Lane Regeneration Area Compulsory Purchase Order

The Equality Act 2010 includes a general duty which requires public authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- **Eliminate discrimination**, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- **Advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- **Foster good relations** between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not

In order to comply with the general duty authorities must assess the impact on equality of decisions, policies and practices. These duties do not prevent the authority from reducing services where necessary, but they offer a way of developing proposals that consider the impacts on all members of the community.

Authorities which fail to carry out equality impact assessments risk making poor and unfair decisions which may discriminate against particular groups and worsen inequality.

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Executive – 27 th June 2023	Water Lane Compulsory Purchase Order (“CPO”)	Entering into CPO Indemnity Agreement with the land promoter to secure land required to provide appropriate access to the regeneration area plus authority to dispose of (or dedicate) part of the Exton Road Depot at less than	Casting House is a privately rented apartment block comprising 4 flats currently let on short term tenancies. If the principle of utilising CPO powers is agreed a land referencing exercise will be commissioned to

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		best consideration to help facilitate underpass improvements proposed at Tan Lane (which will enable the creation of new safe pedestrian, cycle and electric bus routes)	understand all legal interests (owners and occupiers) and will establish any protected characteristics of individuals living, or with a legal interest, in the CPO parcels. If protected characteristics are identified, at the time of referencing, the necessary steps will be taken to ensure the process is adapted to cater for the characteristics identified (e.g. translators, physical adaptations, compensation considerations etc).

Factors to consider in the assessment: For each of the groups below, an assessment has been made on whether the proposed decision will have a **positive, negative or neutral impact**. This must be noted in the table below alongside brief details of why this conclusion has been reached and notes of any mitigation proposed. Where the impact is negative, a **high, medium or low assessment** is given. The assessment rates the impact of the policy based on the current situation (i.e. disregarding any actions planned to be carried out in future).

High impact – a significant potential impact, risk of exposure, history of complaints, no mitigating measures in place etc.

Medium impact – some potential impact exists, some mitigating measures are in place, poor evidence

Low impact – almost no relevancy to the process, e.g. an area that is very much legislation led and where the Council has very little discretion

Protected characteristic/ area of interest	Positive or Negative Impact	High, Medium or Low Impact	Reason
Race and ethnicity (including Gypsies and Travellers; migrant workers; asylum seekers).			
Disability: as defined by the Equality Act – a person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse impact on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.			
Sex/Gender			
Gender reassignment			
Religion and belief (includes no belief, some philosophical beliefs such as Buddhism and sects within religions).			
Sexual orientation (including heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual).			
Age (children and young people aged 0-24; adults aged 25-50; younger older people aged 51-75/80; older people 81+; frail older people; people living with age related conditions. The age categories are for illustration only as overriding consideration should be given to needs).			
Pregnancy and maternity including new and breast feeding mothers			
Marriage and civil partnership status			

Actions identified that will mitigate any negative impacts and/or promote inclusion

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