

## Chesterfield Borough Council Equality Impact Assessment – Preliminary Assessment Form

<i>Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy:</i>		Chesterfield Borough Council Revised Local Plan Policies Sept 2018
<i>Service Area:</i>	Strategic Planning and Key Sites	
<i>Section:</i>		
<i>Lead Officer:</i>	Lauren Dempsey	
<i>Date of assessment:</i>	26/10/18	
<i>Is the policy, project, service, function or strategy:</i>		
<i>Existing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Changed</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>New / Proposed</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

### Section 1 – Clear aims and objectives

#### 1. What is the aim of the policy, project, service, function or strategy?

The Council is proposing to make a number of changes and additions to the existing Local Plan policies in order to reflect national policy and guidance, and updated local demographic information.

A number of changes / additions are also being made as a result of comments made during the 2017 public consultation on the Draft Local Plan.

Subject to approval at Cabinet and Full Council, the Council will consult with the public on the Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan in January 2019. Following the consultation, the Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The existing EIA has therefore been reviewed to consider any impact of the proposed changes / additions.

This EIA is being updated to consider the impact of proposed changes to the following aspects of the Council's Local Plan:

- LP1: Spatial Strategy
- LP2: Principles for Location of Development
- LP3: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development
- LP4: Flexibility in Delivery of Housing
- LP5: Range of Housing
- LP6: Sites for Travellers
- LP7: Economic Growth
- LP8: Tourism and the Visitor Economy
- LP9: Vitality and Viability of Centres
- LP10: Retail
- LP11: Social Infrastructure
- LP12: Infrastructure Delivery
- LP13: Renewable Energy
- CS6: *Policy removed and incorporated into LP21*
- LP14: Managing the Water Cycle
- LP15: A Healthy Environment
- LP16: Green Infrastructure
- LP17: Biodiversity, Geodiversity and the Ecological Network
- LP18: Open Space, Play Provision, Sports and Recreational Facilities and Allotments
- LP19: Chesterfield Canal
- LP20: River Corridors
- LP21: Design
- LP22: Historic Environment
- LP23: Influencing the Demand for Travel

- LP24: Major Transport Infrastructure
- RP1: Regeneration Priority Areas
- SS1 Chesterfield Town Centre
- SS2: Chatsworth Road Corridor
- SS3: Chesterfield Waterside and the Potteries
- SS4: Markham Vale
- SS5: Staveley and Rother Valley Corridor
- SS6: Land at Dunston (**new policy**)
- SS7: Chesterfield Railway Station (**new policy**)
- SS8: Neighbourhood Plans
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## 2. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and how?

The Local Plan benefits all people who live, visit and work in Chesterfield. The policies are designed to concentrate development around existing centres and other accessible areas which will give better access to jobs, houses, education and services.

In addition, there are some changes of particular note which are anticipated to have a positive impact on a particular group(s) of the community:

Change	Protected characteristic positively impacted
LP2: Clarification of a reasonable walking distance (800m)	Disabled, those experiencing deprivation / health inequalities
LP18: Updated standards for recreational facilities	ALL
LP4: Raising standards of housing in more rural areas	ALL
LP5: Clarification that 10% of affordable dwellings to be built as wheelchair user homes	Disabled
LP5: Proposals for new registered care facilities for older people will be supported.	Age

LP8: Improved access to Green Belts	ALL
LP24: Improved walking and cycling accessibility	ALL
SS5: Site for a new primary school	Age
SS5: Benefits for the community as a result of HS2	ALL
SS6: Access arrangements, walking and cycling provision and a scheme of green infrastructure	ALL
SS6: Site reserved for a new primary school	Age
SS7: Improved access to Chesterfield Railway Station	ALL

### 3. What outcomes do you want to achieve?

Over the next fifteen years, the Borough will have many challenges to face. This includes providing new housing and jobs, securing infrastructure and facilities for residents and visitors, in a way that helps us adapt to a changing climate. The planning system has a key role in helping to manage these changes and helping to reduce the impact on our Borough and its residents. As the Local Planning Authority, the Borough Council's main way of doing this is through the production of the Local Plan.

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## Section 2 – What is the impact?

<b>4. Summary of anticipated impacts.</b> <i>Please tick at least one option per protected characteristic. Think about barriers people may experience in accessing services, how the policy is likely to affect the promotion of equality, knowledge of customer experiences to date. You may need to think about sub-groups within categories eg. older people, younger people, people with hearing impairment etc.</i>			
	Potentially positive impact	Potentially negative impact	No disproportionate impact
Age	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability and long term conditions	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Pregnant women and people on parental leave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Ethnicity	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion and belief	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section 3 – Recommendations and monitoring

If you have answered that the policy, project, service, function or strategy could potentially have a negative impact on any of the above characteristics then a full EIA will be required.

<b>5. Should a full EIA be completed for this policy, project, service, function or strategy?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	✓ No	
<p><i>Please explain the reasons for this decision:</i></p> <p>The Policy documents are broad plans, no negative impacts are identified at this stage, although a number of overarching positive impacts are anticipated. Further Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as more detailed Developmental Planning Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and Development Briefs are considered for individual sites.</p>		



## Section 6 – Knowledge management and publication

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Please note the draft EIA should be reviewed by the appropriate Service Manager and the Policy Service **before** WBR, Lead Member, Cabinet, Council reports are produced.

Reviewed by Head of Service/Service Manager	Name:	
	Date:	DD/MM/YY
Reviewed by Policy Service	Name:	Allison Potter
	Date:	26/10/2018
Final version of the EIA sent to Policy Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Decision information sent to Policy Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	