

**Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Form**

Subject / Title	Consultation on Introducing a Public Space protection Order in Ashton-under-Lyne Town Centre	
Team	Service	Directorate
Community Safety	Community Safety & Homelessness	Place
Start Date	Completion Date	
1 November 2022	1 November 2025	
Project Lead Officer	Dave Smith, Partnerships Manager	
Contract / Commissioning Manager	John Gregory, Head of community Safety & Homelessness	
Assistant Director/ Director	Emma Varnam, Assistant Director, Operations & Neighbourhoods	
EIA Group (lead contact first)	Job title	Service
Dave Smith	Partnerships manager	Community Safety
John Gregory	Head of Service	Community Safety

PART 1 – INITIAL SCREENING

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for all formal decisions that involve changes to service delivery and/or provision. Note: all other changes – whether a formal decision or not – require consideration for an EIA.

The Initial screening is a quick and easy process which aims to identify:

- *those projects, proposals and service or contract changes which require a full EIA by looking at the potential impact on, or relevance to, any of the equality groups*
- *prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed*
- *explain and record the reasons why it is deemed a full EIA is not required*

A full EIA should always be undertaken if the project, proposal and service / contract change is likely to have an impact upon, or relevance to, people with a protected characteristic. This should be undertaken irrespective of whether the impact or relevancy is major or minor, or on a large or small group of people. If the initial screening concludes a full EIA is not required, please fully explain the reasons for this at 1e and ensure this form is signed off by the relevant Contract / Commissioning Manager and the Assistant Director / Director.

1a.	What is the project, proposal or service / contract change?	To consult the public on a proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)
1b.	What are the main aims of the project, proposal or service / contract change?	To gather views from the public on a proposal to introduce a PSPO in Ashton town centre, designed to help tackle anti-social behaviour
1c. Will the project, proposal or service / contract change have either a direct or indirect impact on, or relevance to, any groups of people with protected equality characteristics?		

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Where there is a direct or indirect impact on, or relevance to, a group of people with protected equality characteristics as a result of the project, proposal or service / contract change please explain why and how that group of people will be affected.

Protected Characteristic	Direct Impact /Relevance	Indirect Impact / Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Age			X	
Disability			X	
Ethnicity			X	
Sex			X	
Religion or Belief			X	
Sexual Orientation			X	
Gender Reassignment			X	
Pregnancy & Maternity			X	
Marriage & Civil Partnership			X	

Other protected groups determined locally by Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission?

Group (please state)	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Mental Health		X		The proposed order prohibits certain activities which could adversely effect those people who are currently choosing to sleep rough in the borough. There is a risk that these people may not be able to express their views through the consultation process
Carers			X	
Military Veterans			X	
Breast Feeding			X	

Are there any other groups who you feel may be impacted by the project, proposal or service/contract change or which it may have relevance to?

(e.g. vulnerable residents, isolated residents, those who are homeless)

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Group (please state)	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Low or no income groups		X		Individuals who choose to sleep rough in the borough may not be able to express their views through the public consultation

“Low or no income groups” should be included as a key consideration when assessing the impact of your project, proposal, policy or service/contract change.

Wherever a direct or indirect impact or relevance has been identified you should consider undertaking a full EIA or be able to adequately explain your reasoning for not doing so. Where little / no impact or relevance is anticipated, this can be explored in more detail when undertaking a full EIA.

1d.	Does the project, proposal or service / contract change require a full EIA?	Yes	No
			X
1e.	What are your reasons for the decision made at 1d?	<p>The risks that some groups who might be affected by the draft order may not be able to express their views through the consultation have been mitigated in 2 ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key workers have spoken to all known rough sleepers & asked if they wish to contribute to the consultation. The number of rough sleepers in Tameside is currently very low and no-one wished to express a view. • The consultation was widely publicised & the response process was streamlined to encourage as many responses as possible. 522 responses were received to the consultation which is a high level of engagement & shows that the risk of non-engagement for affected individuals was kept to a minimum. 	

If a full EIA is required please progress to Part 2.