## Section 1:

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**Department:** Regeneration & Environment  
**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014

## Section 2:

**What Council proposal is being assessed?**  
Funding the provision of the School Crossing Patrol Service

## Section 2b:

**Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?**

**Yes / No**  
If ‘yes’ please state which meeting and what date  
…Cabinet - 9 December 2014

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council’s website [http://bit.ly/regenEIA](http://bit.ly/regenEIA)
Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect…… (please tick relevant boxes)

☑ Services
☑ The workforce
☑ Communities
☑ Other (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

The proposal may affect Schools, Children’s Centres and Community Groups.

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

☐ None (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@ wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4: Does the proposal have the potential to maintain or enhance the way the Council …….. (please tick relevant boxes)

☐ Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
☐ Advances equality of opportunity
☐ Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

☐ No (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@ wirral.gov.uk for publishing)
Section 5: Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

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<th>Which group(s) of people could be affected</th>
<th>Potential positive or negative impact</th>
<th>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</th>
<th>Lead person</th>
<th>Timescale</th>
<th>Resource implications</th>
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<tr>
<td>Disability</td>
<td>Negative: If the service ceases at individual or multiple locations, people with disability/special mobility needs may have greater difficulty and/or risk in crossing the road at where a SCP was previously established.</td>
<td>Undertake risk assessment at location &amp; consider any appropriate additional measures to assist pedestrians. Consider alternative funding sources (schools/corporate &amp;/or community sponsorship).</td>
<td>D Rees</td>
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<td>Age</td>
<td>Negative: SCP sites are only established where they meet an identified criteria with unaccompanied children crossing the road. The disestablishment of SCP sites may place children on their school journey at additional risk of involvement in a traffic accident. The disestablishment of SCP sites may also have a negative effect on some elderly</td>
<td>Undertake risk assessment at location &amp; consider any appropriate additional measures to assist pedestrians. Consider alternative funding sources (schools/corporate &amp;/or community</td>
<td>D Rees</td>
<td></td>
<td>Continue delivery of road safety education to children.</td>
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<td>Gender &amp; Pregnancy</td>
<td>Negative: Mothers are more likely to be involved in childcare, taking young children to/from school. This group may also include pregnant women, who may not be as able to cross roads at the same pace as other people.</td>
<td>Undertake risk assessment at location &amp; consider any appropriate additional measures to assist pedestrians. Consider alternative funding sources (schools/corporate &amp;/or community sponsorship).</td>
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Section 5a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

The Council has a Statutory Duty to monitor & investigate road accidents and take appropriate steps to improve road safety. The Council will undertake monitoring of road casualties to see if there are any identifiable changes in road safety records where school crossing patrols are disestablished.

Section 5b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

Section 6: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

The proposal is for the disestablishment of School Crossing Patrol provision at those locations where alternative (light controlled) pedestrian facilities exist and/or the sites no longer meet the Council's criteria for the provision of a School Crossing patrol. Road safety (casualty) data together with pedestrian, traffic and site surveys have been used.

Section 7: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes / No – (please delete as appropriate)

If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.

If ‘no’ please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 8: How will consultation take place and by when?

The Council’s Communications and Community Engagement Team will lead the Public consultation regarding all budget savings options proposals which will be launched on 8 September 2014, including for this option, for a full 12 week consultation programme of
activity. Final consultation activity will close on 31 October 2014, with the findings reported separately to the meeting of Cabinet on 9 December 2014.

Specifically, Officers will consult with schools to see if they wish to continue to fund sites identified for disestablishment.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it’s legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for re-publishing.

**Section 9:** Have you remembered to:

a) Add appropriate departmental hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2b)
b) Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 5)
c) Send this EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?
d) Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?