



Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit

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Section 1: Your details

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Directorate: Environmental Services

Date: 03/10/2017

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Statutory Register of Brownfield Land

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Policy & Performance Committee?

Yes / No If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

Delegated Report to Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety and Deputy Leader – October 2017

Please select hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website (please select appropriate link & delete those not relevant)

Delivery – Environmental Services

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2017/delivery>

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)
Private Sector

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 engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any 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.

Which group(s) of people could be affected	Potential positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications
All Groups	Identification of sites on the Brownfield Land Register could help to support the delivery of good quality housing in line with the Wirral Plan, which sets the objective of building 3,500 new homes by 2020. This could have a potential positive effect.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All Groups	Brownfield sites are more likely to be located in areas of lower demand but the Brownfield Land Register may contribute towards stimulating their development and beneficial use. This could have a potential positive effect.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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All Groups	Initial publication of sites for consultation before formally entering the land in Part 1 and in future potentially Part 2 of the Register and ensuring that any responses are taken into account, will ensure that local residents are properly consulted and have the chance to make their views known to the Council. This could have a potential positive effect.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

There is a statutory requirement to prepare, maintain and publish a Brownfield Land Register by 31 December 2017 under Regulation 3 of Town & Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017.

The Register must contain the information specified in Schedule 2 of the Regulations and must be kept available for public inspection at the principal office of the local planning authority.

The entries in the Register must be reviewed at least every 12 months, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 17.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

The Town & Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017 require the Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a statutory register of previously developed land within Wirral in two parts.

Identification of sites on the Brownfield Land Register can help to support the delivery of good quality housing in line with the Wirral Plan, which sets the objective of building 3,500 new homes by 2020.

The purposes of the Brownfield Land Register have been assessed under Section 4 of this EQIA. The Register is intended to encourage the positive use of brownfield assets and it is considered that no negative impacts are likely to result from identifying, maintaining and publishing such a Register.

This assessment will need to be reviewed within a subsequent EQIA, to be prepared when the sites which may be included in Part 2 of the Register are submitted for consultation.

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) – Guidelines (April 2014).

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

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 engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

Before including land in Part 1 of the Register the Regulations allow for procedures, including consultation to be carried out as the Local Planning Authority sees fit and any representations received within such period as the Authority may specify must be taken into account (Regulation 5 (6) refers).

The Report recommends, in line with the Council's existing requirements set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement adopted in March 2014, that the sites listed in Appendix 1 are published for public consultation for a period of no less than six weeks and that any representations are taken into account before entering the sites in Part 1 of the Register.

Consultation will include publication on the Council's website; deposit in public libraries; notification to those on the Council's Local Plan database; public notices in the Wirral Globe and Wirral View; and notification letters to neighbours immediately adjacent to the sites identified. If approved this consultation should take place in October/November 2017.

Statutory procedures for publicity and notification, set out in Regulations 6 to 12, including notification by site notice and publication on the Council's website, are required before any site can then be included in Part 2 of the Register but this (second-stage) consultation will not take place until after a subsequent report to Planning Committee.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to 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 4. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2a)**
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 4)**
- c) **Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 4 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**