

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit

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Section 1: Your details

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Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Annual Review of Statutory Register of Brownfield Land

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Policy & Performance Committee? No

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

Planning Committee 15 November 2018

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

<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	Publication of any sites for consultation before allocating land in Part 2 of the Register would ensure that any responses are taken into account before permission in principle is grant for residential development, which 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 review the entries in the Brownfield Land Register each year under Regulation 17 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 if sites that 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? No

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why: *Inclusion of sites in Part 1 of the Brownfield Register does not grant consent for development to take place. There is no requirement for public consultation before entering land in Part 1 or amending entries, as the Local Planning Authority may carry procedures (including consultation) as they fit (Regulations 5 (6) & 17(7) refers.*

The proposed amendments take account of works that have been commenced, planning permission that has been granted, publically available marketing information the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and the responses to public consultation on the first Brownfield Register undertaken between 23 October and 6 December 2017. Six of the seven additional sites proposed for inclusion in this review are already designated as part of the Primarily Residential Area in the Unitary Development Plan and the remaining site at Woodville has already been granted planning permission. Therefore, additional public consultation is not proposed in relation the proposed amendments in this particular case.

Before the Local Planning Authority decides to allocate any land in Part 2 of the Brownfield Land Register, which would result in the grant of permission in principle for residential development the Authority must follow the additional 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.

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

No additional consultation is currently proposed. The final approved Register will, however, be published for public inspection on the Council's website at: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/brownfield-land-register> in December 2018

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?**