

Equality and Cohesion Impact Assessment (ECIA) Initial Screening Form



The following questions will identify what type of impact your proposed policy, procedure, strategy, plan or working practice will potentially have upon the diverse groups within our community and their cohesion.

Your answers should form part of the development of your proposal, and inform your decision making process.

This will ensure that you consider the potential impact of your proposals on equality and cohesion, and make sure that as far as possible any negative consequences are eliminated or minimised, and opportunities for promoting equality and cohesion are maximised.

Name of Proposal	Application for Modification of Definitive Map and Statement, Land at Cockey Moor Road, Radcliffe	
Service	HNS	
Department	EDS	
Date	17 November 2009	
This initial screening Equality and Cohesion Impact Assessment has been completed to the best of our knowledge:-		
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For further information and support, please refer to the Guidance Notes found on the intranet at <http://intranet.bury.gov.uk/CE/PersonnelDivision/CorpHumanResources/EqualityDiversity/default.asp> or contact your Departmental Equality Representative:-

- Adult Care Services – Karen Young extn 6123
- Chief Executive's Department – Andrea Gorton extn 5335
- Children's Services – Liz Trayford extn 5658
- Environment and Development Services – Hayley Whittles extn 5334

Details about your proposal.

1. PURPOSE: What are the aims, objectives, and purpose of the policy, procedure or working practice?

To make a decision “on the balance of probabilities” based on the available evidence whether a public footpath should be added to the Definitive Map and Statement following an application under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

2. DESIRED OUTCOMES: Outline what the policy, procedure or working practice will achieve.

To make the correct decision on the application.

3. Who are the main stakeholders? (eg services, community groups, partnerships, other departments etc)

Landowners and residents of Ainsworth.

4. Who is intended to benefit from the policy, procedure or working practice and how will they benefit?

The residents of Ainsworth will have a public footpath added to the Definitive Map and Statement.

5. Who will be affected by this policy, procedure or working practice but will not directly benefit?

Owners of the land crossed by the footpath. Properties in the vicinity of the footpath.

6. Equality Impact

The policy, procedure or working practice may have a differential impact dependant upon a person's race, religion/belief, disability, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation or caring responsibilities. The impact could be positive (and benefit certain groups) or negative (and disadvantage certain groups). Alternatively there may be a neutral impact (where there are no consequences).

Please complete the table below to provide details of the impact, your reasons for reaching such conclusions and any justification for taking the proposed actions.

	Positive Impact (✓)	Negative Impact (✓)	Neutral Impact (✓)	Reason for Impact (Why will there be such an impact?)	Details of People Impacted (Who will be affected and how? Eg. disabled people due to lack of access.)	Can any positive/negative impact be justified? Is it lawful? (e.g. positive action)
Race			✓	The footpath will continue to be available for use	Residents of Ainsworth	N/A
Religion/Belief			✓	As above	As above	N/A
Disability			✓	As above	As above	N/A
Gender incl Gender Identity			✓	As above	As above	N/A
Age			✓	As above	As above	N/A
Sexual Orientation			✓	As above	As above	N/A
Caring Responsibilities			✓	As above	As above	N/A

7. Cohesion Impact

Community Cohesion goes beyond the issues of tracking equality related discrimination and social exclusion. It is important to look at the potential impact of the service or policy on all the different sectors of the community and community relations.

A policy may have a negative or positive impact on one or more groups within the community. For example if a grant fund is aimed at one particular community how will other communities perceive this and how can this policy be used to promote community relations? **Please complete the questions below to assess the community relations implications of this policy.**

		Yes (✓)	No (✓)	Not Applicable (✓) Please also explain why (Eg. No groups impacted)		Describe any concerns there may be relating to these relationships and perceptions	Is a Full Impact Assessment Required?	
							Yes	No
7a	Are there strong and positive relationships between the groups/communities affected by the policy, procedure or working practice?			✓	No groups impacted			
7b	Will this policy, procedure or working practice promote strong and positive relationships between the groups/communities identified?			✓	No groups impacted			
7c	Does this policy, procedure or working practice bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other AND raise issues regarding their understanding and respect for each other?			✓	No groups impacted			
7d	Could this policy, procedure or working practice be perceived as being unfair by parts of the community who do not directly benefit from it.			✓	No groups impacted			

Note: If you answered any of the following

No to 7a
No to 7b
Yes to 7c
Yes to 7d

your proposal has the potential to impact upon community cohesion and so you must proceed to a Full Impact Assessment.

8. Where appropriate, please list all evidence used to decide the impact of your proposal. This could include details of who you consulted and what the outcome was, any data from the consultation exercise, service monitoring, satisfaction surveys, census data, complaints monitoring, legislation, guidance or comments from service users, clients or stakeholders.

Investigation to determine whether the evidence submitted (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way which is not shown on the Definitive Map and Statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist on land in the area to which the Definitive Map relates.

9. Where you have gathered evidence or carried out any consultation, please summarise the facts and issues which arose as a result.

The evidence is sufficient to support that a right of way subsists.

That the landowner and those with properties next to the footpath object to the possibility that the path will be added to the Definitive Map and Statement.

10. Have you identified any gaps in your evidence or conclusions?

If there are gaps in your evidence, it is likely that further research and a Full Impact Assessment will be required.

Please ✓ as appropriate	Yes		No	✓
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11. Are there any unjustifiable negative or positive impacts?

If so, it is likely that further research and a Full Impact Assessment will be required.

Please ✓ as appropriate	Yes		No	✓
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12. State the risks and weigh them against the benefits of implementing the proposal, then explain the rationale behind what you intend to do next. This could be either

- to proceed with the proposal,
- make amendments to the proposal, or
- to carry out further investigations and prepare a Full Impact Assessment.

Objections are received and the matter is taken to a Public Inquiry. The inquiry may decide not to confirm the Modification Order.

The Council has a duty to make a decision on the application and the evidence shows the correct outcome is to make a Modification Order to add a footpath to the Definitive Map and Statement.

13. If you intend to proceed with the proposal, please list clearly what monitoring arrangements have been put in place to monitor the impact of the policy, procedure or working practice.

Will you review the policy, procedure or working practice regularly? (for example every 3 years)
 If appropriate, will statistics be gathered to evidence the impact of the policy? How will they be published? (For example service user satisfaction rates or user take up broken down by equality strand.)

The path will be inspected as part of the Public Rights of Way network and any concerns from landowners, residents and users of the path will be addressed.

14. As a result of this ECIA Initial Screening exercise, is a Full Impact Assessment required?

Please ✓ as appropriate	Yes		No	✓
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15. Has a copy of this EIA Initial Screening exercise been sent to Corporate HR for uploading to the web? (equality@bury.gov.uk)

Please ✓ as appropriate	Yes	
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16. Have the findings of this EIA Initial Screening exercise been included in the main body of any report, and a copy attached to the report for submission.

Please ✓ as appropriate	Yes	
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