

## Initial Screening Equality Impact Analysis Tool

<b>Section 01</b>	<b>Details of Initial Equality Impact Screening Analysis</b>
<b>Financial Year and Quarter</b>	2012/13, Q4
<b>Name of policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme</b>	<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: APPROVAL OF THE 2012/13 PROGRAMME (new)</b> To note and approve the 2012/13 highway maintenance (carriageway and footway) schemes. This report is produced every year.
<b>Q1 What are you looking to achieve?</b>	<p>The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the projects listed within the Carriageway and Footway Planned Maintenance programme and to establish a degree of flexibility in the management of the budgets and programme during the year.</p> <p>All residents in the borough are likely to be affected by the programme of works as it is not localised to one area of the borough. The resurfacing of streets is based on systematic inspections of our roads and pavements, qualitative condition surveys, prioritisation criteria set by the latest industry standards, use of new best value surfacing materials, and engaging the council's specialist surfacing term contractors, every effort is made to achieve a cost effective management of our assets while maximising the available resources.</p>
<b>Q2 Who in the main will benefit?</b>	<p>Examples of works that are likely to impact more on older and disabled people include:</p> <p><b>Improving Pedestrian Environment - Street Decluttering</b> During the planned maintenance schemes streets are analysed for 'Decluttering'. This involves reducing and consolidating, where possible, the amount of street furniture. Removal of redundant signs posts and attaching signs to lamp columns as well as the removal of bollards all helps reduce the 'clutter' on the street. These small improvements can make the street easier to negotiate for vulnerable road users such as the disabled and elderly by removing potential obstructions.</p> <p><b>Improving pedestrian environment - Ensure dropped kerbs protected from parked cars</b> During the planned maintenance schemes road marking is reviewed to ensure it is compliant with current policy and regulations. Installing Double yellow lines installed on street corners and checking the levels of dropped kerbs and rectifying where needed. These small improvements can make the street easier to negotiate for vulnerable road users such as the disabled and elderly.</p> <p>As a result of the overall works, there may be benefits associated with certain groups and not others as detailed below:</p>

	Age	Older people are more likely than others to benefit from resurfaced carriageways and footways, as it provides a smoother ride and reduces the likelihood of trip hazards. Making it easier for disabled people to get about removes barriers and encourages participation in public life.	H	+
	Disability	Disabled people are more likely than others to benefit from resurfaced carriageways and footways, as it provides a smoother ride and reduces the likelihood of trip hazards. Making it easier for disabled people to get about removes barriers and encourages participation in public life.	H	+
	Gender reassignment	N/A	L	Neutral
	Marriage and Civil Partnership	N/A	L	Neutral
	Pregnancy and maternity	N/A	L	Neutral
	Race	N/A	L	Neutral
	Religion/belief (including non-belief)	N/A	L	Neutral
	Sex	N/A	L	Neutral
	Sexual Orientation	N/A	L	Neutral
	<p><b>Human Rights and Children's Rights</b></p> <p>Will it affect Human Rights, as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998? No</p> <p>Will it affect Children's Rights, as defined by the UNCRC (1992)? No</p>			
<b>Q3</b> Does the policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme make a positive contribution to equalities?				N/A
<b>Q4</b> Does the policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme actually or potentially contribute to or hinder equality of opportunity, and/or adversely impact human rights?				N/A