

Title of proposed EIA Public Consultation on the draft Birmingham Local Enforcement Plan (BLEP)

Reference No EQUA527

EA is in support of New Policy

Review Frequency Annually

Date of first review 30/06/2021

Directorate Inclusive Growth

Division Planning and Development

Service Area Planning Enforcement

Responsible Officer(s) Martin Dando

Quality Control Officer(s) Richard Woodland

Accountable Officer(s) Uyen-Phan Han

Purpose of proposal Evaluate consultation document for draft BLEP

Data sources relevant reports/strategies; relevant research

Please include any other sources of data

ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Protected characteristic: Age Wider Community

Age details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic age in the document because it is relevant to all age groups. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristic: Disability Wider Community

Disability details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the

characteristic disability in the document because it is relevant to all abilities. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristic: Gender Wider Community

Gender details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic gender in the document because it is relevant to all genders. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment Not Applicable

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership Not Applicable

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity Wider Community

Pregnancy and maternity details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic pregnancy and maternity in the document because it is relevant to all. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristics: Race Wider Community

Race details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic race in the document because it is relevant to all races. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs Wider Community

Religion or beliefs details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic religion or beliefs in the document because it is relevant to all religions and beliefs. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation Wider Community

Sexual orientation details: The BLEP relates to Birmingham City Council's planning enforcement service and describes the purposes of the service and how it will be delivered. There is no reference to the characteristic sexual orientation in the document because it is relevant to all. The document has a positive impact. It identifies local priorities for enforcement action so that the Council's enforcement resources are put to the best use in dealing with breaches of planning control.

The BLEP will therefore ensure that officers, councillors and the general public will be aware of the approach to planning enforcement and provides greater certainty for all parties engaged in the development process.

The BLEP itself and its consultation are in line with the City Council's Equality objectives in creating a City that is fair and prosperous through ensuring that all local people are engaged in council decision making in a democratic way.

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

None but the BLEP will be subject to public consultation for 6 weeks after which comments will be taken on board to strengthen key elements of the document and the processes described within it when a further screening will take place.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

The drafting of the BLEP has been informed by the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance as well as the requirements of the Birmingham Development Plan which is fundamental in guiding decisions relating to breaches of planning control. In addition the Town and Country Planning Act (T&CPA) 1990 (as amended) provides the statutory basis for most planning enforcement matters.

Consultation analysis

Consultation will be carried out on this draft document. The responses will be analysed and used to make any appropriate amendments to the BLEP accordingly. The result of the consultation and consequent final version of the BLEP will then be subject to further equality screening and analysis.

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

The draft version of the BLEP is not deemed to have any adverse impacts on any people with protected characteristics. However, through the consultation process, the BLEP will be amended and

strengthened to ensure that any adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics is averted or mitigated as much as possible.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact?

Not currently but the BLEP may be modified following consultation if any such matters arise.

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

The BLEP contains a final chapter about monitoring to ensure that the effects of the BLEP on consultation and engagement will achieve the principles identified within it. The Council is committed to constant monitoring and review of the principles and ensure that the consultation database is continually updated to ensure new groups are captured in future consultation exercises.

What data is required in the future?

Data will be collected as part of the monitoring of the BLEP and is set out within the monitoring section of the document. This includes the number of individuals/groups participating in consultations with the protected characteristics and how much participants value their involvement in the process.

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s) No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA

A full assessment is not required at this stage for this document and consultation. The results of the public consultation and any lessons learnt will be used to update the Equalities Analysis and inform the final version of the BLEP when it is brought forward for adoption later on in 2020.

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?

Quality Control Officer comments

Approved following further information provided on consultation plan - external consultation will be carried out with local community groups, residents associations, business groups, public sector

partners, agents and other stakeholders. The results will be assessed to identify any potential for adverse impacts on protected groups.

Decision by Quality Control Officer Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer?

Decision by Accountable Officer Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer 01/07/2020

Reasons for approval or rejection

Agree with summary. Approve.

Person or Group

Content Type: Item

Created at 17/06/2020 11:49 AM by Martin Dando

Last modified at 01/07/2020 11:16 AM by Uyen-Phan Han