

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The **Equality Act 2010** places a ‘**General Duty**’ on all public bodies to have ‘**due regard**’ to the need to:

- Eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advancing equality of opportunity for those with ‘protected characteristics’ and those without them
- Fostering good relations between those with ‘protected characteristics’ and those without them.

In addition the Council complies with the Marriage (same sex couples) Act 2013.

### Stage 1 – Screening

Please complete the equalities screening form. If screening identifies that your proposal is likely to impact on protected characteristics, please proceed to stage 2 and complete a full Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).

### Stage 2 – Full Equality Impact Assessment

An EqIA provides evidence for meeting the Council’s commitment to equality and the responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

**When an EqIA has been undertaken, it should be submitted as an attachment/appendix to the final decision making report. This is so the decision maker (e.g. Cabinet, Committee, senior leader) can use the EqIA to help inform their final decision. The EqIA once submitted will become a public document, published alongside the minutes and record of the decision.**

Please read the Council’s Equality Impact Assessment Guidance before beginning the EqIA process.

#### 1. Responsibility for the Equality Impact Assessment

<b>Name of proposal</b>	Applications by Manning’s Amusements Ltd to hire Finsbury Park for an Easter family funfair in April 2019
<b>Service area</b>	Commissioning & Client: Active Communities
<b>Officer completing assessment</b>	Sarah Jones: Events & Partnerships Manager
<b>Equalities/ HR Advisor</b>	Hugh Smith: Policy & Equalities Officer
<b>Cabinet meeting date (if applicable)</b>	Cabinet Member Signing
<b>Director/Assistant Director</b>	Stephen McDonnell: Director, Environment & Neighbourhoods

#### 2. Summary of the proposal

*Please outline in no more than 3 paragraphs*

- The proposal which is being assessed*
- The key stakeholders who may be affected by the policy or proposal*
- The decision-making route being taken*

The Council has received an event application from Manning's Amusements Ltd to hire part of Finsbury Park to host a family funfair over the Easter period, between 2<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The Applicant has applied to hire a small section of the internal carriageway running between Finsbury and Hornsey Wood Tavern Gates. They also wish to use a small section of grass known as the bandstand field, and a section of the grass field running parallel to Seven Sisters Road.

The total area used for this family funfair equates to 4% of the Park. The remaining 96% of the Park remains open and accessible to the public at all times.

Whilst located in Haringey, Finsbury Park sits on the borders of neighbouring boroughs of Hackney and Islington. Therefore, recognised stakeholders also include residents' associations and schools from the three boroughs, Hackney and Islington council officers, councillors from six adjoining wards including Hackney and Islington and all park user groups and leaseholders.

An EqIA was carried out at the time of developing the Outdoor Events Policy. However, a separate EqIA accompanying this decision will assess the level of potential impact on recognised groups with protected characteristics.

The proposed application would be a repeat of previous events held in Haringey. Manning's Amusements Ltd has been facilitating funfairs in Haringey parks for nearly 100 years. They have provided an Easter and August bank holiday funfair in Finsbury Park for over 40 years.

### **Decision making process**

The Outdoor Events Policy, adopted by the Council in 2014, details the approval process for determining applications. The Policy requires that, where event applications are submitted, prior authority should be given by the Cabinet Member, as a non-key decision. The criteria for events requiring Cabinet Member approval includes:

- Event lasts more than 7 days;
- Organiser occupies a site for more than 14 days including setup and take down periods.

If authority is given, then officers will give in principle agreement to the Applicant for the event application to progress. The event will then be subject to discussions between the Applicant and Council officers before final agreement is given.

In adopting the Policy, the Council established its commitment to using the Park for a

limited number of funfairs and circuses each year. Accordingly, the only other alternative option which would be considered would be to reject the application. This option was rejected, on the grounds that the events does not fall within any of the grounds set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Policy for automatic refusal.

As part of the approval process for every park hire application, the Policy stipulates the need for consultation to take place. Paragraph 5.1.6 of the Policy states “Consultation will involve all stakeholders, including Friends Groups, Area Park Managers, Ward Councillors, Cabinet Member for Environment and the members of the Haringey Safety Advisory Group. Other consultees may be added where appropriate to the specific park or open space”.

### 3. What data will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on protected groups of service users and/or staff?

*Identify the main sources of evidence, both quantitative and qualitative, that supports your analysis. Please include any gaps and how you will address these*

*This could include, for example, data on the Council’s workforce, equalities profile of service users, recent surveys, research, results of relevant consultations, Haringey Borough Profile, Haringey Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and any other sources of relevant information, local, regional or national. For restructures, please complete the restructure EqIA which is available on the HR pages.*

Protected group	Service users	Staff
Sex	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park ward (LB Islington)	N/A
Gender Reassignment	We do not hold this data. The Equality and Human Rights Commission have published a national estimate.	N/A
Age	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park Ward (LB Islington) Stakeholder feedback	N/A
Disability	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park ward (LB Islington); Stakeholder feedback	N/A
Race & Ethnicity	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park Ward (LB Islington)	N/A
Sexual Orientation	ONS Annual Population Data 2017	N/A

Religion or Belief (or No Belief)	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park ward (LB Islington)	N/A
Pregnancy & Maternity	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park ward (LB Islington)	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Ward Profiles: Harringay, Stroud Green wards (LB Haringey), Brownswood ward (LB Hackney), Finsbury Park ward (LB Islington)	N/A

**Outline the key findings of your data analysis. Which groups are disproportionately affected by the proposal? How does this compare with the impact on wider service users and/or the borough's demographic profile? Have any inequalities been identified?**

*Explain how you will overcome this within the proposal.*

*Further information on how to do data analysis can be found in the guidance.*

Users of Finsbury Park come from all ages, backgrounds and abilities. The park holds a wide range of facilities and recreational activities, aimed at both general park users and specific user groups.

However, we can infer that residents who live in the immediate area are more likely to use the park and be impacted by events. We also know that these impacts affect children, women and people with disabilities, who are vulnerable to due to their protected characteristic. This assessment addresses the Council and event promoter's actions, which mitigate any impact. The tables below summarise the demographic data for residents in Harringay, Stroud Green (LB Haringey); Brownswood (LB Hackney); Finsbury Park (LB Islington) wards.

**A) Sex (Census data, 2011)**

	Female	Male
Harringay (LB Haringey)	48.6%	51.4%
Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	50.2%	49.8%
Haringey	50.5%	49.5%
Brownswood (LB Hackney)	49.6%	50.4%
Hackney	50.4%	49.6%
Finsbury Park (LB Islington)	50.2%	49.8%
Islington	50.8%	49.2%
London	50.9%	49.1%
England	50.8%	49.2%

As in common with national and regional trends, there are slightly more females than

males, with the exception of Harringay and Brownswood wards.

### Gender reassignment

We do not hold data on the number of people who are seeking, receiving or have received gender reassignment surgery, and there is not national data collected for this protected characteristic. The Equality and Human Rights Commission estimate that there is between 300,000-500,000 transgender people in the UK<sup>1</sup>. It is anticipated that this event application will not have a disproportionate impact on this protected characteristic. The events proposed in this application does not discriminate entry on the grounds of sex, which aligns with the Council's Outdoor Events Policy.

#### B) Age (GLA Population Projection data, 2015)

	<b>Harringay</b>	Haringey	London
0 – 15	15.2%	19.4%	20%
16 – 64	77.3%	71.6%	68.6%
65+	7.4%	9%	11.4%

	<b>Stroud Green</b>	Haringey	London
0 – 15	15.5%	19.4%	20%
16 – 64	76.7%	71.6%	68.6%
65+	7.8%	9%	11.4%

	<b>Brownswood</b>	Hackney	London
0 – 15	13.9%	20.4%	20%
16 – 64	80.5%	72.4%	68.6%
65+	5.6%	7.2%	11.4%

	<b>Finsbury Park</b>	Islington	London
0 – 15	17.6%	15.9%	20%
16 – 64	73.9%	75.5%	68.6%
65+	8.5%	8.6%	11.4%

Ward profile data for Stroud Green, Harringay, Brownswood and Finsbury Park shows that on average 15.55% of the local population is aged between 0 – 15, which is lower than the London average of 20%.

We can infer that children and young people are more likely to use the park. Many of the play facilities within the park are aimed at children under the age of 15. All of the facilities within the Park remain open at all times during the event.

#### C) Disability

	Haringey	Hackney	Islington	London	England and Wales
Day-to-day activity limited a lot	6.8%	7.3%	8%	6.7%	8.3%

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/trans-inequalities-reviewed/introduction-review>

Day-to-day activity limited a little	7.2%	7.1%	7.6%	7.4%	9.3%
Day-to-day activity not limited	86.0%	85.5%	84.3%	85.8%	82.4%
Day-to-day activity limited a lot: Age 16-64	3.8%	4.4%	4.7%	3.4%	3.6%
Day-to-day activity limited a little: Age 16-64	4.6%	4.9%	4.9%	4.2%	4.6%
Day-to-day activity not limited: Age 16-64	62.4%	62.8%	65.5%	61.5%	56.5%

Haringey has roughly the same proportion of people where day-to-day activity is limited to some extent as London, but lower than the national average.

During the build and break for this event all main thoroughfares are kept open to park users, except for the small section of carriageway running between Finsbury and Hornsey Wood Tavern Gates, as this is where heavier pieces of the event infrastructure are located. Trackway is placed on the grass here, in parallel to the carriageway, providing an accessible pathway.

All other parts of the carriageway, including the main cycle route running between Finsbury and Hornsey Gates, and pathways remain open at all times. All routes ensure that access for those with disabilities is maintained.

Pedal Power, a cycling proficiency trainer aimed at people with disabilities, are based in the track and gym within the Park. They use the tarmac area near to the ball courts for some of their regular, weekly sessions.

This proposed event will not displace any of the usual groups who use the Park for organised activity.

By hosting events such as the one proposed in Finsbury Park, the Council is able to use some of the income to provide financial support to groups such as Pedal Power. In 2018 and 2019, the group was awarded £10,000 to pay for an extra activity day. In 2017, the group was given a further £10,000 to purchase new equipment, including a range of bikes allowing people of different abilities to benefit from cycling training.

**Parking for blue badges holders**

On event days, all public parking within the park is maintained.

Due to the expected attendance numbers and that all attendees arrive in the area via foot or by public transport, parking within the park and surrounding streets has never been raised as an issue, at times the funfair has previously taken place.

Any feedback which is received regarding the events is used by the Council to work with the Police and other agencies to ensure that any event conditions are enforced promptly. The Council will continue to mitigate any potential impact on residents who live near to the

park and those with disabilities.

#### D) Race & Ethnicity (*Census data, 2011*)

	Black and Minority Ethnic
Harringay (LB Haringey)	34.5%
Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	25.9%
Haringey	39.5%
Brownswood (LB Hackney)	38.2%
Hackney	45.3%
Finsbury Park (LB Islington)	42.9%
Islington	31.8%
London	40.2%
England	14.6%

The data shows us that the proportion of residents who are of Black and Minority Ethnicity in the wards immediately surrounding Finsbury Park is comparable to the London average. The proportion of BAME residents is considerably higher than the England average.

It is recognised that the affected wards contain a high number of different ethnic groups, whose first language may not be English. Therefore, if wayfinding signage is required at any point during the event, it will be assessed and designed using maps and symbols, with limited use of the written word.

#### E) Sexual Orientation

We do not hold ward or borough level data on sexual orientation, and it is not collected nationally through the Census. However, the ONS estimates that 3.7% of Haringey's population are lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB), which is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest LGB community in the country<sup>2</sup>.

All event applications must not discriminate on grounds of sexual orientation. Therefore, any event that takes place in a Haringey park is open to people of every sexual orientation.

#### F) Religion

	Harringay (LB Haringey)	Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	Brownswood (LB Hackney)	Finsbury Park (LB Islington)	London	England & Wales
Christian	39%	36.5%	37.3%	37.9%	48.4%	59.3%
Buddhist	1.3%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	0.4%
Hindu	2.5%	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%	5.0%	1.5%
Jewish	0.6%	1.7%	2.8%	0.6%	1.8%	0.5%
Muslim	14.1%	7.3%	11.3%	15.9%	12.4%	4.8%
Sikh	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	0.2%	1.5%	0.8%

<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/sexuality/articles/subnationalsexualidentityestimates/uk2013to2015#introduction>

Other religion	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%
No religion	32.7%	42.7%	37.1%	25.2%	20.7%	25.1%
Religion not stated	8.7%	9.4%	8.2%	17.2%	8.5%	7.2%

The Haringey, Hackney and Islington wards affected by the proposal have lower than average Christian communities compared to the regional and national average but has larger Jewish and Muslim populations. All three boroughs have a larger population who do not have a religion.

The Council's Events Policy stipulates that major events cannot take place in a Haringey park if they discriminate entry based on religion. The event organisers will ensure that people of all or no religion will be able to attend the event.

#### G) Pregnancy and maternity

The number of 0-4 year olds in the wards affected in the 2011 Census were:

	Proportion of 0-4 year olds
Harringay (LB Haringey)	6.4%
Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	6.0%
Haringey	7.1%
Brownswood (LB Hackney)	4.9%
Hackney	7.8%
Finsbury Park (LB Islington)	6.8%
Islington	5.9%
London	7.2%
England & Wales	6.2%

Haringey has a higher proportion compared to the England and Wales average, but is marginally below the London average.

	Proportion of households with dependent children
Harringay (LB Haringey)	23.8%
Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	24.2%
Haringey	31.4%
Brownswood (LB Hackney)	21.3%
Hackney	32.4%
Finsbury Park (LB Islington)	
Islington	
London	30.9%
England & Wales	29.1%

Haringey has a larger proportion of households with dependent children compared to the regional and national average.

#### H) Marital and civil partnership status



	Married (heterosexual couples)	Civil Partnership
Harringay (LB Haringey)	28.5%	0.7%
Stroud Green (LB Haringey)	27.5%	1.1%
Haringey	32.2%	0.6%
Brownswood (LB Hackney)		
Hackney	26.8%	0.6%
Finsbury Park (LB Islington)		
Islington	24.8%	0.8%
London	40%	0.4%
England & Wales	47%	0.2%

The number of married people (only available to heterosexual couples at the time) is significantly lower than in London and England. However, the proportion of people in civil partnerships is higher in the area compared to the London and England and Wales averages.

**4. a) How will consultation and/or engagement inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on protected groups of residents, service users and/or staff?**

*Please outline which groups you may target and how you will have targeted them*

Further information on consultation is contained within accompanying EqIA guidance

The Council's Events Policy stipulates the need to consult recognised stakeholders, including Friends Groups, Area Parks Managers, Ward Councillors, the Cabinet Member for Environment and the members of the Haringey Safety Advisory Group. Other consultees may be added where appropriate for the specific park or open space.

The Council established the Finsbury Park Events Stakeholder Group, which meets regularly to update and inform all recognised stakeholders of Finsbury Park as event plans are developed. It is in this forum that issues and mitigating actions may be discussed in the lead up to major events. This group is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Environment and is attended by the event Applicant as and when required.

In discharging the requirement to consult, the Council sent details of the applications to thirty-six stakeholder groups by email dated 8 January 2018. The Council requests that all responses are submitted within ten working days.

In 2016, during the Judicial Review of the Council's Events Policy, the High Court defined the consultees as 'informed consultees' who had opportunities to share their views within this 10 day period. This, and a subsequent appeal heard in the Court of Appeal in 2017, were found in the Council's favour.

**4. b) Outline the key findings of your consultation / engagement activities once completed, particularly in terms of how this relates to groups that share the protected characteristics**

*Explain how will the consultation's findings will shape and inform your proposal and the decision making process, and any modifications made?*

Of the stakeholders originally contacted, the Council received no responses raising concerns regarding this park hire application.

A cross-party working group has been created, attended by senior officers from Haringey, Hackney and Islington Councils, to focus on issues related to Finsbury Park. Officers will use the forum to discuss potential impacts on all three boroughs.

The Council takes extensive steps to ensure the set up and dismantling of the events are sufficient for the safe installation of an event area, while retaining as much public access as possible. The Council will work closely with the event promoters in advance of the event to agree how a phased closure of the event space is managed as build progresses and to ensure that vehicle movement through the park is managed and controlled during these periods.

The event organisers and the Council will ensure, as in previous years that the park is cleaned throughout the duration of the events. The wider park area (outside of the event perimeter) is maintained via business as usual by the Council's Parks Operations Team. In doing this, the Council seeks to minimise the impact on park users and ensure that the park remains as normal and in a safe condition for residents to continue to enjoy.

## **5. What is the likely impact of the proposal on groups of service users and/or staff that share the protected characteristics?**

*Please explain the likely differential impact on each of the 9 equality strands, whether positive or negative. Where it is anticipated there will be no impact from the proposal, please outline the evidence that supports this conclusion.*

Further information on assessing impact on different groups is contained within accompanying EqlA guidance

### **1. Sex**

Although the ward-level data shows that the male to female ratio is broadly in line with national trends, we know that women are more likely to be carers to young children, who use the park, and therefore the proposal disproportionately impacts this group.

However, any impact will be minimal as the proposed events will occupy approximately 4% of the total park space, leaving 96% of the park open to the public, with all formal play and sports facilities remaining available to use.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative	X	Neutral impact		Unknown Impact	
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## 2. Gender reassignment

We are not expecting any impact. The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact		Unknown Impact	X
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## 3. Age

The report identifies that children are more likely to use the park's facilities and, therefore, they are more likely to be impacted by the proposed events. However, the events will occupy approximately 4% of the total park space, leaving 96% of the park open to the public, with all formal play and sports facilities remaining available to use.

The event organisers and the Council will ensure, as in previous years that the park is cleaned throughout the duration of the events. The wider park area (outside of the event perimeter) is maintained via business as usual by the Council's Parks Operations Team. In doing this, the Council seeks to minimise the impact on park users and ensure that the park remains as normal and in a safe condition for residents to continue to enjoy.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative	X	Neutral impact		Unknown Impact	
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## 4. Disability

The proposal is likely to have a negative impact on people with disabilities, as the events will occupy a section of carriageway throughout the event days.

However, the Council and event promoters will take significant steps to mitigate the impact. Alternative routes along the closed section of carriageway will be made available to ensure access by park users is maintained. The Council will ensure that all routes allow access for those park users with disabilities. In previous years, the Council has not received complaints from park users with visual impairments as a result of the proposed events. However, Council officers will ensure that immediate feedback on the event will be used to improve any actions seeking to support those park users with disabilities.

The Council will ensure that parking for Blue Badge holders is maintained and available throughout the duration of the events, including during the set up and dismantling phases.

The remaining footpaths and carriageways will remain open in the park.

By hosting the proposed event, the Council is able to use some of the revenue to support

groups in the park. For the last two years, Pedal Power, a cycling proficiency trainer aimed at young people with disabilities, has received £20,000, allowing them to purchase new equipment and extend their activities.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative	X	Neutral impact		Unknown Impact	
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## 5. Race and ethnicity

The proposed event will attract a considerable number of attendees, from a range of ethnicities. The immediate wards surrounding the park are already some of the most diverse communities in the country.

During previous events held in the park, the Council has used pictures and symbols in its signage to ensure that communication to park users is clear and inclusive of the diverse range of communities in the area. This event has never required the event organiser to install wayfinding signage. If ever there was a need Council officers would ensure all signage was accessible by all.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact	X	Unknown Impact	
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## 6. Sexual orientation

We are not expecting any impact. The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact		Unknown Impact	X
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## 7. Religion or belief (or no belief)

Under the Council's existing Events Policy, an event is not permitted in a Haringey park if it excludes entry on a religious basis. Therefore, any event that takes place in Finsbury Park will allow attendees of any or no religion. The proposed events in this report will comply with this direction.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact	X	Unknown Impact	
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### 8. Pregnancy and maternity

We are not expecting any impact. All of the concerns regarding the impact on children who use the park are covered in point 3.

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact	X	Unknown Impact	
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### 9. Marriage and Civil Partnership

The event promoters will be required to comply with standard Equality Act requirements in order to prevent any discrimination based on this characteristic.

Positive		Negative		Neutral impact	X	Unknown Impact	
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### 10. Groups that cross two or more equality strands e.g. young black women

Women with young children:

We know that women are more likely to be carers to young children, and therefore the proposal is likely to impact disproportionately on this group. However, the impact is likely to be low because the Council and event promoters will take significant actions to mitigate the disruption caused to the park. All of the park's formal play and sport facilities will be unaffected by the events, allowing women with young children to continue to use approximately 96% of the park.

Positive		Negative	X	Neutral impact		Unknown impact	
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### Outline the overall impact of the policy for the Public Sector Equality Duty:

- Could the proposal result in any direct/indirect discrimination for any group that shares the protected characteristics?
- Will the proposal help to advance equality of opportunity between groups who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?

This includes:

- a) Remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons protected under the Equality Act
  - b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons protected under the Equality Act that are different from the needs of other groups
  - c) Encourage persons protected under the Equality Act to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low
- Will the proposal help to foster good relations between groups who share a

## protected characteristic and those who do not?

### **Background to the major events proposals:**

The nature of any proposed event is considered and embedded in the application and planning process. The Council's Events Policy also contains a list of events that would not be allowed to take place in a Haringey park. If an application does not fall within this immediate refusal, the individual event proposal is discussed between the Council and the Cabinet Member before any informal decision is made to progress the application.

### **Terms and conditions of the events (including entry):**

The event promoters will ensure that entry to their events does not discriminate on the grounds of sex, gender reassignment, age, disability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, pregnancy and maternity, marital and civil partnership status. In previous years, the events have attracted a significant number of attendees, from a diverse range of ages and backgrounds. The proposed event provides a significant opportunity to foster good relations between groups who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Previous events in the park have attracted a range of communities that share a common interest and come together during this event.

### **Impact of the proposal and mitigating actions:**

In relation to the potential impact on park users and residents in the immediate area, the Council will take steps to ensure any impact is minimised. It is acknowledged that children and young people are a particular group that use the park and its facilities. The proposed event will occupy approximately 4% of the park's space and will close a small section of the internal carriageway. It is therefore accepted that the events will create a degree of disruption to the park. However, the majority of park space (96%) will remain open to park users during the event period and the Council and the event promoters will take steps to ensure that any appropriate signage that is needed directs park users to available park space and play equipment.

The proposed events will not have an impact on parking availability in the park during the running of the event. The Council will ensure that Blue Badge holders and recognised park stakeholder groups continue to be able to park during these periods.

### **Benefits of the proposal:**

The proposed event raises significant revenue for the Council, which is shared with relevant groups in the park. In previous years, groups have received money, resulting from the event, to support activities in the park and improve the offer to park users. This has a positive impact on the overall quality of the park's facilities for residents.

They have also sought to advance equality of opportunity between residents, providing funding for specific groups and charities that support groups who share a protected characteristic.

**6. a) What changes if any do you plan to make to your proposal as a result of the Equality Impact Assessment?**

Further information on responding to identified impacts is contained within accompanying EqIA guidance

Outcome	Y/N
<b>No major change to the proposal:</b> the EqIA demonstrates the proposal is robust and there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken. <u>If you have found any inequalities or negative impacts that you are unable to mitigate, please provide a compelling reason below why you are unable to mitigate them.</u>	Y
<b>Adjust the proposal:</b> the EqIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. Adjust the proposal to remove barriers or better promote equality. Clearly <u>set out below</u> the key adjustments you plan to make to the policy. If there are any adverse impacts you cannot mitigate, please provide a compelling reason below	N
<b>Stop and remove the proposal:</b> the proposal shows actual or potential avoidable adverse impacts on different protected characteristics. The decision maker must not make this decision.	N

**6 b) Summarise the specific actions you plan to take to remove or mitigate any actual or potential negative impact and to further the aims of the Equality Duty**

Impact and which protected characteristics are impacted?	Action	Lead officer	Timescale
Age	Ensure all facilities remain open in the park.	Assistant Director: Environment & Neighbourhoods	Ongoing Ongoing
Disability	<p>Ensure that access by all recognised user groups is maintained during the event period.</p> <p>Ensure thoroughfares are maintained within the park at all times, and when those agreed are closed, find alternatives which all abilities can access.</p> <p>Ensure that if wayfinding maps and signage are needed, that this is placed in visible locations to help park users maintain access while events are taking</p>	Assistant Director: Environment & Neighbourhoods	Ongoing

	place.		
Race & Ethnicity	Ensure that where wayfinding maps and signage are required, it is accessible for those who may not speak or read English, enabling them to access all facilities within the park.	Assistant Director: Environment & Neighbourhoods	Ongoing

**Please outline any areas you have identified where negative impacts will happen as a result of the proposal but it is not possible to mitigate them. Please provide a complete and honest justification on why it is not possible to mitigate them.**

N/A

**6 c) Summarise the measures you intend to put in place to monitor the equalities impact of the proposal as it is implemented:**

Event information and park access information is provided in the run-up to all major events taking place in the Park. This is placed on Haringey’s website, with both Hackney and Islington Council’s encouraged to share it with their residents. This will remain the case for events planned for 2018. This includes contact details for the relevant Council services, encouraging anyone with complaints to report them.

The Applicant is on site at all times during the build, break and event periods for anyone wanting to report issues related to the event. The Applicant is required to share any complaints with Council officers and appropriate action is taken.

Stakeholders are encouraged to feedback on any issues that may arise, and these are responded to by officers.

Council Officers are based within the park daily. This means that monitoring of the event is carried out on a daily basis ensuring the event has minimal impact on daily park use. Feedback is thoroughly assessed to ensure improvements and mitigations can be made at the time and for future events.

The Council monitors complaints that may be received during the events to ensure that, where possible and appropriate, a different approach can be adopted in future events to further mitigate any impact.

**7. Authorisation**

EqlA approved by .....	Date
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(Assistant Director/ Director)	.....
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<b>8. Publication</b> <i>Please ensure the completed EqlA is published in accordance with the Council's policy.</i>

Please contact the Policy & Strategy Team for any feedback on the EqlA process.