

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Tool

1	Lead officer contact details:	Brian Ellick		
2	Date:	25 September 2023		
3	Summary of the proposal:	To extend the existing borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for the control of dogs.		
Response to Screening Questions		Yes	No	Please explain your answer.
a) Type of proposal				
4.	Is this a new proposal or a significant change to a policy or service, including commissioned service?		✓	The proposal is to extend of the existing borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs to 30 April 2025.
5.	Does the proposal remove, reduce or alter a service or policy?		✓	The PSPO has been in place since 2017 and were extended in 2020.
6.	Will there be a restructure or significant changes in staffing arrangements? Please see the restructure pages for guidance for restructure EqlAs .		✓	Public consultation has been undertaken, which received 93% support for the extension.
7.	If the service or policy is not changing, have there been any known equality issues or concerns with current provision. For example, cases of discrimination or failure to tackle inequalities in outcomes in the past?		✓	There are no policy or service changes or impact on staffing arrangements. During the time the PSPO has been in place no equality issues or concerns have been raised or through the consultation process.
b) Known inequalities				
8.	Could the proposal disproportionately impact on any particular communities, disadvantaged or vulnerable residents?		✓	No group is disproportionately affected by the application of the PSPO, it is intended to have a positive impact by providing a safer environment for all users.

9.	<p>Is the service targeted towards particular disadvantaged or vulnerable residents?</p> <p><i>This can be a service specifically for a group, such as services for people with Learning Disabilities. It can also be a universal service but has specific measures to tackle inequalities, such as encouraging men to take up substance misuse services.</i></p>		✓	<p>The signage clearly advises people entering the area of the conditions for those who are responsible for a dog or dogs.</p> <p>Everybody must comply with the PSPO if they have a dog in their care unless;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the landowner or person in charge of the land gives you permission. ▪ you have a reasonable excuse for not complying. ▪ you are exempt because you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ are registered as a blind person ○ have a disability which affects your mobility, physical coordination, ability to use your hands or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects ○ have a registered assistance dog
10.	<p>Are there any known inequalities? For example, particular groups are not currently accessing services that they need or are more likely to suffer inequalities in outcomes, such as health outcomes.</p>		✓	
11	<p>If you have answered yes to at least one question in both sections a) and b), Please complete an EqlA.</p>			<p>A full EqlA, is not required at this time as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSPO has been in place since 2017 and is being extended without change. • No equality issues have been raised during the time the PSPO has been in place, or through the public consultation.