

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Tool

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2	Date: 6/3/2024			
3	Summary of the proposal: Finsbury Park South Entrance Public Space Protection Order			
	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?		✓	<p>The proposal seeks approval for implementing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This order would allow the installation of fencing around a designated portion of the paved area at the south entrance of the park, adjacent to the Lidl supermarket on Seven Sister Road. The fenced area would be equipped with controlled gates, enabling legitimate and efficient use. Specifically, it would facilitate deliveries, events, and crowd control.</p> <p>The primary goal is to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) and enhance overall safety. ASB identified includes, drug-related activity, illegitimate vehicle use, fly tipping, street drinking, discarded beer cans, drugs paraphernalia, urine, and faeces.</p> <p>This proposal does not impact existing policies, services, or staffing arrangements.</p>
5.	Does the proposal remove, reduce or alter a service or policy?		✓	
6.	Will there be a restructure or significant changes in staffing arrangements? Please see the restructure pages for guidance for restructure EqlAs .		✓	
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?		✓	

				<p>A number of preventative and targeted interventions have been employed by the police and council to deter crime in the specific area. With issues and criminal behaviours persisting, closing off the designated area by erecting gates and implementing the PSPO will bring an end to or restrict the harmful behaviours and subsequently, bring about improvements to the area such as, an increase in feelings of safety for users of the park in particular women and in addition the area will be put to better, legitimate use.</p>
b) Known inequalities				
8.	<p>Could the proposal disproportionately impact on any particular communities, disadvantaged or vulnerable residents?</p>		✓	<p>The government guidance on PSPO states that the restrictions of a PSPO can be blanket restrictions or requirements or can be targeted against certain behaviours by certain groups at certain times. The PSPO proposed, targets certain behaviours in the designated area of Finsbury Park by restricting access to this area through the installation of gates.</p> <p>Overall, groups with protected characteristics will be positively impacted by the proposal which aims to assist the council in tackling anti-social behaviour and to improve cleanliness.</p> <p>The introduction of a PSPO in the locality of Finsbury Park has the potential to have a positive impact on the Council's duty under the Equality Act 2010, to foster good relations between communities. It will tackle the antisocial behaviour</p>
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>		✓	
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>		✓	

			<p>which has the potential to create tensions between different communities.</p> <p>The PSPO will apply to all individuals committing antisocial behaviour within the designated area, without discrimination. We do not anticipate any negative impacts on any groups with protected characteristics, as evidenced from the consultation responses. However, the council will seek to consider and mitigate any negative impact raised after the implementation by the PSPO by persons with protected characteristics.</p> <p>The consultation results found that out of 154 respondents, 92 were in favour of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), while 52 objected, and 7 had no preference. The objections primarily centred around concerns about the gates negatively impacting the landscape, the potential displacement of issues to other areas, and the likelihood of the fenced-off area attracting litter. Additionally, some responses highlighted the perceived lack of paved space for pedestrians if the fence were to be installed. However, the proposed plans have taken this into account, ensuring that there will be sufficient space for 2-3 people to pass on the pavement. Notably, the new pavement width will align with the existing width beyond the Finsbury gate, extending toward the Manor Park entrance</p>
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11	If you have answered yes to at least one question in both sections a) and b), Please complete an EqIA.			A full EqIA, is not required at this time as <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal is likely to have no/minimal impact on groups that share the protected characteristics or other disadvantaged groups• The PSPO and fencing off the designated area is likely to have a positive impact on residents living in the locality and staff working in and around the location; in making the area cleaner and safer.