

Stage 1 Equality Impact Assessment – Initial Screening

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Directorate:	Economy and Environment
Date of Completion:	August 2012

Name of Policy/Strategy/Service/Function Proposal

The making of the Isle of Wight Council (Residents Parking Places) Order No 1 2012, that seeks to introduce additional parking bays in Denmark Road, Cowes.

The Aims, Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

It is the duty of every local authority to secure the flow and safe movement of all traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable parking facilities on and off the highway. This EIA relates to the proposed highway network improvement to the town of Cowes by introducing additional residents parking bays close to the town and local amenities. The expected outcome is to manage the network to ensure the safe and expedient passage of all road users whilst maximizing on-street parking for the town.

Please delete as appropriate:

- This is a proposal for a new strategy

Key Questions to Consider in Assessing Potential Impact

Will the policy, strategy, service or council function proposal have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics or other reasons that are relevant issues for the local community and/or staff?	No
Has previous consultation identified this issue as important or highlighted negative impact and/or we have created a “legitimate expectation” for consultation to take place? A legitimate expectation may be created when we have consulted on similar issues in the past or if we have ever given an indication that we would consult in such situations	No
Do different groups of people within the local community have different needs or experiences in the area this issue relates to?	No
Could the aims of these proposals be in conflict with the council's general duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not?	No
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how services or a council function/s is/are delivered?	No
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?	No
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment of resources?	No
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities?	No
<p>If you answer Yes to any of these questions, it will be necessary for you to proceed to a full Equality Impact Assessment after you have completed the rest of this initial screening form.</p> <p>If you answer No to all of these questions, please provide appropriate evidence using the table below and complete the evidence considerations box and obtain sign off from your Head of Service.</p>	

Protected Characteristics	Positive	Negative	No impact	Reasons
Age	X			The introduction of additional on-street residents parking bays in Denmark Road will have a positive impact due to extra parking facilities being made available close to the town of Cowes and other local amenities. Although the bays are residents parking bays they are also limited waiting 2 hours no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm.
Disability	X			The introduction of additional on-street residents parking bays in Denmark Road will have a positive impact due to extra parking facilities being made available close to the town of Cowes and other local amenities. Although the bays are residents parking bays they are also limited waiting 2 hours no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm.
Gender Reassignment			X	
Marriage & Civil Partnership			X	
Pregnancy & Maternity			X	
Race			X	
Religion / Belief			X	
Sex (male / female)			X	
Sexual Orientation			X	

Are there aspects of the proposal that contribute to or improve the opportunity for equality?	No
<p>The proposed restrictions are designed to ensure that the Council's duty to manage the highway network in such a way as to ensure the safe and expedient passage of all vehicles and pedestrians is achieved whilst ensuring the maximum number of available on-street parking facilities for the town of Cowes.</p>	

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Evidence Considered During Screening

Onsite assessments were made including width measurements and photographs to inform this decision.

The representations received as part of the consultation were also considered.

Head of Service Sign off:	
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Advice sought from Legal Services (Name)	Ben Gard Trainee (Legal Executive)
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