

# Equality Impact Assessment



## Name of project/proposal

Country Park Transformation Programme (CPT)

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## Purpose for project/proposal

Hampshire County Council's country parks - Lepe, Royal Victoria, Queen Elizabeth, Staunton, Manor Farm and Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve have, for over forty years, provided people with safe, high quality opportunities to experience and explore Hampshire's countryside.

Despite the popularity of the parks, it is clear that they are showing their age and the facilities offered to the public are not keeping up with today's needs and expectations. The time is right to ensure the parks remain relevant to a new generation, to build on the legacy inherited and to ensure that they have a financially viable future.

The programme seeks to bring more people into the parks, not just as customers, but as volunteers and as active stakeholders. It aims to maximise inward investment and partnership funding in order to bring the greatest possible added value

This EIA makes reference to the overall programme, each park project will produce it's own EIA as it becomes live.

Current EIA's published are for Lepe and Royal Victoria.

## Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

Planned

The Programme is not subject to consultation itself, however, each park/project will carry on consultation as appropriate.

## Statutory considerations

### Impact

Age	Medium
Disability	Medium
Sexual orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	Low

### Other policy considerations

Poverty	Low
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

All Hampshire Other

Other

Visitors from outside of Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?\*

Yes

No

## Equality statement

Age: I expect there to be a medium positive impact on age due to a wider selection of play equipment and trails available for all ages.

Disability: I expect there to be a medium positive impact on disability due to more accessible paths, and at sites with new buildings ramp to access will be introduced..

Further positive impacts include improved parking facilities, and by increasing the overall offer at the park a good value day out for those on a lower income.

Pregnancy/Maternity: I expect there to be a low positive impact due to baby change facilities being offered

Poverty: As part of the programme parking charges will be reviewed to become more consistent across the parks, as such there may be a positive or negative impact at specific locations, but it is expected to be broadly neutral impact.

Date to review actions

01 May 2017

## **Final decision date**

Final decision date due  
Decision to be made by

01 Nov 2016  
Executive Member