

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Project Appraisal: Fareham Air Quality Improvement Scheme

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Description of current service/policy

The scheme is a package of cycle network improvements across Fareham & Gosport. These measures are being implemented to increase the attractiveness of the local cycle network and increase the number of local journeys taken by bike, to help tackle roadside concentrations of nitrogen dioxide.

Geographical impact: Fareham, Gosport

Description of proposed change

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Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

A public engagement process on 12 potential NO₂ abatement measures was carried out by Fareham Borough Council in Autumn 2018. There were 1120 respondents who took part in the online survey, with most respondents who took part living in Fareham Borough and Gosport. The majority of people supported improvements to cycling infrastructure. Local Members are currently being informed of the final proposals. Once this has taken place information will go out to local residents. Marketing materials will be produced to further promote cycling across the peninsula, including updated local route maps, which feeds into the wider communications plan.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	The intended effect of the schemes, (to improve air quality) will have a positive impact for older and younger people, and also for pregnancy and maternity, as scientific evidence and national societal trends suggest they are already disproportionately impacted by existing poor air quality.	
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		

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Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Positive	The intended effect of the schemes, (to improve air quality) will have a positive impact for older and younger people, and also for pregnancy and maternity, as scientific evidence and national societal trends suggest they are already disproportionately impacted by existing poor air quality.	
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Positive	The intended effect of the schemes, (to improve air quality) will have a positive impact for older and younger people, and also for pregnancy and maternity, as scientific evidence and national societal trends suggest they are already disproportionately impacted by existing poor air quality.	
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

The impact for the majority of categories is neutral, as the schemes are improvements to an existing active travel network, with minimal changes to the function or character of highway or public realm.

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