

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Traffic Management (Speed Limit) Policy Exceptions in Relation to Air Quality Management Measures

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Environment

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Description of current service/policy

At present all speed limits are set for road safety reasons.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To make exceptions in accordance with the strict qualifying criteria set out in report paragraph 3.7 to allow speed limits to be amended or set based on public health grounds with regard to improving air quality.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

Speed limit changes are already subject to a statutory consultation process which will continue to be applied.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	Potential positive impact on wellbeing as poor air quality disproportionately impacts on older and younger people.	
Disability: Positive	Potential positive impact on wellbeing for any respiratory, cardiac or other conditions that are exacerbated by poor air quality.	
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		

Pregnancy and maternity: Positive	Potential positive impact on wellbeing as the latest scientific evidence suggests that poor air quality disproportionately impacts on pregnant mothers and their unborn children to a greater extent than other groups.	
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Positive	Potential positive impact on wellbeing as the national trend is that poor air quality disproportionately impacts areas of high social deprivation to a greater extent.	
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

Primary connection to Objectives 2 & 3 of the Strategic Plan
Secondary connection to Objectives 1 & 4 of the Strategic Plan