

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
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Active Travel Update

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Description of current service/policy

This Equalities Impact Assessment relates to an update report for the School Streets Pilot; an initiative which will close roads outside a number of Hampshire schools to general motor traffic during the start and end of the school day, on a short-term trial basis.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

The School Streets initiative will implement restrictions on vehicle access at three trial locations on the roads providing the main route of pedestrian access to the school site, during the start and end of the school day. The impact of the scheme will be monitored and reviewed. The schemes will provide a better-quality environment around the schools and have the potential to reduce short car journeys within the local area by encouraging the increased use of active travel modes for school travel. This will support school travel plan targets and bring benefits in terms of reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality and improvements to road safety around the school site.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

During development of the school streets proposals, discussions will be had with the partner schools and key stakeholders. A public engagement exercise will be undertaken prior to implementation, seeking the views of key local stakeholders, residents, businesses and the school community on the scheme proposals. This feedback will inform the decision on whether to keep, modify or remove the scheme following the initial trial period. Further details on the public engagement relating to the three individual sites to receive school streets initiatives will be set out in the EIA.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
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: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken for the proposal and it has been found to have a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics. Individual assessments will be carried out for specific schemes, but the proposed trial will provide an opportunity to assess the approach more generally, particularly in relation to potential impacts on people with disabilities and older people, who may have to travel further at specific sites when escorting children to school. Other potential impacts to be monitored might fall upon other groups that may feel vulnerable escorting children to school on foot rather than by vehicle. It is assessed that there would be a positive impact for younger people (school pupils) through increased opportunity for physical activity, reduced road danger, and potential reductions in air pollution. A potential positive impact could also be experienced by people with disabilities not reliant on a private car as the environment would be safer e.g. people with visual impairment, mobility scooter.

Any other information