

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Project Appraisal: Eastleigh Area Bus Infrastructure Works

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Description of current service/policy

The existing bus infrastructure offer is inconsistent in the wider Eastleigh area with some infrastructure being inaccessible to those public transport users with mobility impairments or travelling with a pushchair.

Geographical impact: Eastleigh

Description of proposed change

Improvements will be made to bus stop infrastructure, bus shelters, real time passenger information (RTPI) provision and to the overall accessibility of the public transport infrastructure in Eastleigh. Bus shelters will be upgraded, new RTPI screens installed and works surrounding accessibility of stops will be undertaken. These measures will make the infrastructure in the area more accessible, more attractive and improve the overall perception of their safety.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Previous consultation has been utilised and adopted. Further consultation will be carried out with the bus companies and parish council.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
<p>Age: Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality. Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	

<p>Disability: Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality. Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	
<p>Sexual orientation: Neutral</p>		

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<p>Religion and belief: Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality.</p> <p>Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	

<p>Gender reassignment:</p> <p>Neutral</p>		
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<p>Marriage and civil partnership:</p> <p>Neutral</p>		

<p>Pregnancy and maternity:</p> <p>Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality.</p> <p>Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	
<p>Other policy considerations</p>	<p>Impact</p>	<p>Mitigation</p>

<p>Poverty: Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality. Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	
<p>Rurality: Positive</p>	<p>This project will provide better access to public transport for all. Survey data tells us that public bus services are predominately used by people with protected characteristics; older people, young people, women, people with a disability, people living in poverty, people from a BAME background and those isolated through rurality. Information at bus stops, waiting facilities and access to bus stops have been identified as barriers to increasing public transport use. The proposed works will remove these barriers with the goal of generating more passenger journeys. This in turn could lead to bus operators investing in their fleet to provide better vehicles and an altogether more accessible public transport proposition. The works would therefore have a positive impact on people with these characteristics.</p>	

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral

impact)

Any other information

The impact has been assessed as being neutral for the protected characteristics of sexual orientation, gender reassignment and marriage/civil partnership because there is no evidence that suggests that people with these characteristics use public transport any more or less than the general population.