# equality impact assessment stage 1 quick check questionnaire



If you are planning on making a change to an existing service or policy, or launching something new, fill out this quick questionnaire to find out if you need to complete a full equality impact assessment. You can also use this form to check your current services or policies.

To find out more about the legal background to equality impact assessments, or for advice on which of your current services should be assessed, read our equality impact assessment help notes.

## Section 1: About you and your service area

Your name:	Craig Jordan
Your service area:	Spatial Policy and delivery
Your director/line manager:	Richard King
Your cabinet member:	Cllr Ian Pritchard

## Section 2: About your plans

Name of service/policy you are assessing: Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan

Is it? (please delete as appropriate)

A new policy/planned service

Who are the main users of your service/policy? (please delete any that are not appropriate)

- Mixture of residents and visitors
- Users of a specific service (e.g. leisure centre customers)
- Internal (employees)
- Disability specific groups
- Race specific groups
- Gender specific groups
- Religious groups
- Sexual orientation groups
- Marriage and civil partnerships
- Older people

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- Young people
- Other (please specify)

Please briefly describe why you are creating a new service/changing an existing service or reviewing current policy/service (where appropriate, include sources of evidence such as customer feedback): Alrewas Parish Council has produced a Neighbourhood Plan to provide specific planning policies for the Alrewas Neighbourhood Area. The Plan has been independently examined and found to meet the basic conditions. Following examination the Plan has been subject to a referendum within the neighbourhood area and achieved a success 'yes' vote.

## Section 3: Will your plans impact on any particular groups?

#### **3a:** Image Set that apply in the table below. If any boxes don't apply, please leave blank.

Hints & tips Think about who will benefit from or be affected by your plans/policy. Will any particular group be negatively affected, or not able to use the service? For further guidance please see Section 3 of the help notes.

Impact of plans	Will your plans have a positive impact on this group? If so please explain why?	Will your plans have a negative impact? If so please explain why? If there is a negative impact on any group(s), please
Groups of users		complete section 4 for each group.
Age ranges (indicate range/ranges)	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan does not have specific policies relating to defined age groups it has been found to be in general conformity with the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy which includes policies which consider all age	No.
	groups within the District.	
Disability (physical, sensory or learning)	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan does not have specific policies relating to people with disabilities it has been found to be in general conformity with the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy which includes policies which seek to ensure that the needs of those with disabilities are met.	No.
Gender/sex	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood plan does not have specific policies relating to issues dealing with gender and sex it has been found to be in general conformity with the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy which helps to facilitate the delivery of a range of services and facilities which may deal with issues relating to gender and sex. The Local Plan is underpinned by policies relating to sustainable communities which are underpinned by community cohesion, inclusivity and narrowing the equality gap as such the Neighbourhood Plan conforms to this.	No.
Transgender/gender reassignment	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood plan does not have specific policies relating to issues dealing with transgender and gender reassignment it has been found to be in general conformity with the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy which helps to facilitate the delivery of a range of services and facilities which may deal with issues relating to transgender and gender reassignment. The Local Plan is	No.

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	underpinned by policies relating to sustainable communities which are	
	underpinned by community cohesion,	
	inclusivity and narrowing the equality	
	gap as such the Neighbourhood Plan	
	conforms to this.	
Race (includes ethnic or	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood	No.
national origins, colour	plan does not have specific policies	
or nationality)	relating to issues dealing with race it	
	has been found to be in general	
	conformity with the adopted Lichfield	
	District Local Plan Strategy which helps	
	to facilitate the delivery of a range of	
	services and facilities which may deal	
	with issues relating to race. The Local	
	Plan is underpinned by policies	
	relating to sustainable communities	
	which are underpinned by community	
	cohesion, inclusivity and narrowing	
	the equality gap as such the	
	Neighbourhood Plan conforms to this.	
Gypsies and travellers	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood	No.
	plan does not have specific policies	
	relating to issues dealing Gypsies and	
	Travellers it has been found to be in	
	general conformity with the adopted	
	Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy	
	which includes policies relating to	
	meeting the needs of Gypsies,	
Defugees / equipme	Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood	No.
Refugees / asylum seekers	plan does not have specific policies	NO.
Seekers	relating to issues dealing with refugees	
	and asylum seekers it has been found	
	to be in general conformity with the	
	adopted Lichfield District Local Plan	
	Strategy which helps to facilitate the	
	delivery of a range of services and	
	facilities which may deal with issues	
	relating to refugees and asylum	
	seekers. The Local Plan is underpinned	
	by policies relating to sustainable	
	communities which are underpinned	
	by community cohesion, inclusivity	
	and narrowing the equality gap as	
	such the Neighbourhood Plan	
	conforms to this.	
Sexual orientation	Neutral. Whilst the Neighbourhood	No.
	plan does not have specific policies	
	relating to issues dealing with sexual	
	orientation it has been found to be in	
	general conformity with the adopted	
	Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy	
	which helps to facilitate the delivery of	
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	communities which are underpinned by community cohesion, inclusivity and narrowing the equality gap as such the Neighbourhood Plan conforms to this.	
Carers or the people cared for (dependants)	Yes. Whilst the Neighbourhood plan does not have specific policies relating to issues dealing with Carers or the people cared for it has been found to be in general conformity with the adopted Lichfield District Local Plan Strategy which includes policies which specifically related to the provision of supported housing, care homes and homes built to Lifetime Homes standards which are applicable to carers and their dependants.	
Other (please specify)		

## **3b:** Further details

Please use this space to provide further details if necessary



## Section 4: Can you justify and evidence, or lessen any impact?

**4a:** If you have identified a negative impact(s) on any group(s) please complete the below table for each affected each group. If any boxes don't apply, please leave blank. If you didn't identify any negative impact(s) on the previous page, skip to section 6.

**Hints & tips** Is there something you can do to reduce or alter any negative impact you have identified? *For example when we changed waste and recycling collections to kerbside collections, we offered disabled/less able people assisted collections.* Please list all the evidence you have gathered to support your decision(s) – this could include customer feedback, statistics, comparable policies, consultation results. If you don't have any evidence, please carry out appropriate studies and research to gather the evidence you need to support your decision(s). If you have no/insufficient evidence or cannot gather any, you will need to complete a full EIA. For further guidance, see Section 4 of the help notes.

Actions you need to take	We will make the following change(s) to the service/policy to reduce the negative impact. Explain the change(s) and the evidence you have to support your decision? Support your decision? Support your decision?	We won't make changes as we can justify our decision and there are sound reasons behind our decision. Justify why and detail the evidence you have gathered to support your decision. I Use section 4c below if you	There is a negative impact, and we cannot justify it and/or have no, or insufficient, evidence to support our decision. You will need complete a full equality impact assessment. See the help
Groups of users	details.	want to give more details.	notes for more details.
Age ranges (indicate range/ranges)			
Disability (physical, sensory or learning)			
Gender / sex			
Transgender /			
gender reassignment			
Race (includes ethnic or			
national origins, colour			
or nationality)			
Gypsies and travellers			
Refugees / asylum seekers			
Sexual orientation			
Marriage and civil partnerships			
Religion or belief			
(includes lack of belief)			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Carers or the people			
cared for (dependants)			
Other (please specify)			

## **4b:** Further details on changes

Please use the space below to give more details on the changes you will make, if necessary:

## **4c:** Further details on justification

Please use the space below to give more details on the justification/evidence you have gathered, if necessary:

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## Section 5: Your action plan

**Help notes** If, as a result of this assessment, you are going to adapt your plans or policy, please include details below. Please include a quick action plan and key dates that will show how you will review your decisions and when. Please include responsibility and expected outcomes. For full guidance on how to complete this section, please refer to the help notes.

## Section 6: Record your actions (delete as appropriate)

I have sent this to Policy and Performance for publication on the intranet and on	Yes
www.lichfielddc.gov.uk	
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