

Oldham

Local

Plan

**Statement of
Community Involvement
2020: Equality Impact
Assessment**

June 2020



Oldham
Council



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Stage 1: Initial screening



The Stage One screening is a quick and easy process. It should:

- identify those projects, policies, and proposals which require a full EIA by looking at the potential impact on any of the equality groups
- prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed
- justify reasons for why a full EIA is not going to be completed

Not all policies will require an EIA: Click on the information symbol to view a set of key questions which will help you to decide whether you need to complete the form. If you do not need to go any further because a full EIA is not required, please ensure that you complete all the questions in Stage 1 and get the EIA signed off by the appropriate person (see Section 5). **Please note, if you are assessing a budget proposal please complete all the questions. The information in 1e, should be transferred to the Equality Impact Screening section on the budget proposal form.**

Lead Officer:	Georgina Brownridge
People involved in completing EIA:	Georgina Brownridge, Clare Davison
Is this the first time that this project, policy or proposal has had an EIA carried out on it? If no, please state date of original and append to this document for information.	Yes No x Date of original EIA: In 2006 the original Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was subject to an EqlA. There has since been EqlAs carried out for SCI reviews.

General Information

1a	Which service does this project, policy, or proposal relate to?	Planning and Infrastructure
1b	What is the project, policy or proposal?	Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2020.
1c	What are the main aims of the project, policy or proposal?	To set out how the council will involve the community in the preparation and revision of the Local Plan and the consideration of planning applications.
1d	Who, potentially, could this project, policy or proposal have a	The changes to the review of the SCI are mostly concerned with development management processes

<p>detrimental effect on, or benefit, and how?</p>	<p>and aim to improve the efficiency of the determination of planning applications, reduce the use of paper, encourage the use of online resources and facilities.</p> <p>The changes made by the SCI are not expected to have a detrimental impact on any groups. It is expected to have a positive impact on all groups by providing better access to information and a more efficient planning service with regards to development management.</p> <p>The aim of the SCI is also to try and help people engage in the planning process. The council will, where appropriate, organise focus groups or meetings with people to try to engage those not traditionally involved in the Local Plan process. We will also use social media, display boards at access Oldham, council magazines and variable message boards, where appropriate, to try and engage a wider, more diverse audience.</p> <p>The SCI also has been updated to include caveats that under coronavirus restrictions not all consultation methods or planning committee processes can be followed. In these circumstances online methods of engagement will be made use of.</p>
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1e. Does the project, policy or proposal have the potential to <u>disproportionately</u> impact on any of the following groups? If so, is the impact positive or negative?				
	None	Positive	Negative	Not sure
Disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Particular ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men or women (include impacts due to pregnancy / maternity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People of particular sexual orientation/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People in a Marriage or Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process or part of a process of gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People on low incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People in particular age groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groups with particular faiths and beliefs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any other groups that you think may be affected negatively or positively by this project, policy or proposal?				



<i>E.g. vulnerable residents, homeless people, individuals at risk of loneliness, carers or serving and ex-serving members of the armed forces</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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If the answer is “negative” or “not sure” consider doing a full EIA

1f. What do you think that the overall NEGATIVE impact on groups and communities will be? <u>Please note that an example of none / minimal impact would be where there is no negative impact identified, or there will be no change to the service for any groups.</u> Wherever a negative impact has been identified you should consider completing the rest of the form.	None / Minimal	Significant
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1g	Using the screening and information in questions 1e and 1f, should a full assessment be carried out on the project, policy or proposal?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1h	How have you come to this decision?	The SCI vision is that “through a co-operative approach we will enable, empower and encourage all residents and stakeholders of the borough to actively participate in the planning process to help achieve our corporate outcome of engaging and resilient communities”. It is expected that this can only have a positive effect on all residents and stakeholders.

If you need to complete a full EIA, please go on to Stage 2.

Stage 5: Signature		
Lead Officer: G. Brownridge		Date: 11.06.2020
Approver signature:		Date: 11.06.2020
EIA review date: On review of the SCI.		

