

<b>Section 1: Identifying details</b>
Your function, service area and team: Planning Policy, Neighbourhoods
If you are submitting this EqlA on behalf of another function, service area or team, specify the originating function, service area or team:
Title of policy or decision: Interim Approach to Managing Recreational Pressures on the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation
Officer completing the EqlA: Tel: Alison Blom-Cooper Email: ablomcooper@eppingforestdc.gov.uk
Date of completing the assessment: 11 September 2018

<b>Section 2: Policy to be analysed</b>	
2.1	Is this a new policy (or decision) or a change to an existing policy, practice or project? Yes – new policy
2.2	Describe the main aims, objectives and purpose of the policy (or decision):  To agree an approach to managing recreational pressures on the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation  What outcome(s) are you hoping to achieve (ie decommissioning or commissioning a service)? To secure the implementation of mitigation schemes
2.3	Does or will the policy or decision affect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• service users</li> <li>• employees</li> <li>• the wider community or groups of people, particularly where there are areas of known inequalities?</li> </ul> <p>The Mitigation Strategy will have an impact on the wider community who use the Forest including those with mobility issues.</p> <p>Will the policy or decision influence how organisations operate?</p> <p>Yes – it will support the Conservators in implementing projects to mitigate the impact of visitor pressure on the Forest..</p>
2.4	Will the policy or decision involve substantial changes in resources? Yes – for the Conservators
2.5	Is this policy or decision associated with any of the Council's other policies and how, if applicable, does the proposed policy support corporate outcomes?



	<p>The decision supports the implementation of policies within the Council's Local Plan, the adoption of which is a key corporate priority as set out in the Council Plan</p>
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### **Section 3: Evidence/data about the user population and consultation<sup>1</sup>**

As a minimum you must consider what is known about the population likely to be affected which will support your understanding of the impact of the policy, eg service uptake/usage, customer satisfaction surveys, staffing data, performance data, research information (national, regional and local data sources).

3.1	<p>What does the information tell you about those groups identified?</p> <p>Survey information has provided an understanding of the nature and frequency of activities undertaken by visitors to the Epping Forest SAC.</p>
3.2	<p>Have you consulted or involved those groups that are likely to be affected by the policy or decision you want to implement? If so, what were their views and how have their views influenced your decision?</p> <p>Yes – through the Council’s Local Plan process and through Duty to Co-Operate Mechanisms.</p>
3.3	<p>If you have not consulted or engaged with communities that are likely to be affected by the policy or decision, give details about when you intend to carry out consultation or provide reasons for why you feel this is not necessary:</p> <p>See above</p>

## Section 4: Impact of policy or decision

Use this section to assess any potential impact on equality groups based on what you now know.

<b>Description of impact</b>	<b>Nature of impact</b> Positive, neutral, adverse (explain why)	<b>Extent of impact</b> Low, medium, high (use L, M or H)
Age	None	N/A
Disability	None	N/A
Gender	None	N/A
Gender reassignment	None	N/A
Marriage/civil partnership	None	N/A
Pregnancy/maternity	None	N/A
Race	None	N/A
Religion/belief	None	N/A
Sexual orientation	None	N/A

## Section 5: Conclusion

		Tick Yes/No as appropriate	
5.1	Does the EqIA in Section 4 indicate that the policy or decision would have a medium or high adverse impact on one or more equality groups?	✓ No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	If ' <b>YES</b> ', use the action plan at <b>Section 6</b> to describe the adverse impacts and what mitigating actions you could put in place.

No actual or likely adverse impacts have come to light.

## Section 6: Action plan to address and monitor adverse impacts

What are the potential adverse impacts?	What are the mitigating actions?	Date they will be achieved.

## **Section 7: Sign off**

**I confirm that this initial analysis has been completed appropriately.  
(A typed signature is sufficient.)**

Signature of Head of Service: Alison Blom-Cooper

Date: 11 September 2018

Signature of person completing the EqIA:

Date: 11 September 2018

### **Advice**

Keep your director informed of all equality & diversity issues. We recommend that you forward a copy of every EqIA you undertake to the director responsible for the service area. Retain a copy of this EqIA for your records. If this EqIA relates to a continuing project, ensure this document is kept under review and updated, eg after a consultation has been undertaken.