



Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (January 2021)

Section 1: Your details

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Chief Officer: Nicola Butterworth

Directorate: Neighbourhood Services

Date: December 2021

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Proposal to introduce a junction improvement scheme at the junction of Arrowe Park Road/Arrowe Brook Road, Upton.

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Committee meeting?

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

Report to Simon Fox Interim Assistant Director for Highways and Infrastructure.

Hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any protected groups (age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

| Which group(s) of people could be affected | Potential positive or negative impact | Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact | Lead person | Timescale | Resource implications |
|---|--|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Disability | Potential positive impact. The proposal will enable people with restricted mobility easier access to local transport links (e.g. bus stops); housing; businesses, hospital facilities, leisure facilities and schools. | None | Dave Male | | None |
| Age | Potential positive impact. The proposal will enable children easier access to local transport links (e.g. bus stops); housing; hospital facilities, leisure facilities and schools. | None | Dave Male | | None |

Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

No additional monitoring required to achieve this positive benefit of assisting pedestrians to cross the road.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

The scheme aims to introduce light controlled pedestrian crossing facilities, kerb realignments and additional carriageway markings to assist pedestrians (especially those with disability and schoolchildren) to cross the road as well as allowing cyclists to wait in the advanced cycle lane box ahead of motor vehicles. There are no expected negative impacts relating to any of the protected groups.

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
Traffic Signs Manual
Traffic Management Act 2004
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Highways Act 1980

The introduction of an improvement scheme at the junction of Arrowe Park Road/Arrowe Brook Road provides the Council with the opportunity to address the Council's aspiration to make sure that Wirral's roads are safe and well maintained.

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

Yes / No – (please delete as appropriate)

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

Statutory Consultation has already taken place which has led to the objections being received and the requirement to report and deal with the objections.

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Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

As part of the consultation exercise for this scheme letters were delivered to residents informing them of the proposals. In addition, consultation was undertaken with Party Spokespersons, Ward Members, Active Travel Forum, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and Merseytravel. The consultation exercise was undertaken between 16th September 2021 and 8th October 2021.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 4. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published** (section 2a)
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 4)
- c) **Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 4 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**