

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (January 2021)

Section 1: Your details

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Chief Officer: Nicola Butterworth

Directorate: Neighbourhood Services

Date: 23/02/2023

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Proposal to introduce a wig wag traffic signal scheme on Saughall Massie Road, Saughall Massie.

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 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)
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services

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, Age	Potential positive impact. The proposal will enable emergency service vehicles to exit the community fire station safely without impediment or conflict resulting in a safer community environment.	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 emergency vehicles exiting the community fire station.

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

The scheme aims to introduce a wig wag signal operated system to allow emergency services vehicles to safely exit the community fire station. This system will only be operational when required and will be activated by the fire station. 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 a wig wag traffic signal scheme on Saughall Massie 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.

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

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 1st December 2022 and 23rd December 2022.

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?**