

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (January 2021)

Section 1: Your details

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Date: 28/11/22

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Objection: Proposed 20mph Speed Limit in various areas, as part of Phase 1 of the borough wide 20mph speed limit scheme.

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

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

**Environment, Climate Emergency & Transport Committee January
30th, 2023**

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
Pedestrians / vulnerable road users	Positive impact - Driving at a lower speed can make streets safer for activities like walking and cycling and improve the quality of life in the community.	N/A	Service Manager	From implementation	Existing resources
Vulnerable Road users (eg. Visually impaired or those using mobility aides)	Negative impact – Introduction of speed limits will increase additional signs and street clutter on the road network.	Careful positioning of signs to maintain safe footway widths and the use of existing street furniture to house signage, where possible. Signs will be located as per Department for Transport Guidelines indicated in Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3	Service Manager	From implementation	Existing resources
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Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

Monitoring will take place through liaison with the Cycle and Pedestrian forum groups via the Wirral Active Travel Forum and the Liverpool City Region Active Travel Forum who meet on a quarterly basis. Officers from Wirral are in attendance at those meetings and also have contact details for members of the forum should they need to be contacted directly regarding particular issues.

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

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

Department for Transport Circular 01/2013 – Setting Local Speed Limits.
Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3 – Regulatory Signs
Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 5 – Road Markings
Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

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:

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

The proposed 20mph zone areas encompass large residential and business areas and it was agreed with Legal Services that the most effective consultation would be via publication of press releases, social media alerts, public notices and Wirral Council's engagement tool 'Have

Your Say' website which satisfied the consultation requirements listed under Section 7 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The link to the webpage is <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk/20mph-speed-limit-scheme>

The statutory element of the process took place during October and November 2022 with a deadline for feedback of 30th November and there have been numerous associated press releases and social media posts directing the public to the council's dedicated "Have your say" webpage for this scheme. The webpage gives background details, maps and other information along with the opportunity to take a survey and leave feedback. The website also provides a direct email address for a dedicated inbox specifically for this scheme, so that the public may send further details or comments to substantiate the survey they took, or for those that might not feel comfortable registering and filling out the online survey. Public notices were also placed in the Wirral Globe and throughout the areas within phase 1 of the scheme with details of the proposal and information on how to provide feedback via the "Have Your Say" page or in writing to a postal address. The advertisement of public notices in the local newspaper publications and on-site form part the statutory legal part of the process.

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?**