



Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

Appendix D

EqIA – Screening Questions

Proposal/Brief Title: Proposed application to enable enforcement of Moving Traffic offences.

Date: 25/03/2022

Type of strategy, policy, project or service:

Please tick one of the following:

- ☐ Existing
- ☒ New or proposed
- ☐ Changing, update or revision
- ☐ Other (please explain)

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Briefly describe the aims and objectives of the proposal below:

Buckinghamshire Council carries out civil parking enforcement in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA). The Department of Transport has fully enacted the remaining elements of Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act permitting local authorities outside of London to use approved camera devices to enforce moving traffic contraventions.

What outcomes do we want to achieve?

To influence driver behaviour and better manage the highway network. The key benefits are:

- Improved pedestrian and cyclist safety, supporting modal shift to sustainable transport options.
- Reduced congestion on the highway network.
- Support local transport policies
- Improved journey times for public transport and emergency service vehicles.
- Improved air quality and reduced transport related emissions, thus contributing to carbon net zero targets.

- Increased safety and cleaner air around schools.
- Provide reallocation and saving of police time.

The assessment provides an analysis of the impact should the Council be successful in applying to the Department for Transport for a Designation Order to enforce moving traffic offences.

1) Screening Questions

1.1 Does this proposal plan to withdraw a service, activity or presence?

No

Please explain your answer: **This is an application for a new enforcement process which is a function that is not currently undertaken.**

1.2 Does this proposal plan to reduce a service, activity or presence?

No

Please explain your answer: This is an application for a new enforcement process policy which is to manage a function that is not currently undertaken.

1.3 Does this proposal plan to introduce, review or change a policy, strategy or procedure?

Yes

Please explain your answer:

This proposal introduces the ability to enforce moving traffic violation. It includes the issuing of initial warnings and penalty charge notices.

1.4 Does this proposal affect service users and/or customers, or the wider community?

Yes

Please explain your answer:

This proposal will affect the wider community in such a way that should the driving offences be committed, the offender may or may not be eligible to be dealt with using an initial warning or a Penalty Charge Notice. The process for appeals/payments will be the same as per the Council's existing arrangements for Civil Parking Enforcement, which is carried out in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004.

1.5 Does this proposal affect employees?

No

Please explain your answer:

This policy would not directly or indirectly affect Buckinghamshire Council employees.

1.6 Will employees require training to deliver this proposal?

Yes

Please explain your answer:

Additional training will be developed should we be successful in our bid.

1.7 Has any engagement /consultation been carried out?

Yes

A consultation is currently underway on the locations for enforcement.

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/mto-consultation>

Engagement has been held with

The consultation, which runs from 21 February 2022 to 4 April 2022 included an email to all Buckinghamshire Council Members. Information was also included in the Town and Parish Councils newsletter, as well as being provided to local MPs.

Prior to consultation, engagement took place with other Council services (Highways, Transport, Road Safety, Legal). The proposals have also received support from TVP.

2) Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate that this proposal could have negative or unclear impacts on any of the group (s) below? (*protected characteristics). Please include any additional comments.

- A) Age - No
- B) Disability - No
- C) Gender Reassignment - No
- D) Pregnancy & maternity - No
- E) Race & Ethnicity - No
- F) Religion & Belief - No
- G) Sex - No
- H) Sexual Orientation - No
- I) Marriage & Civil Partnership - **No**

Additional comments (please indicate which of the protected groups you are commenting on):

The draft application if successful will take into consideration the reasonable approach and legislation required for issuing a PCN.

As a result of this screening, is an EqlA required?

(If you have answered yes to any of the screening questions or any of the group (above), a full EqlA should be undertaken)

☐ No

Briefly explain your answer:

The introduction of enforcement in regards to moving traffic contraventions will apply to all residents equally. A monitoring exercise will be completed to allow a review of implementation and ongoing practice to ensure that protected characteristics are not disproportionately impacted. Education and communications pieces for the public will be delivered alongside the implementation to deter abuse of the restrictions and consequently the need for enforcement. Should legislation change considerably in the future which impacts on processes, a review will be undertaken to assess if a full EqlA is required.

EqlA Screening Sign off

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Buckinghamshire Corporate Board sign off (if required) (Please insert name) Date: (Please insert Date)