Equalities Impact Assessment: Full Assessment

Before completing this form, you should have completed an Equalities Screening Tool and had sign off from your Head of Service and the Fairness and Equality Team.

This Equality Impact Assessment should be completed where the Screening Tool identifies a potentially negative impact on one or more specific groups but it can also be used to highlight positive impacts.

Summary of	proposal
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Name of proposal	Decision on making a new experimental traffic order for the Canonbury West people-friendly streets Low Traffic Neighbourhood, with an exemption for Blue Badge holders
Reference number (if applicable)	
Service Area	Climate Change and Transport
Date assessment completed	1 March 2022

Before completing the EQIA please read the guidance and FAQs. For further help and advice please contact <u>equalities@islington.gov.uk</u>.

Note that in September 2020 all equalities impact assessments in Islington were referred to as resident impact assessments. As of November 2021, the Council had reverted to calling them Equalities Impact Assessments. The original overall assessments have been updated and included in the tables in 3B which discuss the specific impacts on people with protected characteristics and from disadvantaged groups. The paragraphs below cover the impacts of the proposed changes to the traffic orders to allow exemptions for Blue Badge holders.

The impact of the changes introduced in the 1 March 2022 delegated decision report will be external, and will impact on anyone using the Canonbury West LTN. Beneficial impacts will be felt by any Blue Badge holder who meets the following criteria:

- < Lives in the Canonbury West LTN (this includes properties on the LTN side of the boundary roads)
- Has access to a vehicle which is registered to their home address.

These eligible Blue Badge holders will be granted a permit for their vehicle to be able to pass through designated camera-enforced traffic filters in the Canonbury West LTN without receiving a penalty charge. This will help disabled people who rely on their vehicles for short local journeys, allowing them to enter and exit the LTN from any of the boundary roads, and take the shortest journey to and from the boundary road to their home (or any other location inside the LTN). At the time of writing, there are 290 Blue Badge holders estimated to live in the Canonbury West LTN, although not all will have a vehicle registered to their address.

The council is also developing an ÏYI Wdh]cbU``W]fW a ghUbW`X]gdYbgUh]cbĐdc`]Wnk \]W. k]`` provide people who do not live within an LTN an opportunity to apply for an exemption from a single filter. This is intended to shorten specific regular journeys for people who have no other option than using a car and who are severely affected by longer journeys. Details on this policy will be provided in due course and via a separate decision, and that policy will apply across all PFS schemes including Canonbury West.

Other users of the LTN, particularly people walking, using wheelchairs (or other mobility aids), or cycling, may notice an increase in traffic volumes inside the LTN. Monitoring data shows that traffic volumes on internal roads have fallen by 74% since the scheme was first implemented, and local people may have become accustomed to these lower volumes, which make it easier to cross the road, have reduced road danger, and reduced noise and vehicle emissions.

3B: Assess the impacts on people with protected characteristics and from disadvantaged groups in the table below.

Please first select whether the potential impact is positive, neutral, or negative and then provide details of the impacts and any mitigations or positive actions you will put in place.

Please use the following definitions as a guide:

Neutral Ë The proposal has no impact on people with the identified protected characteristics Positive Ë The proposal has a beneficial and desirable impact on people with the identified protected characteristics Negative Ë The proposal has a negative and undesirable impact on people with the identified protected characteristics

4. How do you plan to mitigate negative impacts?