

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PRO-FORMA FOR THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Directorate	Section	Person Responsible for the Assessment
Urban Vision	Development Control	Matthew Maule

Name of Team, Service Activity or Policy to be Assessed	Date of Assessment
Draft Telecommunications SPD	12 th March 2007

1.	Briefly describe the purpose of the (i) service activities carried out by the team, (ii) the service activity or (iii) the policy	The Telecommunications SPD provides additional guidelines on which applications for mobile phone masts will be assessed and on related telecommunications issues. It provides guidance for those involved in the planning and design of new telecommunications development and will also serve to inform decision makers and local communities and promote transparency, inclusiveness and consistency for all parties throughout the decision making process.
2.	What outcomes do we want to show that the aims of (i), (ii) or (iii) above are being achieved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide guidance on the siting of installations to ensure they are located sensitively to minimise impact on residential and visual amenity. - To secure the highest possible quality of design for all installations - To encourage the provision of high quality telecommunications networks that support economic growth and social inclusion
3.	Who is intended to benefit from (i) the service provided by the team, (ii) the service activity or (iii) the policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants – providing clear, easily understood guidance on the council’s approach to telecommunications development - Decision makers – by offering guidance on issues that should be taken into consideration when determining applications - Communities – by minimising the environmental impact of telecommunications development.

4.	What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of understanding of the issues, impact, etc. - Clarity, inconsistent information 		
5.	Are there any of the groups listed in question 7 below which might be expected to benefit from the activity or policy but which do not, or that the policy could adversely affect?	No		
6.	Have consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals in the past indicated that this particular policy or activity creates problems which are specific to those groups, organisations or individuals?	No		
7.	Do you consider the activity or policy to be relevant to any of the areas listed below?	YES	DON'T KNOW	NO
	Race			X
	Gender			X
	Disability	X		
	Sexual Orientation			X
	Religion/Belief			X
	Age			X
	Dependant/Caring			X
	Offending Past			X
	Transgendered/Transsexual			X
<p>The answers to questions 5-7 above will enable you to assess whether or not the activity or policy has relevance or not to race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, people with dependant/caring responsibilities, people with offending past or people who are transgendered or transsexual. If the answer to any of the questions is “yes” or “don’t know”, pass on to questions 8-11 and the authorisation at No.12. If you have answered “no” in all areas, proceed straight to the impact assessment decision at No.10.</p>				

8.	Give details of any positive or adverse effects of the service activity(ies) or policy on the groups listed in (a) to(i) on the following pages and details of any unmet need in relation to the groups. For adverse impact or unmet need, indicate whether this is low, medium or high.				
	(a) Racial Groups				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	
	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?

	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
(b) Different Genders					
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	
	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?

	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(c) Disability				
	Positive impact?	Y		Details: Inappropriately sited installations can impair movement by reducing the width of footpaths. The SPD provides guidance on the siting of installations on footways and states that proposals should avoid reducing footway width to less than 2m. Consequently, the policies of the SPD should help to prevent the siting of installations that impair movement for wheelchair users.	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(d) Sexual Orientation				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(e) Age				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(f) Religious Belief?				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(g) People with Dependants/Caring Responsibilities				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
(h) People with an Offending Past					
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	
	(i) Transgendered or Transsexual				
	Positive impact?	Y	N	Details:	

	Adverse impact?	Y	N	Details:	L, M or H?
	Unmet need?	Y	N	Details:	

9.	Can any of the adverse impacts identified in 8(a) to (i) above be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group or for any other reason.	Y	N	Details: No adverse impacts identified
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Impact Assessment Decision

Full impact assessment procedures are confined to those policies/activities considered likely to have significant implications for equality of opportunity and good relations between people of different groups.

10.	<p>Do you consider, taking account of your analysis in the previous section, that this policy/activity needs to be submitted to a full impact assessment?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <u>NO</u></p> <p>Reason for decision: It is not envisaged that the policy will have negative equality impacts on the residents of Salford. A full EqIA will therefore not be required and any further issues will be identified as part of the statutory public consultation on the SPD.</p>
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If the answer is 'No' complete authorisation section at the No. 12 below. If the answer is 'Yes' proceed to No. 11, then No. 12.

11. To prioritise the programme of Full Impact Assessments, indicate the extent to which the following criteria apply by ticking the appropriate boxes
1. The difference created between people from the different groups and the population at large.
 2. The effect of the policy/activity on the daily lives of people from the different groups.
 3. The opportunity to promote equality of opportunity and good community relations.

	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3
High Impact			
Medium Impact			
Low impact			

12. **Authorisation**

Signed ...Matthew Maule..... Date...12th March 2007... (Completing Officer)

Signed Date..... (Equality rep or other consultee)

Signed Date..... (Lead Officer)