

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Environmental Enhancement

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Date of Assessment: 12/05/2022

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Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed: Parks Team

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: New woodland at Frankmarsh, Barnstaple

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: September 2022 – March 2024

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Public access around new woodland	No access	A series of grass paths around the woodland, very steep in places.	Some sections of path will not be accessible for all
Public access around new woodland	No access	A new surfaced path with steps at one end but with a fairly gentle gradient giving fine views over the woodland, town and bay.	Limited accessibility for some
Volunteer tree planting	N/A	Volunteer opportunities for the public and school children	Volunteer planting to be arranged on the flattest parts of the site

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

The new woodland may be difficult to access for older people, those that are pregnant or those with certain disabilities.

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data, reports, etc):

Due to the terrain, alternatives are not possible.

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation with stakeholders and summarise how it has influenced the proposal. Please attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data or reports:

N/A

Funding Considerations:

Surfaced path to be partially funded through Forestry Commission funding

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Reporting and Publication:

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published.

A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Please also confirm the date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

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Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Monitoring of the project will be governed by funding agreement terms as well as targets in the EE service plans and programmes.

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