

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Place, Property and Regeneration – Car Parks

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

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: Review of oversized parking bays

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: No earlier than financial year 22/23

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Additional oversized parking bays in some car parks	Only a small number of car parks have oversized vehicle bays provided	Increase the number of larger bays in some car parks and add in those with none	Will require budget allocated and would likely need to be over a period of time

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:

Positive – Increased number of oversized bays to account for vehicles being larger in general, as well as cater for the high volume of campervans and motorhomes that visit the area. Negative – Loss of total number of bays and overall annual income.

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):

Rather than relining entire car parks, it is recommended that only sections of some car parks are relined. An increase to tariffs across the board would offset some of the lost revenue if we were to reline large portions of some car parks.

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:

Draft report sent to Lead Member, Ward Members, Legal, Finance, Head of Service & HR. Head of Service made comments/suggestions which have been added to the report – see consultation checklist for details.

Funding Considerations:

Planned maintenance budget could be used in part or PAG bids submitted.

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.

Unknown at time of doing initial assessment, dependant on outcome.

Monitoring Arrangements:

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

Works would be a phased process, the most used car parks would be done first and the use of the bays monitored by the Civil Enforcement Officers. Misuse of the bays would be noted and if extensive the works may be delayed until a suitable solution is reached.

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