

### Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment



Completing an Equality Impact Assessment will help you to think about what impact your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service may have on people that live in, work in or visit Cambridge, as well as on City Council staff.

The template is easy to use. You do not need to have specialist equalities knowledge to complete it. It asks you to make judgements based on evidence and experience. There are guidance notes on the intranet to help you. You can also get advice from Suzanne Goff, Strategy Officer on 01223 457174 or email [suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk) or from any member of the Joint Equalities Group.

#### 1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:

Improvement of Council provided public convenience facilities in Silver Street, Cambridge.

#### 2. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

To improve the existing toilets to a level more suited to current needs – both for users (many of which are visitors to the city) and the Council who are responsible for their upkeep.

#### 3. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick those that apply)

Residents

Visitors

Staff

A specific client group or groups (please state):

#### 4. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this? (Please tick)

New

Revised

Existing

## 5. Responsible directorate and service

Directorate: Environment

Service: Streets and Open Spaces

## 6. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

No

Yes (please give details):

Cambridge City Council S&OS, Planning, Conservation, Estates and Legal teams  
Cambridgeshire County Council (as Highway Authority)  
Historic England  
The Planning Inspectorate

## 7. Potential impact

Please list and explain how this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could **positively** or **negatively** affect individuals from the following equalities groups.

When answering this question, please think about:

- The results of relevant consultation that you or others have completed (for example with residents, people that work in or visit Cambridge, service users, staff or partner organisations).
- Complaints information.
- Performance information.
- Information about people using your service (for example whether people from certain equalities groups use the service more or less than others).
- Inspection results.
- Comparisons with other organisations.
- The implementation of your piece of work (don't just assess what you think the impact will be after you have completed your work, but also think about what steps you might have to take to make sure that the implementation of your work does not negatively impact on people from a particular equality group).
- The relevant premises involved.
- Your communications.
- National research (local information is not always available, particularly for some equalities groups, so use national research to provide evidence for your conclusions).

**(a) Age** (any group of people of a particular age, including younger and older people – in particular, please consider any safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults)

The project is expected to have a significant positive impact – for younger and older people in respect of accessibility, and concerns relating to crime.

**(b) Disability** (including people with a physical impairment, sensory impairment, learning disability, mental health problem or other condition which has an impact on their daily life)

The project is expected to have a significant positive impact on the usability of the facilities for disadvantaged groups – particularly in relation to accessibility.

**(c) Gender**

The project is expected to have a significant impact, by including scope to provide individual gender neutral cubicles as a replacement for the existing segregated facilities.

**(d) Pregnancy and maternity**

The project is expected to have a positive impact, by improving access and including scope to provide specific facilities for users included in this group.

**(e) Transgender** (including gender re-assignment)

The project is expected to have a positive impact, by including scope to provide individual gender neutral cubicles as a replacement for the existing segregated facilities.

**(f) Marriage and Civil Partnership**

No specific impact anticipated.

**(g) Race or Ethnicity**

No specific impact anticipated.

**(h) Religion or Belief**

No specific impact anticipated.

**(i) Sexual Orientation**

The project is expected to have a positive impact, by including scope to provide individual gender neutral cubicles as a replacement for the existing segregated facilities.

**(j) Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular – please consider the impact of any changes on low income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty (please state):**

The existing public toilets in Silver Street are maintained by Cambridge City Council. They are largely below street level suffering poor access, are cramped and out-dated and suffer from a number of operational difficulties. They present an unpleasant working environment to Council, and service provider, staff – many of whom are on relatively low incomes. They are also unpleasant, and inconvenient, to users – many of whom are visitors to Cambridge and for whom the toilets provide a poor initial impression of what the city has to offer.

#### **8. If you have any additional comments please add them here**

None

#### **9. Conclusions and Next Steps**

- If you have not identified any negative impacts, please sign off this form.
- If you have identified potential negative actions, you must complete the action plan at the end of this document to set out how you propose to mitigate the impact. If you do not feel that the potential negative impact can be mitigated, you must complete question 8 to explain why that is the case.
- If there is insufficient evidence to say whether or not there is likely to be a negative impact, please complete the action plan setting out what additional information you need to gather to complete the assessment.

All completed Equality Impact Assessments must be emailed to Suzanne Goff, Strategy Officer, who will arrange for it to be published on the City Council's website.  
Email [suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk)

#### **10. Sign off**

Name and job title of assessment lead officer: John Richards

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted:  
N/A

Date of completion: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Date of next review of the assessment: N/A