

EIA Checklist

Name of strategy and brief description		Green infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan Sets out the different types of green infrastructure in the Borough and identifies its many benefits. Identifies areas for improvements across the network and in different areas of the Borough. Its Action Plan says how different projects can help meet these needs, when the projects will take place and how they will be delivered. They also say how different green infrastructure will be managed and looked after to 2026.					
Protected Characteristics	Impact Y/N	Level of Impact				Explanation of decision Level of impact	
Age	Y N	H	M	L	nil	Neutral or positive impact. Provision, improvement or redesign of green infrastructure; use of smooth surfaces or flatter paths, creative use of planting could aid sensory perception, and can which could benefit older people more. Allotments are generally used more by older people and can provide exercise and social interaction outdoors. Children's play and informal recreation space could benefit younger people more. The projects have been identified for different geographical areas taking account of gaps in provision and unmet needs in each area, so that provision that the needs of all ages becomes more equal across the Borough, regardless of where someone lives.	
Race	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Sex	Y N	H	M	L	nil	Childrens' play and sports facilities could benefit women more than men, as they generally have less access to private transport, and are generally responsible for children for day to day play.	
Gender Reassignment	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Disability	Y N	H	M	L	nil	Positive impact where green spaces, or facilities for sport or children's play are provided or improved and are designed to be accessible to all.	
Religion or belief	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Sexual Orientation	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Pregnancy or maternity	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Marriage/ Civil Partnership	Y N	H	M	L	nil		
Will the proposal help to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation? Neutral impact.							

Will the proposal help to advance equality of opportunity?

Yes. The type of green infrastructure to be provided is different for different geographical areas, as it takes into account gaps in provision and unmet needs in each area, so that green infrastructure can help to ensure more equal provision across the Borough, regardless of where someone lives.

Will the proposal help to foster good relations? Neutral impact

Other Groups to consider	Impact Y/N		Level of Impact				Explanation of decision Level of impact
	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Unemployed/low income	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Carers	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
People with criminal convictions	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Refugees & Asylum seekers	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Gypsies & Travellers	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Young People leaving care	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	
Geographical impacts	Y	N	H	M	L	nil	Neutral or positive impact. The level of impact will depend on the amount of green infrastructure that is provided or improved in any area. Implementation of the finalised Strategy and Action Plan should help to ensure that the quality, quantity and accessibility to different types of green infrastructure to meet identified needs becomes more equal across the Borough.

Are there any potential impacts on partners e.g. Providers, Health, Police etc. Please detail

Provision and improvements to green infrastructure could encourage healthy lifestyles, which could help reduce the occurrence of obesity, depression and cognitive decline and other related conditions. The design of new green infrastructure or the redesign of existing spaces can help encourage the positive use of the green environment and reduce the potential for crime and anti social behaviour.

Have any other options been explored

Y

N

If yes please detail

The only other option that has been considered is 'do nothing'. This would not generate the potential positive impacts that implementation of the finalised Strategy and Action Plan would achieve.