

## SUMMARY

Date of EIA: **March 2007**  
 Service: **Building Control**  
 Function or policy to be assessed:

Is it a policy or function?	Function
Is it a new or existing policy or function?	Review of the Service
Aim/objective/purpose of the policy or function	The purpose of Building Control is to ensure that all buildings and alterations to buildings are constructed in accordance with current building regulations and Building Act legislation. This is in order to protect persons residing in, working in and visiting premises in North Dorset.
Who is responsible for the policy or function?	
With regard to the equalities themes, which groups might be <b>impacted</b> by the policy or function?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <b>Potentially all of these groups</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation
Which groups might be <b>adversely affected</b> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Age <b>Potentially all of these groups</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation
What evidence has been found to indicate this? (include any consultation undertaken)	Language issues due to the technical nature of the legislation Physical restrictions imposed by entrance to Building Control reception. Limited information on equality strands
On what grounds can adverse or differential impact be justified?	There are no legislative grounds for adverse impact although differential impact may arise due to access issues.
What changes are proposed to the policy or function to reduce or remove adverse or differential impact?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General need to raise the profile of equality issues</li> <li>• Need to review service provision form on equalities procedure</li> <li>• Review collection and monitoring of key data</li> <li>• Existing guidance notes need to be reviewed in plain English</li> </ul>
In to which plan or strategy has the necessary action been incorporated?	Building Control Service Plan
What conclusions have been drawn or recommendations have been made?	The service has good satisfaction levels, but to improve it further, it will be necessary to review documents to ensure that they are in plain English and monitor take up of the service
Has the information in this EIA been made publicly available?	Intranet/Website

## PART II

<b>Further Actions</b>			
<b>Problem/barrier identified</b>	<b>Proposed actions to overcome problem/barrier</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Target date</b>
Profile of service	Develop website, include access to services and details of Customer Focus Panel	MC	Dec 2007
	Issue guidelines to Officers about provision of assistance to persons having difficulties reading	MC	Ongoing