

SUMMARY

Date of EIA: **October 2006**
 Service: **Development Control**
 Function or policy to be assessed:

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| Is it a policy or function? | Development Control Service. |
| Is it a new or existing policy or function? | Review of Services. |
| Aim/objective/purpose of the policy or function | Development Control is a regulatory service dealing with issues relating to land use planning. |
| Who is responsible for the policy or function? | Development Control Manager. |
| With regard to the equalities themes, which groups might be impacted by the policy or function? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age Potentially all of these groups <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation |
| Which groups might be adversely affected ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Age Potentially all of these groups <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation |
| What evidence has been found to indicate this? (include any consultation undertaken) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited access to information on planning applications electronically can have a disproportionate impact on the less mobile. • Font size.type on standard publications. • Planning Enforcement complaints only in writing. • Information only in English. |
| On what grounds can adverse or differential impact be justified? | No differential impact justified. |
| What changes are proposed to the policy or function to reduce or remove adverse or differential impact? | Use of plain English and improving consultation process. Improve evidence to corroborate anecdotal assessment of equalities issues. |
| In to which plan or strategy has the necessary action been incorporated? | Development Control Business Plan will be reviewed to take account of accessibility issues. |
| What monitoring arrangements have been put in place? | Service Manager to monitor satisfaction levels with service. |
| What conclusions have been drawn or recommendations have been made? | Improve base line data. Raise profile of service issues. |
| Has the information in this EIA been made publicly available? | Intranet/Website |

PART II

| Further Actions | | | |
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| Problem/barrier identified | Proposed actions to overcome problem/barrier | Responsibility | Target date |
| Consulting with hard to reach groups. | Carry out a review of the extent of community involvement at both pre-application and post-submission stages in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement, especially the extent to which 'hard-to-reach' sectors of the population are being reached. | Development Control Team | March 08 |
| Provision of adequate housing. | Negotiate adequate affordable housing to meet the community needs identified by the Council's Housing Needs Survey in accordance with its adopted Local Plan policies and to meet its targets for the year. | Development Control Team Leader | March 08 |