

Equality Impact Assessment

Wildfire public space protection order

Stage 1 Details of the proposal

Name of service Directorate	Sustainability and Climate Change, Regeneration and Culture, Place
Name of officer responsible for EIA Name of senior sponsor	Katie Rockett Sarah Cartwright
Description / purpose of proposal	The council is proposing to put in place a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to prohibit activities which increase the risk of wildfire. These include barbeques, fires, fireworks and sky lanterns. This would include all publicly accessible moorland in Barnsley (dependent on the agreement of private landowners) and adjacent footpaths.
Date EIA started	13/07/21
Assessment Review date	TBC

Stage 2 - About the proposal

What is being proposed?	The council is proposing to put in place a PSPO to prohibit activities which increase the risk of wildfires. These include barbeques, fires, fireworks and sky lanterns. This would likely cover all publicly accessible moorland and adjacent footpaths. This would involve carrying out a statutory consultation.
Why is the proposal required?	To reduce the risk of wildfires in ecologically sensitive areas such as Barnsley's peat moorlands.

What will this proposal mean for customers?	<p>The order would change the activities residents can participate in on council land.</p> <p>Reducing the risk of wildfires and litter would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mean that residents cannot engage in the specified activities. - Increase access to natural landscapes (through reduced risk of wildfires) - Increase residents' and visitors' enjoyment of natural landscapes.
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Stage 3 - Preliminary screening process

Use the <u>Preliminary screening questions</u> (found in the guidance) to decide whether a full EIA is required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - EIA required (go to next section) <input type="checkbox"/> No – EIA not required (provide rationale below including name of E&I Officer consulted with)

Stage 4 - Scoping exercise - What do we know?

Data: Generic demographics
What generic data do you know?
<p>Changing the way public space is used is likely to have a greater impact on residents who do not have access to a garden. 12% of households in the UK do not have access to a private garden space, however Barnsley residents are more likely than this to have access to a garden. Lack of access to private garden space is most likely to affect those living in smaller accommodation such as flats. It is likely that this group have lower incomes than those with access to a garden.</p>

Data: Service data / feedback
What equalities knowledge do you already know about the service/location/policy/contract?
No data has yet been carried out.

Data: Previous / similar EIA's

Has there already been an EIA on all or part of this before, or something related? If so, what were the main issues and actions it identified?

No previous similar EIAs have been carried out.

Data: Formal consultation

What information has been gathered from formal consultation?

None – the proposals are yet to be consulted on.

Stage 5 - Potential impact on different groups

Considering the evidence above, state the likely impact the proposal will have on people with different protected characteristics

(state if negative impact is substantial and highlight with **red text**)

Negative (and potentially positive) impacts identified will need to form part of your action plan.

Protected characteristic	Negative ' - '	Positive ' + '	No impact	Don't know	Details
Sex			x		
Age			x		
Disabled <i>Learning disability, Physical disability, Sensory Impairment, Deaf People ,invisible illness, Mental Health etc</i>			x		
Race			x		
Religion & Belief				x	The proposed restrictions around sky lanterns may have a small impact on Barnsley's Hindu population as Hindus traditionally light sky lanterns for Diwali. However it is noted that sky lanterns have been banned in Mumbai due to the risk of fire . The impact is therefore likely to be minimal, however any local Hindu groups will be consulted

					on the proposed PSPO.
Sexual orientation			x		
Gender Reassignment			x		
Marriage / civil partnership			x		
Pregnancy / maternity			x		

Other groups you may want to consider					
	Negative	Positive	No impact	Don't know	Details
Ex services			x		
Lower socio-economic					<p>Changing the way public space is used is likely to have a greater impact on residents who do not have access to a garden. 12% of households in the UK do not have access to a private garden space, however Barnsley residents are more likely than this to have access to a garden. Lack of access to private garden space is most likely to affect those living in smaller accommodation such as flats. It is likely that this group have lower incomes than those with access to a garden.</p> <p>The PSPO would potentially have different impacts on this group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents would be restricted from carrying out the specified activities. - Reduced risk of wildfires would mean greater access to green space. - Reduced litter would mean greater enjoyment of green space. - The order would also have smaller positive impacts on air quality and anti-social behaviour. <p>Overall, the order should mean increased access to, and enjoyment of, public green space, leading to a positive</p>

					impact on this group.
Other ...			x		

Stage 6 - BMBC Minimum access standards

If the proposal relates to the delivery of a new service, please refer to the Customer minimum access standards self-assessment (found at)
 If not, move to Stage 7.

Please use the action plan to be taken to ensure the new service complies with the minimum access standards. Reasonable adjustments for disabled people.

Not yet live

- The proposal will meet the minimum access standards.
- The proposal will not meet the minimum access standards. –provide rationale below.

Stage 7 – Action plan

To improve your knowledge about the equality impact . . .

Actions could include: community engagement with affected groups, analysis of performance data, service equality monitoring, stakeholder focus group etc.

Action we will take:	Lead Officer	Completion date
Carry out a consultation with residents on the impact of the proposed PSPO. It is proposed that we ask residents on their views on carrying out the specified activities in different settings, as well as the standard equalities monitoring questions to identify protected characteristics of respondents.	Katie Rockett	TBC

To improve or mitigate the equality impact . . .

Actions could include: altering the policy to protect affected group, limiting scope of proposed change, reviewing actual impact in future, phasing-in changes over period of time, monitor service provider performance indicators, etc.

Action we will take:	Lead Officer	Completion date
Ensure the consultation is promoted as much as possible, including to residents who may not have access to a computer.	Katie Rockett	TBC
Take into account consultee's responses including any responses which may indicate an unforeseen impact on any particular group.	Katie Rockett	TBC

To meet the minimum access standards . . .(if relevant)

Actions could include: running focus group with disability forum, amend tender specification, amend business plan to request extra 'accessibility' funding, produce separate MAS action plan, etc.

Action we will take:	Completion date
Not yet live	

Stage 8 – Assessment findings

Please summarise how different protected groups are likely to be affected

Summary of equality impact

The proposal may have a slightly larger impact on groups who do not have access to their own garden space, which may impact more on low income residents. However while the order would restrict some activities, the intention of these restrictions is to increase access to and enjoyment of green space, so overall the impact on these groups should be positive.

Summary of next steps

Report on the proposed PSPO to go to cabinet.
 Carry out statutory consultation.
 Analyse results of consultation, including any unforeseen impacts on any specific groups of people.
 Consider implementing the proposed PSPO.

Signature (officer responsible for EIA) Date *Katie Rockett*

**** EIA now complete ****

Stage 9 – Assessment Review

(This is the post implementation review of the EIA based on date in Stage 1 if applicable)

What information did you obtain and what does that tell us about equality of outcomes for different groups?