

City of York Local Plan

Equalities Impact Assessment Addendum

December 2022

Introduction:

The following two tables provide an update to the EQIA, which was originally produced to support the Publication Draft Local Plan when it was submitted for Examination on 25th May 2018 (CD019 – City of York Local Plan EqiA (Incorporating the Better Decision Making Tool April 2018’). The updated tables reflect the amendments made to the policies in the Proposed Modifications, following the Local Plan Examination hearing sessions. It does not replace CD019, just provide an update to Tables 1 (Equalities) and Table 2 (Human Rights). This document should be read in conjunction with CD019, rather than replace it.

Analysis of policies

The assessment aims to consider impacts on groups with the following protected characteristics which are identified by the City of York Council Better Decision Making Tool.

Equalities:

- Age;
- Disability;
- Gender;
- Gender reassignment;
- Marriage & Civil Partnership;
- Pregnancy & Maternity;
- Race;
- Religion or belief;
- Sexual Orientation;
- Carer;
- Lowest Income Groups;
- Veteran, Armed Forces community.

Human Rights:

- Right to Education;
- Right not to be subject to torture, degrading treatment or punishment;
- Right to a fair and public hearing;
- Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence;
- Freedom of expression;
- Right not to be subject to discrimination;
- Other rights.

Colour coding key to impacts:

POSITIVE

NEUTRAL

NEGATIVE

Table 1 : Equalities

	Category	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?	Relevant Local Plan Policy Modifications	Relevant Indicators
4.1	Age	Positive	The Plan will meet housing needs and provide a range of house types for all ages, supported by the latest evidence in the Local Housing Needs Assessment (LHNA)(2022). It will also improve the safety and accessibility of the city's streets and spaces.	<p>H3: Balancing the Housing Market</p> <p>H4: Promoting Self and Custom House Building</p> <p>H10: Affordable Housing</p> <p>D1: Placemaking</p> <p>GB2: 'Exception' sites for affordable housing in the Green Belt</p> <p>All SS Policies</p>	Delivery of new homes offering comfortable standard of living meeting specialist needs in sustainable locations with access to services
		Positive	The Plan provides for education facilities for all age groups, and ensures the universities continue to meet modern requirements. Positive benefits extend to unemployment and lack of skills with communities' access to education close to where they live	<p>ED1: University of York</p> <p>ED2: Campus West</p> <p>ED3: Campus East</p> <p>ED5: York St John University Further Expansion</p> <p>HW4: Childcare Provision</p>	New preschool / school / Further and Higher education places
		Positive	The Plan ensures the provision of adequate land for employment uses throughout	<p>EC1: Provision of Employment Land</p>	Provision of a range of employment and retail opportunities reducing

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			<p>the plan period. Provision is also made for development which supports the rural economy.</p> <p>Retail provision is secured and protected to ensure a range of shops and services in sustainable locations.</p>	<p>EC2: Loss of Employment Land</p> <p>EC5: Rural Economy</p> <p>R1: Retail Hierarchy and Sequential Approach</p> <p>R2: District and Local Centres and Neighbourhood Parades</p> <p>R3: York City Centre Retail</p>	unemployment across all age groups.
		Positive	The plan protects and supports new community facilities in accessible locations served by public transport	<p>HW1: Protecting Existing Facilities</p> <p>HW2: New Community Facilities</p> <p>HW3: Built Sports Facilities</p> <p>HW5: Healthcare Services</p> <p>HW6: Emergency Services</p> <p>HW7: Healthy Places</p>	<p>Increased rates of access to appropriate new community, leisure and healthcare facilities throughout the Plan area</p> <p>% of new community facilities that are within 400m of a bus route with a 15 min frequency.</p> <p>Loss of community facilities</p>
		Positive	The plan provides a framework to support and improve environmental conditions which will	<p>D1: Placemaking</p> <p>D2: Landscape and Setting</p>	Improved access to green infrastructure and improved built environment across the

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			positively impact health and well-being across all ages.	<p>D3: Cultural Provision</p> <p>G11: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>G12: Biodiversity and Access to Nature</p> <p>G12a: Strensall Common Special Area of Conservations (SAC)</p> <p>G13: Green Infrastructure Network</p> <p>G14: Trees and Hedgerows</p> <p>G15: Protection of Open Space and Playing Fields</p> <p>G16: New Open Space Provision</p> <p>ENV1: Air Quality</p>	<p>city leading to improvement in health and well being.</p> <p>Amount of new accessible open space provided in areas of deficiency;</p> <p>Amount of new accessible open space provided as part of residential development on strategic sites (ha);</p> <p>Condition of RAMSAR, SPA, SAC, SSSI and LNR's;</p> <p>Amount of reduction in Annual Mean NO2 and PM10 concentrations.</p>
4.2	Disability	Positive	The Plan will meet housing needs and provide a range of house types for all ages as required by latest evidence (currently the LHNA 2022). It will also improve the safety	<p>H3: Balancing the Housing Market</p> <p>H4: Promoting Self and Custom House Building</p>	Delivery of new homes offering comfortable standard of living meeting specialist needs in sustainable locations with access to services.

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			and accessibility of the city's streets and spaces.	<p>H10: Affordable Housing</p> <p>D1: Placemaking</p> <p>GB2: 'Exception' sites for affordable housing in the Green Belt</p> <p>HW7: Healthy places</p>	Development meets the highest standards of accessibility and inclusion.
		Positive	The Plan supports wider travel choice, helping to improve travel by non-car modes, improving accessibility to employment, services, and facilities.	<p>T1: Sustainable Access</p> <p>T2: Strategic Public Transport Improvements</p> <p>T3: York Railway Station and Associated Operational Facilities</p> <p>T4: Strategic Highway Network Capacity Improvements</p> <p>T5: Strategic Cycle and Pedestrian Network Links and Improvements</p> <p>T6: Development at or Near Public Transport Corridors, Interchanges and Facilities</p>	<p>Developments integrated into and enhancing the sustainable transport network</p> <p>Enhanced and safer walking and cycling access in public spaces, streets and developments</p>

	Category	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?	Relevant Local Plan Policy Modifications	Relevant Indicators
				HW7: Healthy Places	
4.3	Gender	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.4	Gender reassignment	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.5	Marriage & Civil Partnership	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.6	Pregnancy & Maternity	Neutral	None deemed likely	HW5: Healthcare Services	N/A
4.7	Race	Positive	Meeting gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs, supporting the outcomes of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2022)	H5: Gypsies and Travellers H6: Travelling Showpeople	Provision of accommodation offering comfortable standard of living in sustainable locations with access to services
4.8	Religion or belief	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.9	Sexual Orientation	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.10	Carer	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A	N/A
4.11	Lowest Income Groups	Positive	The plan will meet housing needs and provide a range of house types. The LHNA 2022 provides relevant evidence for this, including the need for affordable housing.	H7: Off-campus Student Housing H10: Affordable Housing	Delivery of new affordable homes offering comfortable standard of living in sustainable locations with access to services

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				GB2: 'Exception' sites for affordable housing in the Green Belt	
4.12	Veteran, Armed Forces community	No Impact	Whilst the Local Plan and supporting evidence considers the potential for redevelopment of the MOD sites following the Defence Infrastructure Review (2016), the closure of sites and any impact on the armed forces community is beyond the remit of the Local Plan.	N/A	N/A

Table 1 demonstrates that the proposed Modifications to the Local Plan will have a positive or neutral benefit on the characteristic groups highlighted in the EqIA

Table 2: Human Rights

	Category	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?	Relevant Local Plan Policy Modifications
4.13	Right to education	Positive	Policies related to the universities will help to ensure appropriate expansion of the institutions ensuring they continue to provide modern educational facilities for the city and wider community while protecting the interests of the local communities which can be impacted by such development.	ED1: University of York ED2: Campus West ED3: Campus East ED5: York St John University Further Expansion
4.14	Right not to be subject to torture, degrading treatment or punishment	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A
4.15	Right to a fair and public hearing	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A
4.16	Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	Positive	The Plan will meet housing needs and provide a range of house types for all ages, supported by the latest evidence in the Local Housing Needs Assessment (LHNA)(2022) and Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2022).	H3: Balancing the Housing Market H5: Gypsies and Travellers H6: Travelling Showpeople H10: Affordable Housing

4.17	Freedom of expression	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A
4.18	Right to not be subject to discrimination	Positive	Policies meet gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs, supporting the outcomes of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2022). Policies address needs of those meeting the definition in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015), and those that do not.	H5: Gypsies and Travellers H6: Travelling Showpeople
4.19	Other rights	No Impact	None deemed likely	N/A