#### **MEETING**

#### **ASSETS, REGENERATION AND GROWTH COMMITTEE**

#### **DATE AND TIME**

#### **MONDAY 25TH MARCH, 2019**

#### **AT 7.00 PM**

#### <u>VENUE</u>

#### HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
1.	TW3 - PARKING LEASES AND LICENSES	3 - 66

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# TW3 – Staff Parking at RAF Museum 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Title	TW3 – Parking leases and licenses
Report of	Councillor Daniel Thomas - Chairman of the Committee
Wards	All
Status	Public with accompanied Exempt Appendices and Report
Urgent	No
Key	Yes
Enclosures	Enclosure 1: RAF Lease – North site (Exempt) draft not yet finalised Enclosure 2: RAF Location Plan Enclosure 3: Platt Hall Heads of Terms (Exempt) Enclosure 4: Morrisons Agreement (Exempt) Enclosure 5: RAF Heads of Terms – Customer Car Park (Exempt) Enclosure 6 TW3 Employee EIA v2.0
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# **Summary**

The purpose of this paper is to recommend car parking options for the new development, currently under construction in Colindale for London Borough of Barnet's (LBB) HQ office building. This paper assesses the condition by planning committee in June 2015<sup>1</sup> and makes recommendations for spaces to be available to staff identified as essential users



and commuters at the RAF Museum North Site, Platt Hall, Middlesex University and Morrisons, Colindale.

# **Officers Recommendations**

- 1. That the Committee agrees to lease 100 spaces from the RAF Museum for a 10-year period at a cost as discussed in attached Appendix 1.
- 2. That the Committee agrees to a 2-year licence for 90 spaces at Platt Hall, Middlesex University at a cost as discussed in attached Appendix 3.
- 3. That the Committee agrees to 1-year licence for 50 spaces located at Morrisons, Colindale as discussed in attached Appendix 4.
- 4. That the Committee agrees to 1-year licence for 100 spaces in the RAF Customer Car Park during term-time as discussed in attached Appendix 5.
- 5. The Committee agrees for delegated authority to be given to the Assistant Director of Estates to settle and complete parking licences and leases outlined in this paper including any variations to the terms (other than rent and licence fees).

#### 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1. This report is required as part of the TW3 programme to provide parking spaces for staff in close proximity to the Colindale office. The report seeks Committee approval for 340 spaces, in 4 locations. 290 spaces will be provided for essential business users and 50 spaces will be available for commuter parking.

#### 2. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 2.1. Following the approval of the construction of new council offices in Colindale to be complete by 2019, staff have identified through surveys and other engagement activities that travel to and from Colindale is a major source of anxiety. The Council also aims to promote greener, clearer and healthier travel as part of the move to Colindale. This TW3 project therefore aims to:
  - Identify suitable travel options for London Borough of Barnet staff to and from the Colindale Offices and all other localities (i.e. touch-down offices)
  - Deliver convenient and cost-effective travel solutions e.g. parking facilities
  - Encourage up take of sustainable travel solutions

#### 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. Planning Condition 25 for Planning Application No: 15\_04039\_FUL for the Colindale office which requires 100 parking spaces at the RAF Museum.
- 3.2. There are currently 702 essential users, of which 293 staff visit clients or council sites several times a day; of these 22 make emergency visits several times a day.

#### 4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

4.1. The alternative option is not to approve the lease and licences for the 340 spaces. This, however, this will expose the council to the risk of not achieving the planning conditions for the new Colindale office. This will have a direct impact on essential users as staff will be unable to travel to the office to fulfil their roles due to lack of parking.

#### 5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1. As part of recommendation 1, following approval of the lease, construction will be completed to provide the 100 spaces at the RAF Museum North site.
- 5.2. As part of recommendation 2, following approval of the licence, spaces will be assigned and 180 fobs for access will be provided for the 90 spaces at the Platt Hall Campus.
- 5.3. As part of recommendation 3, following approval of the licence, permits will be provided for the 50 spaces at Morrisons, Colindale.
- 5.4. As part of recommendation 4, following approval of the lease, spaces will be allocated in the RAF Museum Customer Car Park.

#### 6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 6.1. Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)
- **6.1.1** The rental for these spaces is detailed in the Exempt Report and will sit within the Estates revenue budget. A detailed breakdown is available in the Exempt Report.

#### 6.2. Legal and Constitutional References

- 1)The council's Constitution, Article 7 Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships, sets out the functions of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee: Responsibility for regeneration strategy and oversee major regeneration schemes, asset management, employment strategy, business support and engagement.
- (2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable.
- (3) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee.
- (4) To receive reports on relevant performance information and risk on the services under the remit of the Committee.
- (5) To recommend for approval fees and charges for those areas under the remit of the Committee.

In using the Colindale offices, the Council is legally obliged to comply with any conditions attaching to the relevant planning consent.

#### 6.3. Risk Management

- 6.4. All risks and issues are being managed in accordance with the Council's Risk Management Framework and Project Management Methodology and Toolkits.
- 6.5. Elements of the Programme have been the subject of a review by the council's internal audit function, with a 'substantial assurance' rating received.

#### 6.6. Equalities and Diversity

- 6.6.1. An assessment was carried out on the impact of the proposed Colindale Office relocation on both staff and service users within the Equality Impact Assessments contained within appendices to the original Full Business Case approved by Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee in July 2016. These demonstrated that the proposals set out in the FBC were designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all Barnet's communities and its staff in relation to their access to The Civic Estate.
- 6.6.2. The Employee Equality Impact Assessment as appended to the Full Business Case approved by Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee in July 2016 was revised in 2018 to reflect updates to the programme as it has progressed. The updates included increased parking provision for staff within the Colindale area. (Enclosure 5 TW3 Employee EIA v2.0)

#### 6.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 6.7.1 The travel plan project has carried out a series of engagement activities over three months including two surveys and focus groups largely concentrating on car usage, public transport, cycling and walking, for both commuting and business purposes. For purpose of this paper, travelling for business purposes is classified as those who regularly visit clients/customers or council owned land. Soft market testing has also taken place to inform the costing and implementation of travel options. The Colindale Office travel plan will essentially act as a pilot for the LBB Longer Term Transport Strategy.
- **6.7.2** The detailed travel survey received 1,829 responses from staff in LBB and partner organisations over a 2-week period in December 2016. This makes up approximately 78% of staff. The main results showed that:
  - Over 68% of staff currently drive to work
  - Almost 11% take a bus, 3% use the train and 7.7% take the tube as their main mode of transport
  - Under 2% of staff use a bike to commute whilst 4% of staff walk.
  - For drivers, 17% of staff (212 people) said that they do the school run or drop children to childcare as part of their commute.
  - Nearly 76% of drivers (947 people) said they drive alone to work.

In the future:

- Of the 1,017 staff that identified that they would travel to Colindale using their car without any passengers, 456 said that they could complete their journey using public transport.
- 605 members of staff identified that it would cost more by public transport to the Colindale Office.
- Over 36% of people who said they drive a car to work currently, identified that it would cost more by public transport to Colindale.
- Whilst 14% of people who use public transport to get to work now said it would cost more by public transport to Colindale.
- There was an 18% reduction of people who said they would drive to Colindale.
- For commuting to the Colindale office, 52 people said they would car share; this equates to nearly 3% of staff.

A review of 'essential car users' was also undertaken which estimates that there are approximately 702 staff with a parking permit for work purposes. The main findings from the review with managers were that 293 staff visit clients or council sites several times a day; of these 22 make emergency visits several times a day. Approximately 64 staff regularly carry heavy equipment as part of their job. Managers said that 498 staff could use some form of pooled vehicle

#### 6.8 Social Value

**6.8.1** The new building contributes toward regeneration benefits for the Grahame Park area including improvements to the wider public space through redevelopment of the Southern Square. The inclusion of a publicly accessible café on the ground floor provides local recruitment opportunities.

#### 6.9 Corporate Parenting

6.9.1 In line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017, the council has a duty to consider Corporate Parenting Principles in decision-making across the council. There are no implications for Corporate Parenting in relation to this report.

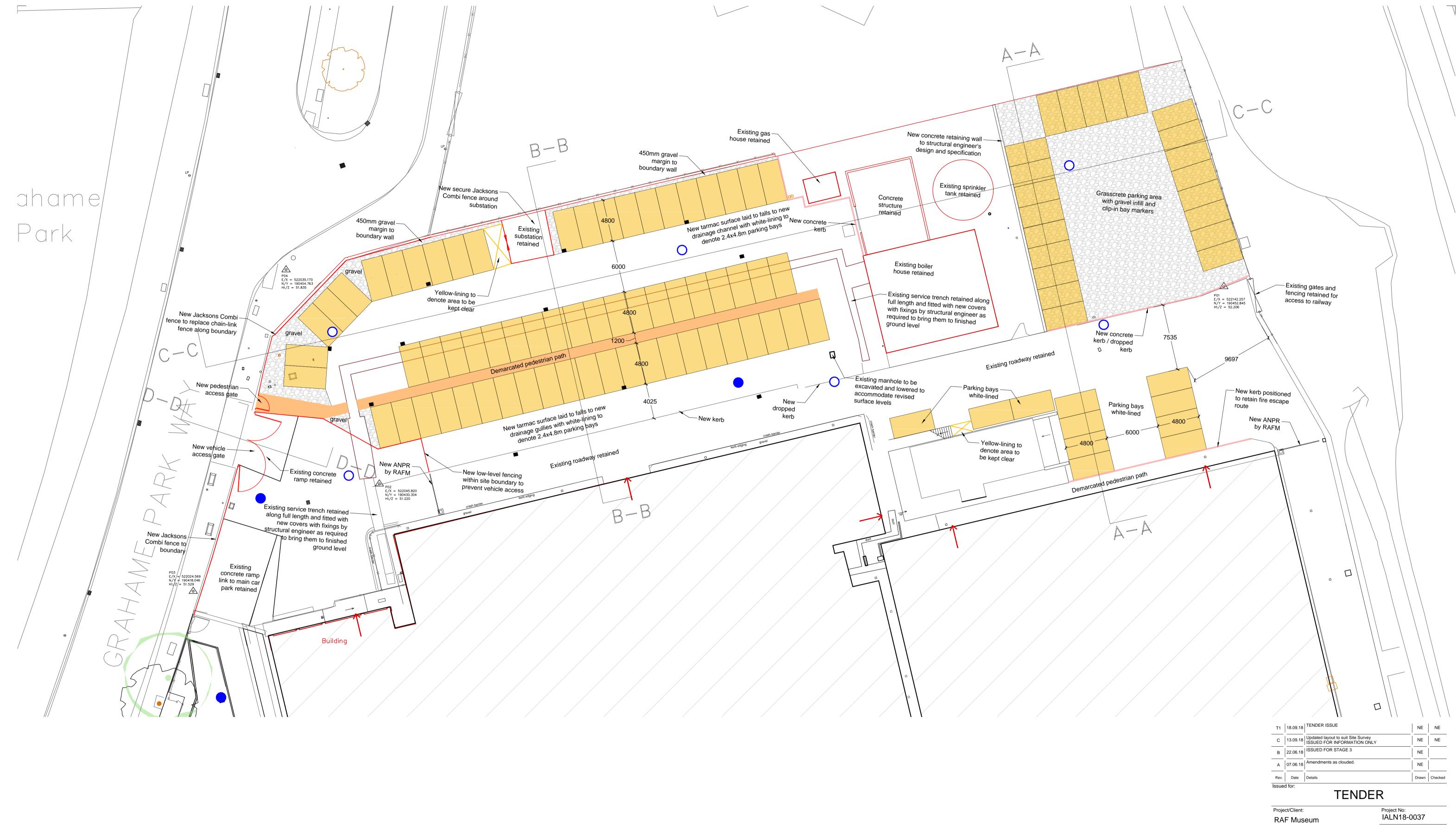
#### 7. Background Papers

- **A.** Accommodations Options Review Final Business Case (FBC) submitted to ARG Committee in July 2016 <a href="https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s33264/ARG%20committee%20re">https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s33264/ARG%20committee%20re</a> port%20-%20Colindale%20FBC%20v0.3.pdf
- **B.** Locality Strategy submitted to ARG Committee in July 2016 <a href="https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s33204/ARG%20committee%20re">https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s33204/ARG%20committee%20re</a> port%20-%20Locality%20Strategy.pdf
- C. Colindale Area Action Plan <a href="https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/planning-conservation-and-building-control/planning-policies-and-further-information/local-plan/colindale-aap/colindale-area-action-plan.html">https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/planning-conservation-and-building-control/planning-policies-and-further-information/local-plan/colindale-aap/colindale-area-action-plan.html</a>









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REFER TO STRUCTURAL ENGINEER'S DRAWINGS FOR ALL LEVELS AND DETAILS
 GROUND CONDITIONS SURVEY NOT YET RECEIVED; STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS DESIGNED TO WORST-CASE SCENARIO WITH INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ON RECEIPT OF SURVEY

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# **Employee Equality Impact Analysis (EIA)**

1. Delivery Unit/Function and/or Service: London Borough of Barnet and Partners			
Date assessment completed: 25/04/2017			
Title of project/proposal/policy change/Alternative Delivery model/organisation change being assessed: The Way We Work Programme			
2.This EIA is being undertaken because it is:			
A result of organisation change			
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Other please specify: -			
3. Names and roles of officers completing this assessment:			
Lead officer	Rebecca Harris (TW3 People Workstream- Graduate)		
Stakeholder groups	London Borough of Barnet Council		
	CSG		
	Re		
	Cambridge Education		
	The Barnet Group		
Representative from internal stakeholders (please specify)	The Way We Work Programme Board		
	Stephen Evans (Assistant Chief Executive and TW3 Programme Sponsor)		
	Gareth Griffiths (TW3 Programme Director)		
	Chris Smith (Head of Estates)		
	James Mass (Assistant Director for Community and Wellbeing, Adults & Communities)		
	Clair Green (Assurance Director)		
	Katie Mayers (Head of Communications)		
	Jenny Obee (Head of IT and Information Management)		
Collette McCarthy (Head of Children's Joint Commissioning, Family Services)			
	Melanie Pullen (Colindale Office Project Director, Re)		

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Representative from external stakeholders (please specify)	Alison Dawes (AD - School Access & CorporateServices, Education & Skills)
	James Wills-Fleming (Director of Corporate Programmes, CSG)
	Alun Parfitt (Director of Operations, Re)
	Richard Budd (Director of Operations, CSG)
	Trudi Kleanthous (Director of Corporate Services, Barnet Homes)
Delivery Unit Equalities Network rep	Natasha Edmunds (Strategic HR Lead)
Commissioning Equalities rep (where appropriate)	Lesley Holland (Equalities Lead)
HR rep (for employment related issues)	Graeme Lennon (HR Director)

# 4. Employee Profile for the Proposal

Protected Characteristic		Barnet Workforce and Partners
Gender	Female	57.76%
	Male	41.85%
	Unknown	0.39%
Age/Date of Birth	18-21	0.89%
	22-29	8.81%
	30-39	16.09%
	40-49	16.13%
	50-64	29.13%
	65-74	2.81%
	75+	0.36%
	Under 18	0.11%
	White	40.000/
	British	42.20%
Ethnicity	Irish	2.77%
•	Turkish Cypriot	0.07%
	Greek Cypriot	0.39%
	Other White	6.71%
	Mixed White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian	0.75% 0.50% 0.71%
	Other Mixed	0.78%

Protected Characteristic		Barnet Workforce and Partners
	Asian and Asian British	
	Indian	5.40%
	Pakistani	0.78%
	Bangladeshi	1.07%
	Other Asian	
		1.10%
	Black or Black British	5 4 40/
	Caribbean	5.44%
	African	5.54%
	Other Black	1.14%
	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	
	Chinese	
	Other Ethnic Group	0.36%
	Other Ethnic Group (not listed)	
		1.78%
	Prefer Not to Say	21.35%
	1 Total Not to day	21.0070
Disability	Yes	3.09%
Dioabinty	No	73.93%
	Partial	4.55%
	Prefer Not to Say	18.44%
Diachility Type	Physical co-ordination (such as manual	0%
Disability Type	dexterity, muscular control, cerebral palsy)	
	Hearing (such as: deaf, partially deaf or hard	0.32%
	of hearing)	
	<b>Vision</b> (such as blind or fractional/partial sight.	0.18%
	Do not include people who wear	0.1070
	glasses/contact lenses)	
	Speech (such as impairments that can cause	0%
		0%
	communication problems)	
	Reduced physical capacity (such as inability	0.040/
	to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday	0.21%
	objects, debilitating pain and lack of strength,	
	breath, energy or stamina, asthma, angina or	
	diabetes)	
	Severe disfigurement	0%
	Learning difficulties (such as dyslexia)	0.85%
	Mental illness (substantial and lasting more	0.18%
	than a year)	
	Mobility (such as wheelchair user, artificial	0.21%
	lower limb(s), walking aids, rheumatism or	3.2.70
	arthritis)	
	Prefer not to say	07 600/
		97.69%
	Other Disability	0.32%
	Transsexual/Transgender (people whose	0.14%
Gender Identity	gender identity is different from the gender	0.1170

Protected Characteristic		Barnet Workforce and Partners
	Prefer Not to say	0.07%
	Not Known	91.37%
	Not Transgender	8.42%
Pregnancy and Maternity	Pregnant	0.00%
	Maternity Leave (current)	0.14%
	Maternity Leave (in last 12 months)	0.00%
	Prefer not to say	99.86%
Religion or Belief	Christian	29.38%
	Buddhist	0.36%
	Hindu	3.48%
	Jewish	1.63%
	Muslim	3.06%
	Sikh	0.28%
	Other religions	1.92%
	No religion	9.13%
	Not stated	45.58%
	Agnostic	1.88%
	Jain	0.28%
	Humanist	0.07
	Atheist	2.95%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	44.69%
	Bisexual	0.50%
	Lesbian	0.53%
	Gay	0.71%
	Unknown	53.57%
Marriage and Civil	Married	22.38%
partnership	Cinala	00.470/
	Single	22.17%
	Widowed	0.39%
	Divorced	2.70%
	In Civil partnership	0.67%
	Cohab	4.62%
	Prefer not to say	46.29%
	Separated	0.78%

**5.How are the equality strands affected?** Please detail the positive/negative or neutral effect on each equality strand, and any mitigating action you have taken / required. Please include any relevant data and source. If you do not have relevant data please explain why and when you will capture the data.

Equality Strand	Affected?	Explain how affected
1. Age	Yes ☐ / No ⊠	Positive

		Negative ∐ Neutral ⊠	
Explanation of impact:			
It is not expected that the Wany particular age group.	ay We Work programm	e will have any adverse imp	act on staff from
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2. Disability	Yes 🗌 / No 🔀	Positive  Negative	
		Neutral 🖂	
Evalenation of imposts			

#### Explanation of impact:

To date, the number of staff that disclosed they have a disability or partial disability in Barnet Council and their partners is just under 8% of the workforce, however, 18.4% of the workforce did not disclose this information which could mean that there is a higher proportion of the workforce with a disability. There are no delivery units or partners that have a disproportionate number of people that have a disability/partial disability and appropriate consideration will be given when London Borough of Barnet (LBB) inducts teams into the Colindale Office.

The Colindale Office will be built in compliance with The Equality Act 2010, and access into and around the building (including externally) and facilities will be considerably enhanced/improved. However, it should be noted that the new ways of working mean that staff will 'hot desk' which means a 'fixed' or 'permanent' desk will not necessarily be allocated, unless there are exceptional medical circumstances or physical disability which requires this, and this will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

All staff chairs are currently ergonomic and will continue to be so in the Colindale office. Those staff who currently have a workplace assessment for special equipment will be required to undertake a new assessment in the Colindale office. However it is worth noting that staff will be encouraged to work anywhere that is most conducive for them to perform their job, which is not

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limited to the Colindale Office (i.e. home, library, café, etc.), and will be equipped with new technology to support this new way of working. Staff will be equipped with IT Peripherals (e.g. laptop bags, screen protectors, headsets) to support working remotely and will be given the choice to use personal equipment for work purposes which will mean less need to carry equipment between work and alternative locations.

Carer responsibilities for disabled dependants will be considered. However, the flexibility of choosing where and how staff work within the new ways of working guidelines should empower carers with more choice and flexibility and give more certainty of scheduled attendance. Staff will get the chance to shape their arrangements with the rest of their team when forming team agreements.

TW3 has taken into consideration the potential impact on mental health of infrequent or impersonal contact with their team or manager that could arise from poorly managed remote and flexible working practices. All team members will have the opportunity to input into their team agreement and will work with their managers and fellow team members to determine what proportion of their time will be spent remote working. There will be no requirement for staff to work remotely and managers will receive training and development around managing a team remotely in an effective manner.

Considerably fewer disabled parking spaces will be available at the Colindale offices compared to the current provision at NLBP and Barnet House. This will be mitigated through blue badge permit holders being able to park anywhere in the CPZ for no charge as well as in disabled bays associated with the Colindale office. The Equality Act (2010) compliant provision will be made for Blue badge permit holders to have access to disabled parking spaces at the Colindale office, and blue badge permit holders will be granted a compulsory car user permit which will allow access to additional parking facilities. Blue badge holders, who are passengers, will be permitted to allow the driver of the car they are travelling in to use the Blue badge car parking permit for journeys when the Blue badge holder is a passenger. Issues relating to short-term illness will be worked through with managers to mitigate travel issues and these staff can arrange their remote working pattern to avoid travel into the office.

Ground floor storage will be provided at the Colindale site for storage of essential and heavier equipment. However, staff will be reviewing their equipment, as well as their paper records as part of the Bin, Scan, Store campaign, ahead of the move to Colindale. Staff are also encouraged to align their personal timetable to avoid unnecessary travel to the Colindale Office. Pool cars will be available a three minute walk away from the office for staff who need to carry heavy equipment around the borough.

Changes to working arrangements and building facilities will be communicated via weekly newsletters (FirstTeam), LBB intranet and TW3 microsite accessible to all LBB staff and partners. Face-to-Face engagements such as staff briefings, exhibitions and meetings will be considered as an appropriate channel to communicate to blind/visually impaired staff. Where an employee's disability impacts on their working environment, reasonable adjustments will be made specific to individual needs.

Trade Unions will be kept informed and all these factors will be considered and monitored throughout the programme.

3.	Gender reassignment	Yes 🛛 / No 🗌	Positive

		Negative		
		Neutral		
Less than 1% of the workforce declared they are not the same gender as at birth, however this data is unknown for 91% of the workforce. The Colindale office will feature gender neutral shower and toilet facilities which may support gender reassignment which may be seen as a slight positive impact for some. There are no other known implications on gender reassignment from the TW3 programme.				
4. Pregnancy and	Yes 🛛 / No 🗌	Positive		
maternity		Negative		
		Neutral 🖂		
Expecting mothers and those with young children should benefit from the introduction of new flexible working opportunities as it will allow increased choice in respect of working arrangements and environment. The Colindale office will feature a mother and baby room that will allow privacy for expectant and breast-feeding mothers. However, parking associated with the Colindale office is further away than it currently is at NLBP and Barnet House for those with permits, which could potentially have a negative impact on pregnant women who need to travel into the office.				
5. Race / Ethnicity	Yes ☐ / No ⊠	Positive   Negative		
		Neutral ⊠		
No adverse impacts specific to ethnic groups have been identified in relation to the proposed working practices and new office build.				
6. Religion or belief	Yes 🗌 / No 🔀	Positive		
		Negative		
		Neutral 🛚		

The new Colindale building will feature a multi-faith room (a room available to staff of all faiths or none) to pray, meditate and reflect. There will be an introduction of washroom facilities inside the multi-faith room which existing offices do not have (NLBP and Barnet House). There will also be unisex toilets with washing facilities within the enclosed toilet cubicle with floor length doors. These additions may offer greater scope for individuals to structure work around prayer times and important religious events. Consideration has been given to Male/Female division with unisex toilets and washing facilities inside the toilet cubicle to allow privacy. In addition to this, staff from different faith groups may find working at home advantageous to take appropriate breaks to practice their faith, prayer or other ceremonial duties.

## Staff Equality Impact Assessment - Form

7. Gender / sex	Yes ⊠ / No □	Positive	
		Negative	
		Neutral	
and washroom facilities insid	de the cubicles to respect the pr	fice that will have floor length doors ivacy of all staff may be found to	
support transgender staff, al	though this is not known.		
balance (13.67% of female a	iid males or females will be disp	e at Barnet is a relatively equal ne £0-20,000 salary range) and it is roportionately affected financially by a	
8. Sexual orientation	Yes 🗌 / No 🔀	Positive  Negative	
		Neutral ⊠	
No impacts specific to sexual orientation have been identified in relation to change in work practices or the new office location.			
9. Marital Status	Yes 🗌 / No 🔀	Positive	
		Negative	
		Neutral 🖂	
No impacts on any particular staff group relating to marital status are anticipated.			
10. Other key groups?	Yes ☐ / No ⊠	Please assess Young, Parent and Adult carer.	
Carers	Yes ⊠ / No □	Positive  Negative  Neutral	

The introduction of more agile and flexible working may have a positive impact on family life for those with caring responsibilities. Greater flexibility may enable staff with caring responsibilities to fit care around work, and for staff who are unable to work productively from home there are options to work from elsewhere (e.g. library, café, hubs), including the Colindale office and touchdown locations. Managers will be supported with training on how to manage remote teams and performance based outcomes.

6.Overall impact and Scale		
Positive impact:	Negative Impact or Impact Not Known	
Minimal Significant	Minimal Significant	

7.Outcome					
No change to decision	Adjustment needed to decision	Continue with decision (despite adverse impact / missed opportunity)	If significant negative impact - Stop / rethink		

#### 8.Please give full explanation for how the overall assessment and outcome was decided

This Equality Impact Assessment is for the consideration of The Way We Work programme board which serves to monitor the progress and performance of the programme and provide the overall direction and decision making (within agreed tolerances).

As part of the initial (and on-going) accommodation planning, a series of board meetings were held with senior members of staff across delivery units and partner organisations to elicit a clear picture of organisational change and how the programme will support staff, and align with the overall strategy of the Council. The programme was found to offer greater choice and flexibility to LBB staff and partners, with focus on how and where they work. This empowers staff to take more decisions about their own working arrangements, in agreement with their manager and team. This may result in individuals being able to get more out of their work time if they choose to travel to the office less often.

The organisational purpose of London Borough of Barnet is to work together for residents and business to create:

- Successful Places
- Great Outcomes
- Quality Services
- Resilient Communities

To align with the organisational purpose and build resilient communities, the TW3 programme is building a new office in Colindale, which is a reasonable distance from the existing offices in North London Business Park and Barnet House, in the heart of the Colindale community to be closer and more accessible to clients (North London Business Park office is isolated and detached from the community) and partners such as the Police, Middlesex University, Hendon

Town Hall, Saracens High School etc. To further support successful places, the new office has been designed to have low running costs and the location of the office will increase the footfall to local businesses in Colindale, provide a Business Hub, and new working policies and practices should give a competitive advantage in attracting new staff. Not only will staff benefit from a modern state of the art office, but the introduction of new and supporting infrastructure, including training and improved IT equipment, will enable a behavioural change to empower staff to work in their chosen location. This may increase productivity of staff and encourage socialising across teams by setting all staff and partners on the same network and removing team zones to facilitate collaboration (gaining a better understanding of other service areas). The overall programme can be effective in demonstrating and validating the mission of the Council in delivering the organisational values (We Care; We Can Be Trusted; We Work Together; We Embrace Change and Innovation; We Value Diversity).

The TW3 programme team will be working with HR to develop policies and training to empower managers and their teams to develop working patterns, to support flexible and remote working to better support the needs of residents and service users. A separate EIA will be undertaken to assess the impact of these new policies on staff. The TW3 team will engage with departments to trial flexible and remote working and develop training and guidance for staff and managers to assist with the transition to new ways of working. The TW3 programme is engaged with HR, the executive team and senior managers to consider what the main challenges/barriers are for their teams, as well as the main advantages. However, it should be noted that the TW3 programme may act as a catalyst for change, but wider cultural change will be addressed through the Organisational Development Strategy over the coming years.

The TW3 'Place' workstream previously carried out staff focus groups, a travel survey to all staff and partners which received 1829 responses, and consultation with travel experts to formulate recommendations for sustainable modes of transport. The TW3 'Technical' workstream consulted with Leidos technical assurance to ensure the proposed technologies meet quality requirements. A pilot for Office 365, Staff Technology Packages and EDMS are being run to test the effectiveness of the new ways of working and provide valuable insight into the challenges that the council may face. In addition to this, case study visits to Bristol City Council and Camden Council were also arranged with the TW3 Programme team and key stakeholder groups to understand how similar changes worked in their environments and lessons learnt.

Communication to staff about the programme will be shared via FirstTeam newsletter, Colindale Welcome Pack, TW3 Intranet page, Direct email (personalised travel plan), workshops, team meetings, roadshows and briefings.

There is no evidence to suggest that any aspect of the programme is likely to result in a negative impact on any of the protected characteristic groups of staff or carers and where concerns have been raised (at programme board level or in workshops, Colindale exhibition, travel survey, TheWayWeWork inbox, CEO staff briefings, Roadshows and through HR Business Partners and Change Leads) action throughout the programme has been taken to avoid any discrimination.

## 9. Equality Improvement Plan

Please list all the equality mitigations that have been identified from the Equality Analysis (continue separate sheets as necessary). Make sure these are reflected in the project plan/ for mainstreaming and performance management purposes.

Equality Mitigation	Action	Officer responsible	By when	

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