

Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

EqIAs make services better for everyone and support value for money by getting services right first time.

EqIAs enable us to consider all the information about a service, policy or strategy from an equalities perspective and then create an action plan to get the best outcomes for service users and staff¹. They analyse how all our work as a council might impact differently on different groups protected from discrimination by the Equality Act 2010². They help us make good decisions and evidence how we have reached them.³

An EqIA needs to be started as a project starts to identify and consider possible differential impacts on people and their lives, inform project planning and, where appropriate, identify mitigating actions. A full EqIA must be completed before any decisions are made or policy agreed so that the EqIA informs that decision or policy. It is also a live document; you should review and update it along with your project plan throughout.

You should first consider whether you need to complete this full EqIA⁴.

Other key points to note:

- Full guidance notes to help you are embedded in this form – see the End Notes or hover the mouse over the numbered notes.
- Please share your EqIA with your Equalities Champion and the final/updated version at the end of the project.
- Major EqIAs should be reviewed by the relevant Head of Service.
- Examples of completed EqIAs can be found on the Equalities Hub

1. Responsibility for the EqlA

Title of proposal ⁵	Area Committees - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) – changes to arrangements
Name and job title of completing officer	Graeme Clayton
Head of service area responsible	Matthew Waters
Equalities Champion supporting the EqlA	Rosie Evangelou
Performance Management rep	n/a
HR rep (for employment related issues)	n/a
Representative (s) from external stakeholders	n/a

2. Description of proposal

Is this a: (Please tick all that apply)	
New policy /strategy / function / procedure / service <input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Policy /strategy / function / procedure / service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Saving <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
If budget saving please specify value below:	If other please specify below:
<p><i>Please outline in no more than 3 paragraphs⁶:</i></p> <p>The council currently collects money from developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a charge based on the floorspace of new developments. Legislation allows 15% of CIL monies to be used as Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL) and spent on infrastructure or 'anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area'. A portion of NCIL is allocated to the Area Committees who have a constitutional obligation to determine the allocation of that spending within their Area.</p>	

The Council are proposing several changes to the current arrangements:

1. For the financial year 2022/23 to increase the overall NCIL budget available to Area Committees to £1.8m (from £1.2m in the financial year 2021/22). This enables Area Committees to fund a larger number of schemes with the opportunity to unlock greater community benefits.
2. To allocate the NCIL funding available to Area Committees based on the population within the Area, having previously been allocated equally to each of the three Area Committees. This provides for equanimity of the allocation to the community.
3. To broaden the NCIL spending eligibility guidelines to allow Area Committees to spend their NCIL funding on a wider range of schemes addressing the demands of the area. Area Committees will now be permitted to use a wider definition of CIL funding and choose to spend it to support the development of the relevant area by funding ‘anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area’, rather than the narrower definition which permitted CIL funding to only be used for ‘the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure’. This broader definition will enable Area Committees to consider funding a wider range of schemes with the opportunity to unlock greater community benefits.
4. To encourage and promote deeper community engagement in the setting the Area Committee CIL funding priorities and bringing a larger number and more diverse community schemes forward for consideration.

The council has undertaken a public consultation to engage with the communities and agree with them how best to spend the Neighbourhood CIL funding allocated to Area Committees. As part of this consultation the council asked respondents to provide equalities monitoring data under the Equality Act 2010

The table below summarises the budget allocation under the proposed new arrangements, and the budget under the previous arrangements.

Area Committee	New budget allocated by population <i>(Proposed arrangements)</i>	New budget allocated equally <i>(for illustration)</i>	Previous budget allocated by population <i>(for illustration)</i>	Previous budget allocated equally <i>(Previous arrangements)</i>	<i>Budget Increase (Proposed v. Previous arrangements)</i>
North	528,104	600,000	352,069	400,000	128,104
East	634,951	600,000	423,301	400,000	234,951
West	636,945	600,000	424,630	400,000	236,945
Total	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	600,000

3. Supporting evidence

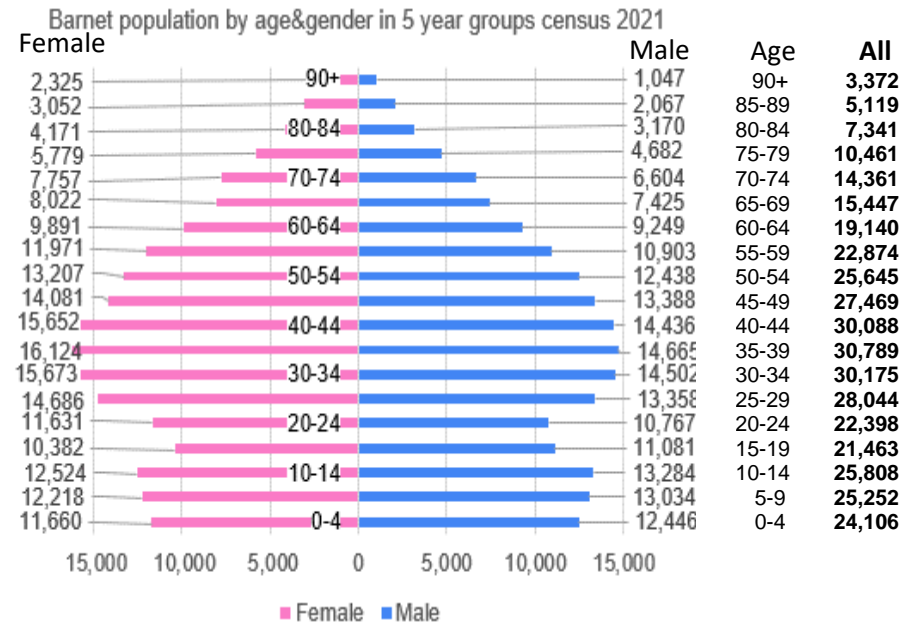
What existing data informs your assessment of the impact of the proposal on protected groups of service users and/or staff?

Identify the main sources of evidence, both quantitative and qualitative, that supports your analysis

Protected group	What does the data tell you⁷? <i>Provide a summary of any relevant demographic data about the borough's population from the <u>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</u>, or data about the council's workforce</i>	What do people tell you⁸? <i>Provide a summary of relevant consultation and engagement including surveys and other research with stakeholders, newspaper articles correspondence etc.</i>
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Age⁹

Data source: [ONS mid-year estimates of the population](#) or [Census Maps 2021 ONS](#)
 30-44 year groups are the largest cohorts for both female and male residents. For children, whilst the 15-29 cohort is the smallest, the youngest three cohorts are successively smaller, with there being over 1,000 less 0-4 years than 5-9 years.
 Barnet has twice as many female residents that are 90+ than male residents.



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Disability¹⁰

[Census Maps Census 2021 – Health - Disability, ONS](#) (age-standardised)
 14.2% of people in Barnet are disabled under the equality act:
 --- of which 6.4% day-to-day activities limited a lot (2nd lowest quintile)
 --- of which 7.8% day-to-day activities limited a little (lowest quintile)
 85.8% of people in Barnet are not disabled under the equality act (highest quintile)

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<p>Gender reassignment¹¹</p>	<p>Gender identity - Census Maps, ONS 0.82% of people aged 16 years and over in Barnet have a gender identity different from their sex registered at birth. Highest in North Finchley (2.16%), Brent Cross & Staples Corner (1.76%) & Mill Hill Broadway (1.41) all in 2nd highest quintile. Lowest in Totteridge and Barnet Gate (0.25%), West Finchley (0.31%), Hampstead Garden Suburb (0.35), Oakleigh Park (0.38) Oak Hill(0.38%), Mill Hill East (0.39%) – all in the bottom quintile</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="548 470 1406 1109"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="548 470 745 555">Sexual orientation</th> <th data-bbox="745 470 875 555">All-Barnet</th> <th data-bbox="875 470 1137 555">Highest MOSAs</th> <th data-bbox="1137 470 1406 555">Lowest MOSAs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 555 745 742">Straight or Heterosexual</td> <td data-bbox="745 555 875 742">87.27% (middle quintile)</td> <td data-bbox="875 555 1137 742">Totteridge&BG (90.81%) Mill Hill Oak (89.98%) EdgwarePark (89.90%)</td> <td data-bbox="1137 555 1406 742">Golders G North (80.90%) Golders G South (83.82%) Temple Fortune (83.88%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 742 745 928">Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Other (LGB+)</td> <td data-bbox="745 742 875 928">2.79% (2nd lowest quintile)</td> <td data-bbox="875 742 1137 928">East Finchley (5.18%) Golders G South (4.75%) Colindale W&S (4.59%) Childs Hill (4.59%)</td> <td data-bbox="1137 742 1406 928">EdgwarePark (1.42%) Totteridge&BG(1.43%) Osidge (1.81%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 928 745 1109">Not answered</td> <td data-bbox="745 928 875 1109">9.94% (middle quintile)</td> <td data-bbox="875 928 1137 1109">GoldersG North(16.90%) Temple Fortune (13.17%) Hendon Park (12.74%)</td> <td data-bbox="1137 928 1406 1109">New Barnet West (7.63%) Totteridge&BG(7.76%) Oakleigh Park (8.00%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sexual orientation	All-Barnet	Highest MOSAs	Lowest MOSAs	Straight or Heterosexual	87.27% (middle quintile)	Totteridge&BG (90.81%) Mill Hill Oak (89.98%) EdgwarePark (89.90%)	Golders G North (80.90%) Golders G South (83.82%) Temple Fortune (83.88%)	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Other (LGB+)	2.79% (2 nd lowest quintile)	East Finchley (5.18%) Golders G South (4.75%) Colindale W&S (4.59%) Childs Hill (4.59%)	EdgwarePark (1.42%) Totteridge&BG(1.43%) Osidge (1.81%)	Not answered	9.94% (middle quintile)	GoldersG North(16.90%) Temple Fortune (13.17%) Hendon Park (12.74%)	New Barnet West (7.63%) Totteridge&BG(7.76%) Oakleigh Park (8.00%)	<p>The response to consultation only received 47 responses.</p> <p>Due to the low response to the consultation, it has not been possible to draw out any statistically significant findings in terms of this protected characteristic.</p>
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<p>Marriage and Civil Partnership¹²</p>	<p>Legal partnership status - Census Maps, ONS 47.2% of people aged 16 years and over in Barnet are married or in a registered civil partnership, 52.8% have another status</p>	<p>The response to consultation only received 47 responses.</p> <p>Due to the low response to the consultation, it has not been possible to draw out any statistically significant</p>																

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Pregnancy and Maternity ¹³	<p>Conception and fertility rates - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)</p> <p>The Pregnancy in Barnet 2016 report states that there were 5,244 births in 2014. The age of mothers is sharply rising to be 40 or older (78% country-wide).</p>	<p>The response to consultation only received 47 responses.</p> <p>Due to the low response to the consultation, it has not been possible to draw out any statistically significant findings in terms of this protected characteristic.</p>

Race/ Ethnicity¹⁴	Ethnic group - Census Maps, ONS			<p>The response to consultation only received 47 responses.</p> <p>Due to the low response to the consultation, it has not been possible to draw out any statistically significant findings in terms of this protected characteristic.</p>	
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	Asian, Asian British	19.3% (middle quintile)	Colindale W&S (36.7%) Colindale East (30.0%) West Hendon (29.6%)		Hampstead GS (11.2%) Hadley Wood (11.2%) High B& Hadley (11.6%)
	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	7.9% (middle quintile)	Grahame Park (23.6%) Burnt Oak & WP (16.2%) Mill Hill Broadway (14.7%)		Hampstead GS (2.5%) Golders G North (2.9%) Golders G South (3.5%)
	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	5.4% (2 nd highest quintile)	Colney Hatch (7.6%) NBT & E Barnet (7.5%) Brent Cross SC (7.2%)		Golders G North (2.5%) Hendon Park (3.0%) Edgware Park (3.6%)
	White	57.7% (2 nd lowest quintile)	High B& Hadley (73.6%) Hadley Wood (70.3%) Oak Hill (69.7%)		Colindale W&S (36.1%) Grahame Park (36.3%) Colindale East (39.8%)
	Other ethnic group	9.8% (highest quintile)	N. Cricklewood (18.2%) Brent Cross & SC (15.7%) N. Hendon & SH (13.8%)		High B& Hadley (4.6%) Hadley Wood (5.2%) Ducks Is. & Un (6.1%)
Religion or belief¹⁵	Religion - Census Maps, ONS			<p>The response to consultation only received 47 responses.</p> <p>Due to the low response to the consultation, it has not been possible to draw out any statistically significant findings in terms of this protected characteristic.</p>	
	Faith	All-Barnet	Highest MOSAs		Lowest MOSAs
	No religion	20.2% (lowest quintile)	East Finchley (36.2%) High B& Hadley (32.6%) Hadley Wood (32.5%)		Golders G North (8.9%) Edgware Park (9.1%) Edgware Crl. (10.8%)
Christian	36.6% (lowest quintile)	Oak Hill (48.9%) Ducks Is. & Un (48.1%) New BT & EB (47.9%)	Golders G North (14.7%) Hampstead GS (19.6%) Edgware Park (21.9%)		

	Buddhist	1.1% (middle quintile)	Burnt Oak& WP (2.6%) West Finchley (2.2%) Golders G South (1.8%)	Oak Hill (0.4%) Hendon Park (0.5%) Edgeware Park (0.5%)								
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	Muslim	12.2% (2 nd lowest quintile)	Brent Cross&SC (27.1%) Grahame Park (26.8%) Colindale W&S (25.0%)	Handley Wood (5.5%) High B& Hadley (5.6%) Golders G North (5.9%)								
	Sikh	0.4% (lowest quintile)	West Finchley (2.0%) Friern Barnet (1.0%) Totteridge& BG (0.9%)	Edgeware Crl. (0.1%) Brent Cross&SC (0.1%) Temple Fortune (0.1%) Ducks Is.&Un (0.1%)								
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	Proficiency in English Language	All-Barnet	Highest MOSAs	Lowest MOSAs
	Main language is English	77.1% (2 nd lowest quintile)		
	Main language is English – can speak English well or very well	18.8% (highest quintile)		
	Main language is English – cannot speak English or cannot speak English well	4.1% (2 nd highest quintile)	Colindale East (7.8%) West Hendon (7.0%) Brent Cross&SC(6.9%)	

4. Assessing impact

What does the evidence tell you about the impact your proposal may have on groups with protected characteristics ¹⁹?

Protected characteristic	For each protected characteristic, explain in detail what the evidence is suggesting and the impact of your proposal (if any). Is there an impact on service deliver? Is there an impact on customer satisfaction? Click the appropriate box on the right to indicate the outcome of your analysis.	Positive impact	Negative impact		No impact
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<p>Age</p>	<p>The proposed new arrangements provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an increased budget available to each area committee providing for more and larger schemes to be considered and the opportunity to unlock significant community benefits - a wider scope for which the funding can be used providing for a wider range of schemes to be considered and the opportunity to unlock significant community benefits - the allocation to be based on population in each area ensuring equanimity - greater community engagement in deciding the funding priorities and bringing schemes forward for consideration <p>Under the current arrangements schemes have been brought forward by Members and community groups for a variety of age groups. Under the new arrangements this should reasonably be expected to increase.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Other key groups Are there any other vulnerable groups that might be affected by the proposal? <i>These could include carers, people in receipt of care, lone parents, people with low incomes or unemployed</i>		Positive impact	Negative impact		No impact
			Minor	Major	
Key groups	<p>The proposed new arrangements provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an increased budget available to each area committee providing for more and larger schemes to be considered and the opportunity to unlock significant community benefits - a wider scope for which the funding can be used providing for a wider range of schemes to be considered and the opportunity to unlock significant community benefits - the allocation to be based on population in each area ensuring equanimity - greater community engagement in deciding the funding priorities and bringing schemes forward for consideration <p>Under the new arrangements it can reasonably be expected that the opportunities for all groups are improved.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>6. Cumulative impact²⁰ Considering what else is happening within the council and Barnet could your proposal contribute to a cumulative impact on groups with protected characteristics?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="font-size: small;">If you clicked the Yes box, which groups with protected characteristics could be affected and what is the potential impact? Include details in the space below</p>
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7. Actions to mitigate or remove negative impact

Only complete this section if your proposals may have a negative impact on groups with protected characteristics. These need to be included in the relevant service plan for mainstreaming and performance management purposes.

Group affected	Potential negative impact	Mitigation measures ²¹ <i>If you are unable to identify measures to mitigate impact, please state so and provide a brief explanation.</i>	Monitoring ²² <i>How will you assess whether these measures are successfully mitigating the impact?</i>	Deadline date	Lead Officer
Age, disability, race					

8. Outcome of the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)²³

Please select one of the following four outcomes

Proceed with no changes

The EqIA has not identified any potential for a disproportionate impact and all opportunities to advance equality of opportunity are being addressed

Proceed with adjustments

Adjustments are required to remove/mitigate negative impacts identified by the assessment

Negative impact but proceed anyway

This EqIA has identified negative impacts that are not possible to mitigate. However, it is still reasonable to continue with the activity. Outline the reasons for this and the information used to reach this decision in the space below

Do not proceed

This EqIA has identified negative impacts that cannot be mitigated and it is not possible to continue. Outline the reasons for this and the information used to reach this decision in the space below

Reasons for decision

Sign-off

9. Sign off and approval by Head of Service / Strategic lead ²⁴	
Name Matthew Waters	Job title Assistant Director, Capital Delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick this box to indicate that you have approved this EqIA	Date of approval:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick this box to indicate if EqIA has been published Date EqIA was published: 22 nd February 2023 Embed link to published EqIA:	Date of next review: April 2024

Footnotes: guidance for completing the EqIA template

¹ The following principles explain what we must do to fulfil our duties under the Equality Act when considering any new policy or change to services. They must all be met or the EqIA (and any decision based on it) may be open to challenge:

- **Knowledge:** everyone working for the council must be aware of our equality duties and apply them appropriately
- **Timeliness:** the duty applies at the time of considering proposals and before a final decision is taken
- **Real Consideration:** the duty must be an integral and rigorous part of your decision-making and must influence the process.
- **Sufficient Information:** you must assess what information you have and what is needed to give proper consideration.
- **No delegation:** the council is responsible for ensuring that anyone who provides services on our behalf complies with the equality duty.
- **Review:** the equality duty is a continuing duty – it continues after proposals are implemented/reviewed.
- **Proper Record Keeping:** we must keep records of the process and the impacts identified.

² Our duties under the Equality Act 2010

The council has a legal duty under this Act to show that we have identified and considered the impact and potential impact of our activities on all people with ‘protected characteristics’ (see end notes 9-19 for details of the nine protected characteristics). This applies to policies, services (including commissioned services), and our employees.

We use this template to do this and evidence our consideration. You must give ‘due regard’ (pay conscious attention) to the need to:

- **Avoid, reduce or minimise negative impact:** if you identify unlawful discrimination, including victimisation and harassment, you must stop the action and take advice immediately.
- **Promote equality of opportunity:** by
 - Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people with a protected characteristic
 - Taking steps to meet the needs of these groups
 - Encouraging people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or any other activity where participation is disproportionately low
 - Consider if there is a need to treat disabled people differently, including more favourable treatment where necessary
- **Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don’t:** e.g. by promoting understanding.

³ EqIAs should always be proportionate to:

- The size of the service or scope of the policy/strategy
- The resources involved
- The size of the likely impact – e.g. the numbers of people affected and their vulnerability

The greater the potential adverse impact of the proposal on a protected group (e.g. disabled people) and the more vulnerable the group is, the more thorough and demanding the process required by the Act will be. Unless they contain sensitive data – EqIAs are public documents. They are published with Cabinet papers, Panel papers and public consultations. They are available on request.

⁴ When to complete an EqIA:

- When developing a new policy, strategy, or service
- When reviewing an existing service, policy or strategy

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- When making changes that will affect front-line services
 - When amending budgets which may affect front-line services
 - When changing the way services are funded and this may impact the quality of the service and who can access it
 - When making a decision that could have a different impact on different groups of people
 - When making staff redundant or changing their roles

Wherever possible, build the EqIA into your usual planning and review processes.

Also consider:

- Is the policy, decision or service likely to be relevant to any people because of their protected characteristics?
- How many people is it likely to affect?
- How significant are its impacts?
- Does it relate to an area where there are known inequalities?
- How vulnerable are the people who will be affected?

If there are potential impacts on people but you decide not to complete an EqIA you should document your reasons why.

⁵ **Title of EqIA:** This should clearly explain what service / policy / strategy / change you are assessing.

⁶ **Focus of EqIA:** A member of the public should have a good understanding of the proposals being assessed by the EqIA after reading this section. Please use plain English and write any acronyms in full first time - eg: 'Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)'

This section should explain what you are assessing:

- What are the main aims or purpose of the proposed change?
- Who implements, carries out or delivers the service or function in the proposal? Please state where this is more than one person or group, and where other organisations deliver it under procurement or partnership arrangements.
- How does it fit with other services?
- Who is affected by the service, or by how it is delivered? Who are the external and internal service-users, groups, or communities?
- What outcomes do you want to achieve, why and for whom? E.g.: what do you want to provide, what changes or improvements, and what should the benefits be?
- What do existing or previous inspections of the service tell you?
- What is the reason for the proposed change (financial, service, legal etc)? The Act requires us to make these clear.

⁷ **Data & Information:** Your EqIA needs to be informed by data. You should consider the following:

- What data is relevant to the impact on protected groups is available? (is there an existing EqIA?, local service data, national data, community data, similar proposal in another local authority).
- What further evidence is needed and how can you get it? (e.g. further research or engagement with the affected groups).
- What do you know from service/local data about needs, access and outcomes? Focus on each characteristic in turn.
- What might any local demographic changes or trends mean for the service or function? Also consider national data if appropriate.
- Does data/monitoring show that any policies or practices create particular problems or difficulties for any group(s)?
- Is the service having a positive or negative effect on particular people or groups in the community?

⁸ What have people told you about the service, function, area?

- Use service user feedback, complaints, audits
- Conduct specific consultation or engagement and use the results
- Are there patterns or differences in what people from different groups tell you?
- Remember, you must consult appropriately and in an inclusive way with those likely to be affected to fulfil the equality duty.
- You can read LBB [Consultation and Engagement toolkit](#) for full advice or contact the Consultation and Research Manager, rosie.evangelou@barnet.gov.uk for further advice

⁹ Age: People of all ages, but consider in particular children and young people, older people and carers, looked after children and young people leaving care. Also consider working age people.

¹⁰ Disability: When looking at disability, consideration should be given to people with different types of impairments: physical (including mobility), learning, aural or sensory (including hearing and vision impairment), visible and non-visible impairment. Consideration should also be given to: people with HIV, people with mental health needs and people with drug and alcohol problems. People with conditions such as diabetes and cancer and some other health conditions also have protection under the Equality Act 2010.

¹¹ Gender Reassignment: In the Act, a transgender person is someone who proposes to, starts or has completed a process to change their gender. A person does not need to be under medical supervision to be protected. Consider transgender people, transsexual people and transvestites.

¹² Marriage and Civil Partnership: consider married people and civil partners.

¹³ Pregnancy and Maternity: When looking at pregnancy and maternity, give consideration to pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, part-time workers, women with caring responsibilities, women who are lone parents and parents on low incomes, women on maternity leave and 'keeping in touch' days.

¹⁴ Race/Ethnicity: Apart from the common ethnic groups, consideration should also be given to Traveller communities, people of other nationalities outside Britain who reside here, refugees and asylum seekers and speakers of other languages.

¹⁵ Religion and Belief: Religion includes any religion with a clear structure and belief system. As a minimum you should consider the most common religious groups (Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jews, Sikh, Buddhist) and people with no religion or philosophical beliefs.

¹⁶ Sex/Gender: Consider girls and women, boys and men, married people, civil partners, part-time workers, carers (both of children with disabilities and older cares), parents (mothers and fathers), in particular lone parents and parents on low incomes.

¹⁷ Sexual Orientation: The Act protects bisexual, heterosexual, gay and lesbian people.

¹⁸ Other relevant groups: You should consider the impact on our service users in other related areas.

¹⁹ Impact: Your EqIA must consider fully and properly actual and potential impacts against each protected characteristic:

- The equality duty does not stop changes, but means we must fully consider and address the anticipated impacts on people.
- Be accurate and transparent, but also realistic: don't exaggerate speculative risks and negative impacts.
- Be detailed and specific where you can so decision-makers have a concrete sense of potential effects.

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- Questions to ask when assessing whether and how the proposals impact on service users, staff and the wider community:
 - Are one or more protected groups affected differently and/or disadvantaged? How, and to what extent?
 - Is there evidence of higher/lower uptake of a service among different groups? Which, and to what extent?
 - Does the project relate to an area with known inequalities (where national evidence or previous research is available)?
 - If there are likely to be different impacts on different groups, is that consistent with the overall objective?
 - If there is negative differential impact, how can you minimise that while taking into account your overall aims?
 - Do the effects amount to unlawful discrimination? If so the plan **must** be modified.
 - Does it relate to an area where equality objectives have been set by LBB in our [Barnet 2024 Plan](#) and our [Strategic Equality Objective](#)?

²⁰ **Cumulative Impact**

You will need to look at whether a single decision or series of decisions might have a greater negative impact on a specific group and at ways in which negative impacts across the council might be minimised or avoided.

²¹ **Mitigating actions**

- Consider mitigating actions that specifically address the impacts you've identified and show how they will remove, reduce or avoid any negative impacts
- Explain clearly what any mitigating measures are, and the extent to which you think they will reduce or remove the adverse effect
- Will you need to communicate or provide services in different ways for different groups in order to create a 'level playing field'?
- State how you can maximise any positive impacts or advance equality of opportunity.
- If you do not have sufficient equality information, state how you can fill the gaps.

²² **Monitoring:** The Equality Duty is an ongoing duty: policies must be kept under review, continuing to give 'due regard' to the duty. If an assessment of a broad proposal leads to more specific proposals, then further monitoring, equality assessment, and consultation are needed.

²³ **Outcome:**

- Make a frank and realistic assessment of the overall extent to which the negative impacts can be reduced or avoided by the mitigating measures. Also explain what positive impacts will result from the actions and how you can make the most of these.
- Make it clear if a change is needed to the proposal itself. Is further engagement, research or monitoring needed?
- Make it clear if, as a result of the analysis, the policy/proposal should be stopped.

²⁴ **Sign off:** You will need to ensure the EqIA is signed off by your Head of Service, agree whether the EqIA will be published, and agree when the next review date for the EqIA will be.