

Summary Fair Treatment Assessment (FTA)

Area for Assessment:	
Name of service or function etc	Local Development Framework – Draft Local Plan
Which Service does this affect?	Policy and Spatial Planning Services
Is this a new, existing or revised function?	Revised
Summary of findings:	
Main conclusions on the likely impact of the function on different equality groups (protected characteristics):	
<p>Preparation of the Draft Local Plan has taken place over a number of stages and the FTA has been conducted during the main stages when policy formulation has taken place. A scoping exercise of the policy directions in the Emerging Core Strategy has been undertaken which identified for which policy areas further assessment was required and potential impacts. This was used to help formulate the detailed policies in the Draft Local Plan. A further assessment of the Draft Local Plan policies has been undertaken, and a number of changes have been made to the Plan policies and supporting text for the submission draft.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with a wide range of stakeholders, including community groups, at each key stage of the Plan preparation, and responses received from a number of relevant groups. A Sustainability Appraisal was also undertaken at each key stage and the SA Framework included a number of relevant issues. Further targeted consultation with different communities was intended in January 2012, but in the event that wider consultation was replaced by the statutory publication of the pre-submission Draft Local Plan.</p> <p>The FTA raised some concerns relating to safety and vulnerability, social housing, phasing of development, accessibility, impacts of climate change and waste management, design and local services. A number of changes were made to the submission Draft Local Plan to address these and where changes were not incorporated this is because they were already covered elsewhere within the Draft Local Plan. The Sustainability Appraisal Addendum August 2012 identified an improvement in the sustainability ‘score’ of the Draft Local Plan, largely as a result of these changes.</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan creates a policy context through which localised employment, economic, leisure and development opportunities are generated, and focuses on public transport improvements. These areas of focus will inevitably be particularly beneficial for those residents who do not have access to a private vehicle. Through enabling access in variety of ways interaction within communities should increase – leading to an increased sense of belonging and community cohesion. It addresses our borough’s changing household composition and commits to providing more homes, including specialist and supported housing, and affordable housing.</p> <p>Generally the Draft Local Plan has a positive impact for local communities and across the various equalities groups. There is a focus on developing sustainable communities and the policies favour socially balanced and mixed communities. It protects the unique character of different parts of the borough, and seeks to attract development that is suitable for the particular</p>	

localities. In order to address recognised inequalities there is a focus on improvement particularly in the north of the borough. The need to provide and maintain suitable health, education, community facilities, and opportunities for social interaction is fundamental in ensuring people across the borough enjoy a good quality of life and have equal and positive life chances.

Actions:

Actions identified to address negative impacts identified or to better promote equality, human rights, cohesive and sustainable communities and safeguarding issues

Action	Outcome	Timescale
Incorporate amendments suggested in the submitted Draft Local Plan	Draft Local Plan addresses issues of inequality and disadvantage	March to September 2012
Incorporate amendments suggested in the Gypsy and Travellers Development Plan Document (DPD)	Gypsy and Travellers DPS addresses issues of inequality and disadvantage	March 2013
Ensure that the Street Design Guide produced in support of P15 addresses functionality of streets and safety for disabled users	The specific needs of disabled users are explicitly addressed in the Street Design Guide	March 2014
Monitor the quantity and quality of green space in the North Solihull Regeneration Area	Appropriate compensation for any loss of open space	Ongoing
Ensure appropriate actions are taken to minimise or mitigate unacceptable harm of waste management operations, mineral workings, sewage works, and certain intensive agricultural uses	Any impact on local community is minimised	Ongoing
Date Assessment Signed Off	12 September 2012	