

## HDC Initial Equality Impact Assessment Form (EIA1)

Service Area/Section	Street Scene Services		Persons undertaking the assessment (please also state name of contact officer)	Matthew Bills, Public Spaces Manager	
Name of policy or function to be assessed	<b>Open Spaces Strategy</b>	Date of assessment	<b>May 2011</b>	New or existing policy	<b>NEW</b>
1. Briefly describe the aims, objective or purpose of the policy, or service function.	The Open Spaces Strategy aims to provide a clear picture of existing and future needs for open space, sport and recreation in Harborough and the current ability to meet those needs in terms of quality, quantity and accessibility.				
2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy/function?	To set local standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space within Harborough District. To give a framework by which the Local Authority can secure additional open space if required and monitor the quality of open space to ensure existing provision meets acceptable standards.				
3. Who is intended to benefit from this policy and in what way?	The community and other stakeholders such as developers, and community groups by having certainty about what is expected from open spaces, and what contributions will be expected toward their provision and maintenance.				
4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy/function and for whom?	That the vision for open spaces, and the related policies and proposals are achieved. The overall vision for open space in Harborough District is proposed to be "Quality open space that provides what the community wants and is valued and enjoyed by everyone" The outcomes sought from the Open Spaces Strategy are those adopted within the Leicestershire Performance Framework Themes.				
5. How do these outcomes meet or hinder other policies, values, or objectives of HDC?	<p>The following themes are influenced or supported by the Open Spaces Strategy.</p> <p><b>Leicestershire Performance Framework Themes</b></p> <p><b>1. Improved Life Chances for Vulnerable People and Places</b></p> <p>1.2 Improved quality of life for those living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods</p> <p>1.5 Children in Leicestershire stay safe</p> <p><b>2. Stronger More Cohesive Communities</b></p> <p>2.1 Stronger communities, where people are involved in decisionmaking</p> <p>2.4 Equality of access to life opportunities</p> <p>2.6 Improved community cohesion through shared learning and recreation</p>				

2.7 Well-supported volunteer opportunities are provided within the community

2.8 Children and young people make a positive contribution

2.9 Older people are empowered to play an active part in the community.

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**3. A Safe and Attractive Place to Live and Work**

3.1 People feel (and are) safe from violence

3.3 Increased resident satisfaction with the built environment and improved green infrastructure.

3.4 Quality employment sites are more widely available

3.8 New developments are built to higher design, security and environmental standards

**4. A More Effective Response to Climate Change**

4.1 Our contribution to climate change is reduced

4.2 An enhanced accessible natural environment with improved protection

**5. A Prosperous Innovative and Dynamic Economy**

5.2 An improved image for business and tourism and recognition as a centre for innovation

5.4 Children and young people enjoy and achieve

**6. A Healthier Leicestershire**

6.1 Improved physical health, well-being and community cohesion through enhanced access to sport recreation and cultural services.

6.5 Children and young people in Leicestershire are healthy.

6.6 The health and well being of older people is increased

6.8 Improved mental health and well-being

6.9 More people are physically active at a level which makes them healthier

6.10 Obesity is reduced and there has been an increase in healthy eating in all age groups

**7. More Efficient and Effective Service Delivery**

7.1 Access to facilities and service is enhanced across the County

7.2 High quality and accessible service and facilities in rural areas

	7.4 Public services are provided in the most efficient and effective way		
6. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the intended outcomes?	<b>If the open spaces strategy and provision for open spaces sport and recreation are not adopted</b>		
7. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to this policy?	<b>HDC Elected Members Community Groups Residents FOCSA</b>	8. Who implements the policy/function and is responsible for the policy?	HDC, Street Scene Services
9. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact on racial groups?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>	<b>Open spaces are freely available to all groups</b>		
10. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to gender?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>	Open spaces are freely available to all genders		
11. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to disability?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Y
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>	Accessibility to some open spaces and amenities within open spaces may not be accessible to all persons.		
12. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to sexual orientation?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>	Open spaces are available to all persons irrespective of their sexual orientation		
13. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to age?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	N

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li></ul>	Access to amenities is available to all persons irrespective of their age. Some play equipment is not available to very young children, although this is for reasons of health and safety and is specifically built into the equipment.		

14. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to religious belief?	Y	N	Y
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>			Open spaces are available to all persons irrespective of their religious belief. Different religious beliefs may create a need to provide different types of burial provision
15. Are there any concerns that the policy/function could have a differential impact due to people having dependants/caring responsibilities?	Y	N	N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</li> </ul>			Facilities are freely available to all persons.
16. Could any differential impact identified in 9-15 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy?	Y	N	y
17. Can any adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one or more groups or any other reason?	Y	N	n
18. Should the policy proceed to a <b>full</b> impact assessment?	Y	N	n
19. If no, are there any recommended changes required to the policy to improve it around the equality agenda?	<b>To incorporate the views and opinions of user groups into the open spaces strategy which will as fully as possible meet the needs and requirements of all users</b>		
Additional notes/guidance (Policy Officer)			

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Signed (Head of Service) ..... Date   /  /