

Resident Impact Assessment

Applications to designate Tileyard Road and Vale Royal Creative Quarter Neighbourhood Area and Forum

Service Area: Environment and Regeneration

1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

The proposed Neighbourhood Area and Forum are business-led in line with Neighbourhood Planning legislation. The designation of a Neighbourhood Area and Forum would allow a local community to act in relation to the area and assume powers to create specific objectives and policies to shape the development of the area in due course through preparing a neighbourhood plan.

The neighbourhood planning process is external to the council but the council does have a duty to support groups who are interested in bringing forward Neighbourhood Area and Forum applications. The council is also required to make the decision on whether the applications are appropriate to be designated as proposed, or whether amendments are needed. In carrying out this duty and making a decision whether to designate a Neighbourhood Forum and a Neighbourhood Area, we have regard to equalities implications.

The RIAs will inform council's decision making. In addition, where equalities implications are identified officers will raise these and encourage community groups to consider social/equalities impacts as part the evidence for more detailed proposals – for example, as part of a wider sustainability appraisal if a neighbourhood plan was later prepared .

The intended outcome of the two applications, which are considered in this assessment, is to have a designated Tileyard Road and Vale Royal Creative Quarter Neighbourhood Area and Forum. This would be the first stage in the Neighbourhood Planning process, which, by itself, has no impacts for residents/service users/tenants.

2. Resident Profile

It is not possible to ascertain an exact service user profile as per the table below. The proposed Neighbourhood Area is focused on a bespoke geography covering part of the industrial area known as Vale Royal and Brewery Road LSIS which by its nature has very few residents.

The Working Group has not provided any assessment of groups with protected characteristics, either in relation to the proposed area or the Forum membership.

It is considered that it would be any Neighbourhood Plan which may have potential impacts on borough residents and businesses (within and/or outside of the proposed area) over time, but that is not under consideration here.

A decision to designate or refuse to designate the Neighbourhood Area and Forum, by itself, is not considered to have any equalities impacts on residents/service users/tenants/businesses.

		Borough profile	Service User profile
		Total: 206,285	Total:
Gender	Female	51%	N/A
	Male	49%	N/A
Age	Under 16	32,825	N/A
	16-24	29,418	N/A
	25-44	87,177	N/A
	45-64	38,669	N/A
	65+	18,036	N/A
Disability	Disabled	16%	N/A
	Non-disabled	84%	N/A
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	N/A
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	N/A
Race	BME	52%	N/A
	White	48%	N/A
Religion or belief	Christian	40%	N/A
	Muslim	10%	N/A
	Other	4.5%	N/A
	No religion	30%	N/A
	Religion not stated	17%	N/A

3. Equality impacts

With reference to the [guidance](#), please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

- Is the change likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics?

No, the decision to refuse the applications to designate the proposed Neighbourhood Forum and to decline to determine the proposed Neighbourhood Area are unlikely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics.

- Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics? Are there any opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics?

No – no negative impacts are anticipated from the decisions in relation to any of the protected characteristics.

It is not known whether if the proposed Forum and Area would present any opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics, given that the Forum has not provided any relevant information in relation to the profile of the area in question, or the Forum membership, but it is considered unlikely.

- Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington? Are there any opportunities for fostering good relations?

No, there are no identified negative impacts arising from the decisions on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington.

It is not known whether designating the Forum and the Area would provide any opportunities for fostering good relations, given that the Forum has not provided any relevant information in relation to the profile of the area in question, or the Forum membership, but it is considered unlikely.

Is the proposal a strategic decision where inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage can be reduced?

The applications to designate the Neighbourhood Forum and the Area, and the council's decision in relation to the applications, are not strategic proposals or decisions that can by themselves address inequalities.

4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to **section 4.8** of the [guidance](#) for more information.

There are no safeguarding risks or human rights breaches

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then please contact equalities@islington.gov.uk to discuss further:

5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

No impacts identified

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the [guidance](#).

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline

Please send the completed RIA to equalites@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.

Staff member completing this form:

Signed: Michael Carless _____

Date: 18/05/2020

Head of Service or higher:

Signed: _____ Sakiba
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Date: 25/05/2020