

Resident Impact Assessment

Response to the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee regarding Resident and Volunteer Engagement in Parks and Open Spaces in Islington by the Council Executive Committee.

Service Area: Environment and Regeneration; Greenspace and Leisure

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

The aim of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee review regarding Resident and Volunteer Engagement in Parks and Open Spaces in Islington was to highlight the importance the Council and residents place on our parks and open spaces, and to recognition of the impressive partnership between the Council and the volunteers who work together to provide safe and attractive community spaces.

It also aimed to show how these spaces contribute to the Council's priorities, particularly in:

- creating a safe and well-organised borough;
- making Islington a great place for young people to grow up;
- making the borough an attractive, welcoming and healthy environment for everyone;
- ensuring that our residents are able to lead healthy and independent lives.

This report contains a response to each recommendation and explains how the council will implement the recommendations it proposes. It also states where the Executive does not accept a recommendation and why.

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2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. resident's/service users/tenants? Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to **section 3.3** of the guidance for more information.

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

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 aim of the report is providing ways to improve the interaction with and access to parks and open spaces for all communities of the borough especially

those that are currently not benefiting from the use of these spaces. This includes those with 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 this will increase the opportunities for residents with protected characteristics.

- **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?**

The report proposes to accept the majority of the recommendations which aim to improve access and opportunities to use our parks and greenspaces for the whole community. A number of the recommendations are actively trying to provide better access to quality parks and greenspaces and to build support and capacity within the volunteering communities within those spaces. Through the Parks for Health project we are also specifically looking at how we can bring the people within our community who would benefit the most from using our parks and open spaces. This includes communities with protected characteristics.

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.

Nil safeguarding risks

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?

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: Barry Emmerson

Date: 17/03/2020

Head of Service or higher:

Signed: Andrew Bedford

Date: