

Equality Impact Assessment Report

Name of policy, procedure or function: Town Centre Masterplan

**Service Area:
Regeneration**

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November 2006**

Findings

General

The purpose of the recently completed Town Centre Masterplan is to

- provide a clear and robust urban design framework to guide future development and redevelopment based on sound commercial principles
- to identify the capacity of the town centre to accommodate further mixed uses to incorporate proposals for a new Inner Relief Road for the town centre
- Identify potential redevelopment sites and produce indicative design briefs and guidance for their development
- Improve town centre linkages and address sustainable transport issues
- Incorporate an implementation strategy to facilitate the delivery of projects.
- Identify potential sources of funding for various elements of the masterplan.
- Provide a background document to Charnwood Borough Council's Local Development Framework.

Specific Equality Areas

Issues specific to equality include:

It is recognised that the Town Team, which monitors and informs the progress of the Masterplan, is not reflective of the local community in many respects this is due to difficulties in attracting young, ethnic minority or disabled people to join. Targeting will be addressed in the future.

The availability of the Masterplan in other formats is limited and therefore excludes certain groups of people, this is addressed in the action plan

Physical changes to the Town Centre will always aim to promote inclusivity and the EIA conducted reflects this.

Further Actions

<p>Language availability- the masterplan could not be translated in full easily</p> <p>Atkins does not have an equalities statement</p> <p>There are more Ethnic minority groups near the town centre so they will be affected more by the Plans implementation – (Inner Relief Road for example)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better availability of information in other languages. Also devise contingency plan for should someone ask for the Masterplan in another language Include an equalities statement on new documents Review at Town Team meeting ways to increase ethnic minority representation on the Town Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None None None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Tincknell to consult with Atkins Martin Tincknell Jonathan Hale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 06 Jan 07 Nov 06
<p>Age – elderly will have to walk further due to increased pedestrian area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure disabled Car Parks are maintained Ensure Elderly Peoples forum is involved in detailed design phases (check involvement of old people – e.g. help the aged/age concern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Hale Jonathan Hale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 07 Jan 07
<p>Age – Young People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review at Town Team (with Ethnic Minority representation) ways to increase representation of young people on the Town Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Hale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 06
<p>Disability issues (Physical, learning and visual)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Public Realm Involve appropriate agencies to advise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of redevelopment budget None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterplan Team Jonathan Hale / Sarah Cromie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 07 Jan 07 (to plan)