

# Equality & Health Impact Assessment (EqHIA)

#### **Document control**

Title of activity:	Home to School Transport Policy and protocol
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Did you seek advice from the Corporate Policy & Diversity team?  Please note that the Corporate Policy & Diversity and Public Health teams require at least <u>5 working days</u> to provide advice on EqHIAs.	Yes
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## 1. Equality & Health Impact Assessment Checklist

Please complete the following checklist to determine whether or not you will need to complete an EqHIA and ensure you keep this section for your audit trail. If you have any questions, please contact <a href="EqHIA@havering.gov.uk">EqHIA@havering.gov.uk</a> for advice from either the Corporate Diversity or Public Health teams. Please refer to the Guidance in Appendix 1 on how to complete this form.

About your activity

ADC	out your activity					
1	Title of activity	Home to Sch	Home to School Transport Policy and Protocol			
2	Type of activity	Policy				
3	Scope of activity	To explore the impact of the Home to School Transport Policy on the various domains. This is sourced from the HTS Transport consultation, parents/guardians feedback of the service through the transport team and complaints service.				
4a	Are you changing, introducing a new, or removing a service, policy, strategy or function?	Yes	If the answ			
4b	Does this activity have the potential to impact (either positively or negatively) upon people from different backgrounds.	Yes	questions is 'YES', please continue to question <b>5</b> .		If the answer to all of the questions (4a, 4b	
4c	Does the activity have the potential to impact (either positively or negatively) upon any factors which determine people's health and wellbeing?	Yes	Please use the Screening tool before you answer this question.	If you answer 'YES', please continue to question 5.	a questions (4a, 4b) & 4c) is 'NO', please go to question 6.	
5	If you answered YES:	Please complete the EqHIA in Section 2 of this document. Please see Appendix 1 for Guidance.				
6	If you answered NO:	N/A				

Completed by:	Jodie Gutteridge/Paul Young
Date:	11/09/2023 revised March 2024

## 2. The EqHIA – How will the strategy, policy, plan, procedure and/or service impact on people?

#### **Background/context:**

This policy outlines the support and assistance available for children and young people travelling between home and school/college. Support and guidance may be provided by the council based on the different <u>eligibility criteria</u>, which is dependent on the age of the student.

Most children and young people will access school/college supported by their family /carer without additional assistance from the Council. Where assistance is given, it should be part of a plan that encourages children and young people to become more independent and resilient in their future lives, while encouraging sustainable forms of travel, including walking, cycling, scooting and the use of public transport.

The purpose of the home to school transport service is to enable eligible students to get to and from school for free.

There is no statutory obligation to provide free travel assistance to those who are Post 16

The child is entitled to free school meals as a guide to low-income families (such as parents are in receipt of maximum working tax credits) and their nearest suitable school is:

- Beyond 2 miles (for children over the age of 8 and under 11)
- Between 2-6 miles (if aged 11-16)
- Between 2 and 15 (if the nearest school is preferred on the ground of religion or belief (aged 11-16))

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#### Who will be affected by the activity?

Those Children, young people and their families, with special educational needs and who are eligible for home to school travel arrangements.

Please tick (✓)		Overall impact:	
the relevant box:			
Positive		The number of people that live in Havering has increased over the last decade fror 237,232 in 2011 to 262,052 in 2021. This is a 10.5% increase compared to a 7.7%	
Neutral	✓	increase across London and a 6.6% increase across England.	
Negative		The population of Havering is anticipated to grow by 15k (5.6%) from 266k in 2022 to 281k in 2032.  The number of children aged under 18 has seen an increase of 15.2% (from 50,827 to 58,550), greatly outpacing the 4.8% and 3.9% increases in London and England, respectively. Havering now has a higher proportion of children aged 0-17 (22.3%) than 80% of local authorities in England. This increase is slightly lower than the latest ONS projections (2018). The ONS predicts that the 0-17 population will grow to 61,350 by 2031. The demand for transport has grown significantly and within the last year has increased from 600 to 800 requests  Create your own tables, Table Tool – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)	
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#### Evidence:

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#### Sources used:

Census 2021

Home to School Transport Statistics on Requests

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2022

Protected Characteristic - Disability: Consider the full range of disabilities; including physical, mental, sensory, progressive conditions and learning difficulties. Also consider neurodivergent conditions e.g. dyslexia and autism.

Please tick (✓) the relevant box:

#### **Overall impact:**

## **Positive Neutral**

In Havering an estimated 38,449 residents reported having a disability in 2021. This is an age-standardised proportion (ASP) of 15.3%, which is slightly lower than London (15.6%) and lower than England (17.7%). In Havering, an ASP of 6.6% reported that their day-to-day activities were limited a lot and 8.7% reported their day-to-day activities were limited a little, due to a disability.

29,742 households in Havering had at least one person with a disability. Of these households, 6,181 had two or more members with a disability.

#### **Negative**

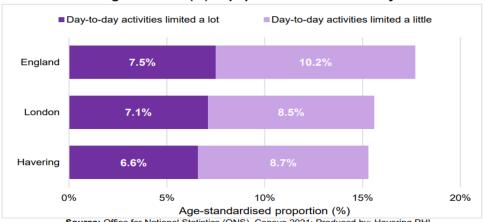
Children have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. An Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan details the education, health and social care support that is to be provided to a child or young person who has Special Educational Needs (SEN) or a disability. Havering has 8.9% primary school age children, 8.5% Secondary school children and 1.1% Special School children who are getting SEN Support.

By implementing this policy, it is anticipated that those children, young people and their families with special educational needs will have a positive outcome. This is because their needs will be looked at and the appropriate measures will be put into place to accommodate them.

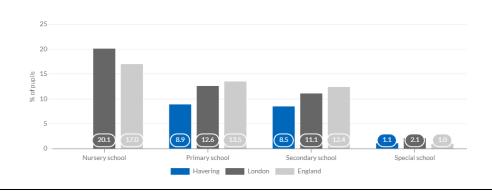
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#### **Evidence:**

Figure 4: ASP (%) of population with a disability



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2021; Produced by: Havering PHI





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#### Sources used:

Census 2021

https://www.haveringdata.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Census-2021-Topic-Summary-Health-Disability-and-Unpaid-Care.pdf

Home to School Transport Consultation Analysis 2024

https://www.haveringdata.net/children-and-young-people/#/view-report/07853ccb32274062987962b7d4e602b3/ iaFirstFeature/G3

Please tick ( the relevant		Overall impact:					
Positive		Havering has 135,668 females (52%) and 126,384 males (48%) in the borough.  93.67% of Havering residents identify as the same gender as when they were born.					
Neutral	✓	49% of pupils in Haveri	•	nd 51% are male. This falls in line with			
Negative		for those children with	The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.				
Evidence:		Females	Males	*Expand box as require			
Havering (2021)		Havering (2021)	Havering (2021)				
262,05	2	135,668	126,384				
6		6	•				
Population by sex for	Havering (20	)21)					
		* * * * *		52%			
Females	11		п п п п				

Gender Identity	Number	Percentage
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	196,462	93.67%
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	528	0.25%
Trans woman	228	0.11%
Trans man	212	0.10%
Non-binary	60	0.03%
All other gender identities	39	0.02%
Not answered	12,201	5.82%
Total	209,730	100.00%

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2021; Produced by: Havering PHI

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#### Sources used:

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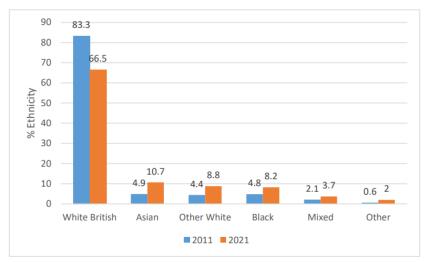
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www.Haveringdata.net

Census 2021 School Census

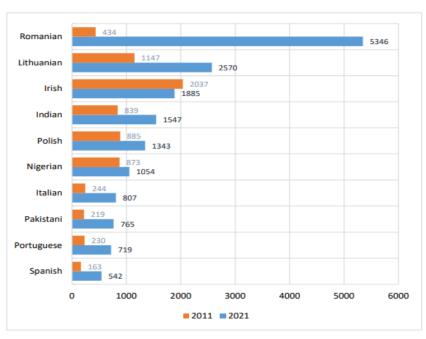
		cteristic - Ethnicity / race / nationalities: Consider the impact on
		ethnic groups and nationalities
Please tick (* the relevant b	•	Overall impact:
Positive		Havering is becoming more diverse. In 2021 census, White British remains the most common ethnic group in Havering, with 66.5% (174,232) of the population, down
Neutral	✓	from 83.3% (197,615) in 2011. The next most common ethnic group is Asian, accounting for 10.7% (28,150) of the population, up from 4.9% (11,545) in 2011.
Negative		In 2021, 87.8% (230,091) of usual Havering residents identified with at least one UK national identity (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British and Cornish). This is a decrease from 93.6% (222,066) in 2011. The figure for London in 2021 is 73.1% and England 90.3%. People who identified with at least one UK and one non-UK identity accounted for 1.8% (4,843) of the Havering population in 2021; this is an increase from 0.7% (1,680) in 2011. Those selecting a non-UK identity only accounted for 10.3% (27,118) of the Havering population in 2021, which is an increase from 5.7% (13,486) in 2011. Among those who described a non-UK national identity, the most common response was those describing "Romanian" as their national identity 2.0% (5,346) up from 0.2% (434) in 2011. The most common responses in 2011 were Irish 0.9% (2,037) and Lithuanian 0.5% (1,147).  Looking at the latest School Census, 74.36% of all students in Havering Schools spoke English as their first language. Romanian (4.10%), Urdu (2.04%) and Lithuanian (1.70%) were the next 3 common languages spoken in Havering schools.  90.1% of residents aged 3 and over describe their main language as English, next main languages Romanian 2.3% and Lithuanian 0.9%. 4.8% of households have no members where their main language is English.  Although there are a number of residents who identify as non-uk, it is not considered likely that introducing this policy will have a disproportionate impact on this protected characteristic group, as the policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. We do offer a translation service within Havering through 'The language shop' so the policy will be able to be interpreted should it be required.
		*Expand box as required
Evidence:		

Figure 1 – Havering population in 2011 and 2021 by main ethnic group



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2011 & 2021; Produced by: Havering PHI

Figure 6 - Top 10 national identity excluding British



\*Expand box as required

#### Sources used:

Census 2021 School Census

		cteristic – Religion / faith: Consider people from different religions or those with no religion or belief				
Please tick (the relevant l	,	Overall impact:				
Positive		The religion question is voluntary in the Census, but 94.5% of usual residents answered the question in 2021. The most commonly reported religion in Havering is				
Neutral	✓	Christian, with 52.2% of the total population in 2021 describing themselves as Christian. This is a reduction from 65.6% in 2011. No religion was the second most				
Negative		common response, with 30.6% identifying in this category, up from 22.6% in 2011. Other religions accounted for 11.7% of the total Havering population, which is an increase from 5.1% in 2011.  The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.				
Evidence:	1	*Expand box as required  *Expand box as required				
Sources us	ed:	Expand box do required				
Census 2021		*Expand box as required				

Protected Characteristic - Sexual orientation: Consider people who are heterosexual, lesbian, gay or bisexual							
Please tick (✓) the relevant box:		Overall impact:					
Positive		The Census question on sexual orientation was a voluntary question asked of those aged 16 years and over. The number of people responding was very					
Neutral	✓	high with 93% (195,099) of Havering residents answering the question. In total, 91.07% (191,007) of Havering residents identified as straight or					
Negative		total, 91.07% (191,007) of Havering residents identified as straight or heterosexual. In total, 1.95% (4,092) Havering residents identified as one of the LGB+ orientations ("Gay or Lesbian", "Bisexual" or "Other sexual orientation"). In total, 6.98% (14,631) Havering residents did not answer the question.  The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.  *Expand box as required.					
Evidence:							

Figure 1: Detailed breakdown of sexual orientation in Havering for residents aged 16 and over

Sexual Orientation	Number	Percentage	
Straight or Heterosexual	191,007	91.07%	
Gay or Lesbian	1,993	0.95%	
Bisexual	1,540	0.73%	
Pansexual	436	0.21%	
Asexual	56	0.03%	
Queer	21	0.01%	
All other sexual orientations	46	0.02%	
Not answered	14,631	6.98%	
Total	209,730	100.00%	

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2021; Produced by: Havering PHI

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#### Sources used:

Census 2021

https://www.haveringdata.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Topic-Summary-Sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity.pdf

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Protected Characteristic - Gender reassignment: Consider people who are seeking, undergoing or have received gender reassignment surgery, as well as people whose gender identity is different from their gender at birth Please tick (✓) the **Overall impact:** relevant box: The Census question on gender identity was also a voluntary question, asked **Positive** of those aged 16 years and over. It was added to provide the first official data on the size of the transgender population in England and Wales. The question Neutral asked was "Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?" The number of people responding was very high with 94.2% (197,529) Havering residents answering the question. In total, 93.67% (196,462) Havering residents answered "Yes" and 0.51% (1,067) answered "No". 5.82% (12,201) Havering residents did not answer the question. **Negative** The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group. \*Expand box as required **Evidence:** 

Figure 3: Detailed breakdown of gender identity in Havering for residents aged 16 and over

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#### Sources used:

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Protected Characteristic – Marriage / civil partnership: Consider people in a marriage					
or civil partr	nershi	p			
Please tick (🗸) the relevant box:		Overall impact:			
Positive	Positive  The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that				
Neutral	✓	there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.			
Negative		*Expand box as required			
Evidence:		*Expand box as required			
Sources us	sed:	*Expand box as required			

Protected Characteristic - Pregnancy, maternity and paternity: Consider those who					
are pregnant and those who are taking maternity or paternity leave					
Please tick (✓)		Overall impact:			
the relevant b	box:	•			
Positive  The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that					
Neutral	✓	there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.			
Negative		*Expand box as required			
Evidence:  *Expand box as required					
Sources used:  Expand box as required					

Socio-economic status: Consider those who are from low income or financially excluded backgrounds				
Please tick (🗸) the relev	/ant box:	Overall impact:		
Positive		59.5% of residents in Havering have a job, an increase from 58.9% in 2011.		
Neutral		3.6% of residents are unemployed, which is		

	the fourth lowest rate in London but an improvement from the rate of 5.0% in 2011.
	21.0% of residents are retired - the highest rate in London, which is in line with or high older person population.
	Median gross weekly pay of people living in Havering (£705pw) is below the London average (£728pw) but significantly higher than the England average (£613pw). However, earnings of people who work in Havering (£614; who may or may not actually live in the borough) are very similar to the England average. This suggests that residents who work outside the borough, e.g. commute into central London, attract a higher rate of pay than peers who work locally.
	27,000 adult residents in the borough are income deprived overall, and there is significant variation across Havering.
Negative	19.72% (8371) of Havering pupils receive free school meals.
	The proposal to not charge for Post 16 travel will benefit those on low income and still ensure their child continues to attend college. This makes Havering different to neighboring boroughs who do charge and will only be a positive impact on families
	Being on a low income or financially excluded doesn't necessarily mean those eligible children will be disadvantaged by this policy, in fact being eligible for a personal transport budget could assist the family by offering the means to purchase a family vehicle. However, they may not have access to a computer or smart phone in order to complete all the necessary forms and the family would need to ensure that their family budget doesn't compromise the ability to ensure the child is in attendance at school.
	*Expand box as required
Evidence:	

Table 1 Reasons for economic inactivity, Havering, London and England, 2021

Reason for economic inactivity	England and Wales	London	Havering
Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled	4.2%	3.6%	3.1%
Economically Inactive: Looking after home or family	4.8%	6.0%	5.1%
Economically inactive: Other	3.1%	4.1%	3.0%
Economically inactive: Retired	21.6%	12.9%	21.0%
Economically inactive: Student	5.6%	7.2%	4.6%

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2021; Produced by: Havering Insight Team

Phase	(AII)	
FSM	Pupils	%
-1	8371	19.72%
0	34081	80.28%
<b>Grand Total</b>	42452	100.00%

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#### Sources used:

Census 2021 Cabinet Report May 2024 School Census

 $\underline{\text{https://www.haveringdata.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Topic-Summary-Economic-Activity-and-Travel-to-work-Final-Version.pdf}$ 

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**Health & Wellbeing Impact:** Please use the Health and Wellbeing Impact Tool on the next page to help you answer this question.

Consider both short and long-term impacts of the activity on a person's physical and mental health, particularly for disadvantaged, vulnerable or at-risk groups. Can health and wellbeing be positively promoted through this activity?

Please tick (v) all the relevant boxes that apply:		Overall impact:			
Positive		In Havering an estimated 219,777 residents had 'good' or 'very good' health in 2021. This is an age			
Neutral 🗸		standardised proportion (ASP) of 83.0%, which is higher than London (81.9%) and England (81.7%			
Negative		However, in Havering, an ASP of 48.2% residents had 'very good' health compared to 49% in London.			
		22.78% of those residents who completed the ONS			

annual population survey in 2020/21 self-reported their wellbeing as high anxiety.

The process to gain free travel for those children with special educational needs is long, this may impact upon some families with high anxiety to ensure the process is in place before the school starts.

The policy sets out the council's policy to offer free travel to their place of education for those children with special educational needs. It is not considered likely that there will be a disproportionate impact of these proposals on this protected characteristic group.

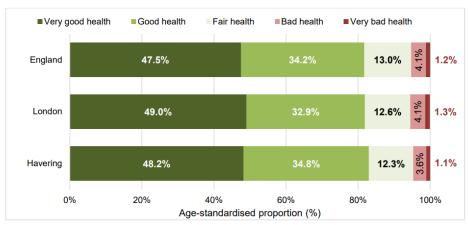
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Do you consider that a more in-depth HIA is required as a result of this brief assessment? Please tick (✓) the relevant box

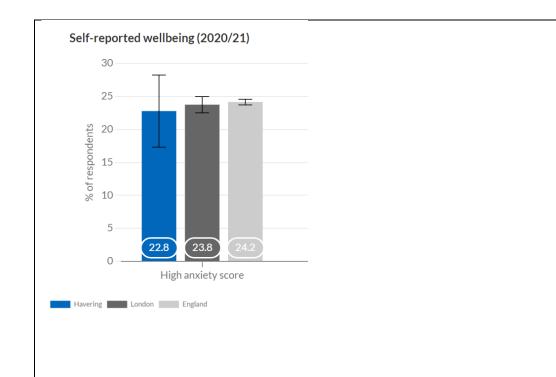
Yes □ No 🗸

#### **Evidence:**

Figure 1: ASP (%) reported health of the population



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Census 2021; Produced by: Havering PHI



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#### Sources used:

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## 3. Health & Wellbeing Screening Tool

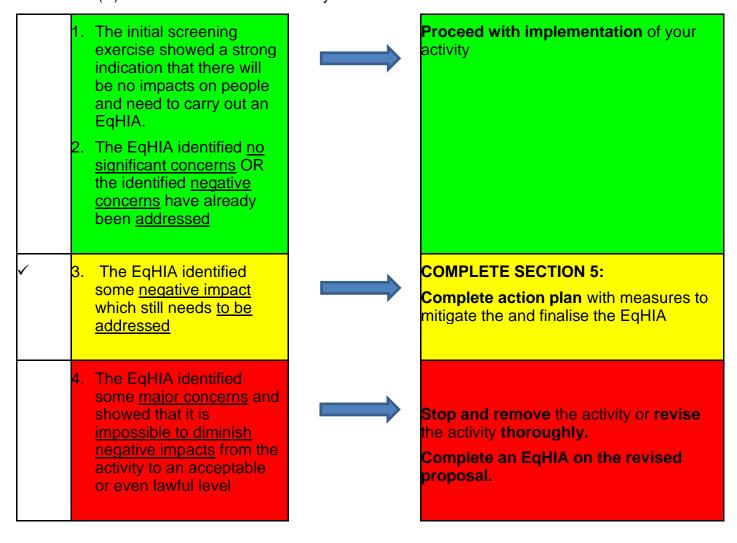
Will the activity / service / policy / procedure affect any of the following characteristics? Please tick/check the boxes below The following are a range of considerations that might help you to complete the assessment.

Lifestyle YES 🗌 NO 🖂	Personal circumstances YES NO	Access to services/facilities/amenities YES NO		
Diet	Structure and cohesion of family unit	to Employment opportunities		
Exercise and physical activity	Parenting	to Workplaces		
☐ Smoking	Childhood development	to Housing		
Exposure to passive smoking	Life skills	to Shops (to supply basic needs)		
☐ Alcohol intake	Personal safety	to Community facilities		
☐ Dependency on prescription drugs	Employment status	to Public transport		
☐ Illicit drug and substance use	☐ Working conditions	to Education		
Risky Sexual behaviour	Level of income, including benefits	to Training and skills development		
Other health-related behaviours, such as	Level of disposable income	to Healthcare		
tooth-brushing, bathing, and wound care	☐ Housing tenure	to Social services		
	Housing conditions	to Childcare		
	☐ Educational attainment	to Respite care		
	Skills levels including literacy and numeracy	to Leisure and recreation services and facilities		
Social Factors YES NO 🖂	Economic Factors YES NO	Environmental Factors YES NO 🖂		
Social contact	Creation of wealth	Air quality		
Social support	Distribution of wealth	☐ Water quality		
☐ Neighbourliness	Retention of wealth in local area/economy	Soil quality/Level of contamination/Odour		
Participation in the community	☐ Distribution of income	Noise levels		
☐ Membership of community groups	Business activity	☐ Vibration		
Reputation of community/area	☐ Job creation	Hazards		
Participation in public affairs	Availability of employment opportunities	Land use		
Level of crime and disorder	Quality of employment opportunities	☐ Natural habitats		
Fear of crime and disorder	Availability of education opportunities	Biodiversity		
Level of antisocial behaviour	Quality of education opportunities	Landscape, including green and open spaces		
Fear of antisocial behaviour	Availability of training and skills development opportunities	Townscape, including civic areas and public realm		
Discrimination	Quality of training and skills development opportunities	☐ Use/consumption of natural resources		
Fear of discrimination	☐ Technological development	☐ Energy use: CO2/other greenhouse gas emissions		
☐ Public safety measures	☐ Amount of traffic congestion	Solid waste management		
☐ Road safety measures		Public transport infrastructure		

#### 4. Outcome of the Assessment

The EqHIA assessment is intended to be used as an improvement tool to make sure the activity maximises the positive impacts and eliminates or minimises the negative impacts. The possible outcomes of the assessment are listed below and what the next steps to take are:

Please tick (✓) what the overall outcome of your assessment was:



#### 5. Action Plan

The real value of completing an EqHIA comes from identifying the actions that can be taken to eliminate/minimise **negative** impacts and enhance/optimise positive impacts. In this section you should list the specific actions that set out how you will mitigate or reduce any **negative** equality and/or health & wellbeing impacts, identified in this assessment. Please ensure that your action plan is: more than just a list of proposals and good intentions; if required, will amend the scope and direction of the change; sets ambitious yet achievable outcomes and timescales; and is clear about resource implications.

Protected characteristic / health & wellbeing impact	Identified Negative or Positive impact	Recommended actions to mitigate Negative impact* or further promote Positive impact	Outcomes and monitoring**	Timescale	Lead officer
Disability	Positive	Individual needs will be looked at and the appropriate measures will be put into place to accommodate them.			
Socio-Economic	Negative	Potential to not have access to internet, computer or phone so we should look to accept applications through other means other than online I.e. provide paper copies as and when required	Applications can be accepted through any means		

### 6. Review

In this section you should identify how frequently the EqHIA will be reviewed; the date for next review; and who will be reviewing it.

Review: This EqHIA will be reviewed within a year from launch of the new Policy

Scheduled date of review: May 2025

Lead Officer conducting the review: Jodie Gutteridge

\*Expand box as required

Please submit the completed form via e-mail to <a href="EqHIA@havering.gov.uk">EqHIA@havering.gov.uk</a> thank you.