


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – BARRIER MODIFICATION PROGRAMME

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Overview:	It is proposed that barriers are removed from a number of locations on the National Cycle Network and in most locations replaced with bollards to ensure accessibility for legitimate users whilst stopping access for cars and seeking to slow cyclists where required.				
Decision required:	To implement the following amendments to The City of Plymouth (Traffic Movement and Speed Limit Regulations) (Consolidation) Order 2022. The effect of the order shall be to add Prohibition of Driving of Motor Vehicles to the tunnels under the railway line and immediate approaches to the tunnels on: Bulmer Road & Lucas Terrace. As set out in the briefing report.				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes	✓	No	
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes	✓	No	

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	Yes	✓	No	
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.				

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. 	Elderly, less mobile and potentially frail pedestrians could potentially be adversely affected by more and faster moving cyclists as a result of the proposed removal of the barriers	<p>Risk assessments have been carried out for each of the designs and mitigation measures include the replacement of the barriers with staggered bollards to slow cycles.</p> <p>They also provide additional width for pedestrians and cyclists, helping to reduce conflict.</p> <p>Ward member and public consultation has also taken place and Plymouth Area Disability</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>		<p>Action Network (PADAN) has been consulted on the proposals.</p> <p>The consultation responses indicated a high level of support, and where concerns have been raised, the designs have been modified where appropriate.</p>	
<p>Care experienced individuals (Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers</p>	<p>Not affected</p>		

	aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.			
Disability	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>	Less mobile pedestrians with disabilities could potentially be adversely affected by more and faster moving cyclists as a result of the proposed removal of the barriers	<p>Risk assessments have been carried out for each of the designs and mitigation measures include the replacement of the barriers with staggered bollards to slow cycles.</p> <p>They also provide additional width for pedestrians and cyclists, helping to reduce conflict.</p> <p>Ward member and public consultation has also taken place and Plymouth Area Disability Action Network (PADAN) has been consulted on the proposals</p>	
Gender reassignment	0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).	Not affected		
Marriage and civil partnership	40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are	Not affected		

	<p>widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married.</p> <p>0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).</p>			
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.</p>	Not affected		
Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>	Not affected		
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>	Not affected		

Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	Not affected		
Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).	Not affected		

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	Not affected		

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.	Removal of barriers which exclude those with disabilities using larger mobility scooters or adapted cycles can be seen as positive in this regard.		
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	Not affected		
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	Not affected		

Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.	Not affected		
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.	Not affected		