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Item 5 – Public Speakers: Written Responses

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Written Response

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) applies to all planning functions and decisions. Most planning application decisions concern development and use of land, not about using it so it will depend upon the context of the application as to how the PSED is considered. Having 'due regard' will therefore be a matter of judgement.

Equality Impact Assessments are undertaken on policy documents such as the Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Documents and these policies are then directly considered in planning applications, so regard is had to the duty in this respect. The extent to how much further consideration is given will be on the merits or otherwise of the application and whether it will impact on those with a protected characteristic.

Public consultation also takes place on planning applications so any views from different groups can also be put forward and considered, alongside those from statutory consultees prior to a determination being made.

If there is a particular application of concern, then please contact the Head of Planning directly so it can be reviewed.