

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of policy, procedure function being assessed	Local Development Order for Macclesfield (Northside and Whalley Hayes)	Is this a new or existing policy, procedure, practice, function or a financial decision?	New policy
Department/Service	Spatial Planning		
Date	22/11/18		
What are the aims, objectives or purpose of the policy/procedure/practice/function or financial decision?	Local Development Order (“LDO”) for sites at Macclesfield (Northside and Whalley Hayes). A LDO is a mechanism by which a local planning authority can grant permitted development rights for a specified use or development proposal on a defined site. They typically set out the type of development permitted subject to a series of planning conditions, and so, instead of submitting a planning application for the specified development proposal on that site, an applicant simply submits their proposals to the local planning authority (which must be completed within 28 days) to ensure that the proposals are in line with the LDO before development commences. The Macclesfield LDO will help to support and enhance the town centre, improving natural surveillance in the area and supporting the night time economy.		
Are there any statutory requirements?	Local Development Orders need to be in conformity with national legislation and be subject to public consultation.		
Who is intended to benefit from this policy/procedure/practice/function or financial decision?	Developers will have the opportunity to avoid a lengthy planning application process, with clear guidance on what is expected on each of the sites before purchasing. Removing risk and encouraging development.		
Who are the main users/stakeholders in relation to the policy-procedure-function?	Some land and property developers will be affected by the introduction of a Local Development Order, along with residents surrounding the site.		
What sources of data including consultation results have you used to analyse the impact of the work being carried out on users/stakeholders?	National legislation - sections 61A to 61D and Schedule 4A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, and articles 38 and 41 of the Town and Country Planning		

	(Development Management) (Procedure) Order 2015.
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify	To seek approval of the Macclesfield Local Development Order.
Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out:	
Age	No
Gender	No
Disability	No. Any development that were to be implemented through the Local Development Order would still need to satisfy building regulations governing appropriate access for disabled people.
Race and Culture	No
Sexual Orientation	No
Religion or Belief	No
Gender Assignment	No
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No
Pregnancy and Maternity	No
Conclusion: The implementation of the Local Development Order within Macclesfield (Northside and Whalley Hayes) would not have a negative impact or discriminate in any way against any members of the local community. The Macclesfield LDO will impact positively on prospective developers and positively to the local communities surrounding the sites by regenerating the area including some sites that are vacant or derelict.	Is a full assessment required? No
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