

## Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Form

This document is a multi-purpose tool ensuring the appropriate steps are taken to comply with the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) Equality Impact Assessment legislation and to demonstrate that we have shown due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome resulting from socio-economic disadvantage when taking strategic decisions under the [Socio-economic Duty](#). It also ensures consideration of the [Welsh Language Standards](#). [Click here to access more information and guidance to help you complete this EIA.](#)

- **This assessment should be carried out during the formation stage of your policy or proposal. Any negative impact identified will support you to devise engagement strategies for further evidence gathering.**
- **If you are undertaking a full public consultation as part of your policy or proposal this form should be completed before the consultation begins and used as a tool to inform your consultation questions and engagement activities.**
- **All sections and all questions require a response and must not be left blank even if they are ‘not applicable’ or ‘subject to further consultation’.**

Name of project, policy, function, service or proposal being assessed:	Bridgend’s Active Travel Network Map (Bridgend’s).
Brief description and aim of policy or proposal:	Submission of a revised active travel network map to Welsh Government in order to comply with the duties placed on the Council through the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.
Who is responsible for delivery of the policy or proposal?	Planning and Development Services
Date EIA screening completed:	29-11-2021
Does this policy or proposal relate to any other policies? (please state)	LDP, LTP, Future Wales 2040 – The National Plan, Planning Policy Wales 11, Welsh Government Active Travel Guidance
Who is affected by this policy (e.g. Staff, residents, disabled people, women only?)	Residents and any person travelling within or through Bridgend County Borough.
Is the policy related to, influenced by, or affected by other policies or areas of work (internal or external)? <i>Note: Consider this in terms of statutory requirements, local policies, regional (partnership) decisions, national policies, welfare reforms.</i>	Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Llwybr Newydd: the Wales Transport Strategy 2021 Bridgend Local Development Plan 2006-2021 Bridgend Local Transport Plan 2015 - 2030
If this is a review or amendment of an existing policy, has an EIA been carried out? Please include date of completion:	N/A

If an EIA exists, what new data has been collected since its completion?	N/A
--	-----

## **Assessment of Impact**

### **Protected characteristics**

Is it possible that any aspect of the policy or proposal will have a positive or negative impact on people from different groups in different ways?

**\*Please note: If you identify a negative impact for any protected characteristics you will need to undertake further evidence gathering to complete a full EIA.**

	Please place an X in the relevant box			Explanation of impact
	Positive impact(s)	Negative impact(s)	No impact	
Gender			x	
Disability			x	<b>No impact at this stage, but if the drafted ATNM is approved, the improvements would offer betterment over the existing situation, providing greater ease of use for those with a disability.</b>
Race			x	
Religion and belief			x	
Sexual Orientation			x	
Age			x	<b>No impact at this stage, but if the drafted ATNM is approved, the improvements will offer betterment over the existing situation, providing greater ease of use and increased mobility, benefiting those of all ages.</b>
Pregnancy & Maternity			x	
Transgender			x	
Marriage and Civil partnership			x	

### **Socio-economic impact**

Is it possible that any aspect of the policy or proposal will have a positive or negative impact on people or communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage?

**\*Please note: If you identify a negative socio-economic impact you will need to undertake further evidence gathering to complete a full EIA.**

	Please place an X in the relevant box			Explanation of impact
	Positive impact(s)	Negative impact(s)	No impact	
Socio-economic disadvantage			x	No impact at this stage.  However, as part of the wider statutory planning process the effective management of land and its change seeks to help to eliminate inequality and disadvantage in people's lives. This has been reflected in the recently published Planning Policy Wales 11 (PPW11), which aligns the planning system with other key Welsh Government strategies including the Welling of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Socio-Economic Duty.

### Welsh Language

Is it possible that any aspect of the policy or proposal will have a positive or negative impact for persons to use the Welsh language and in treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language?

**\*Please note: If you identify a negative impact for persons to use the Welsh language and in treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language you will need to undertake further evidence gathering to complete a full EIA.**

	Please place an X in the relevant box			Explanation of impact
	Positive impact(s)	Negative impact(s)	No impact	
Will the policy or proposal impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language			x	All public consultation will be undertaken in accordance with BCBC Welsh language policy.
Will the policy or proposal treat the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language			x	All public consultation will be undertaken in accordance with BCBC Welsh language policy.

### Public Sector Equality Duty

The Public Sector Equality Duty consists of a general equality duty and specific duties, which help authorities to meet the general duty.

The aim of the general equality duty is to integrate considerations of the advancement of equality into the day-to-day business of public authorities. In summary, those subject to the equality duty, must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't
- Foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't

**How does this policy or proposal demonstrate you have given due regard to the general equality duty?**

As part of the wider statutory planning process the effective management of land and its change seeks to help to eliminate inequality and disadvantage in people’s lives. This has been reflected in the recently published Planning Policy Wales 11 (PPW11), which aligns the planning system with other key Welsh Government strategies including the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 and the Socio-Economic Duty

**Procurement and partnerships**

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires all public authorities to consider the needs of protected characteristics when designing and delivering public services, including where this is done in partnership with other organisations or through procurement of services. The Welsh Language Standards also require all public authorities to consider the effects of any policy decision, or change in service delivery, on the Welsh language, which includes any work done in partnership or by third parties. We must also ensure we consider the Socio-economic Duty when planning major procurement and commissioning decisions to consider how such arrangements can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage.

**Will this policy or proposal be carried out wholly or partly by contractors or partners?**

<b>Please place an X in the relevant box:</b>	
Yes	x
No	

If yes what steps will you take to comply with the General Equality Duty, Welsh Language Legislation and the Socio-Economic Duty in regard to procurement and/or partnerships?

<b>Steps taken to ensure compliance:</b>	
General Equality Duty	BCBC partnered with Sustrans at the pre-statutory stages of ATNM public consultation. Sustrans reviewed the demographic, geographic and equalities data on respondents, matching them with Census 2011 data to identify underrepresented groups/areas to help focus further engagement activities.

Welsh Language legislation	BCBC partnered with Sustrans at the pre-statutory stages of ATNM public consultation. A bilingual flyer and poster were shared specifically with groups of young people and elderlies. Online school surveys and instructional/informative videos were also made in bilingual available to teachers and home learners.
Socio-economic duty	N/A

### **What have you decided to do?**

Record of decision based on assessment of impact on protected characteristics, socioeconomic impact and Welsh Language. Please place an X in the relevant box.

**If you identify negative impact on one, some or all protected characteristics, socioeconomic duty or Welsh Language you will MUST complete a full EIA.**

<b>Impact identified</b>	<b>Next steps:</b>	<b>Please place an X in the relevant box:</b>
No negative impact identified	Screen out: carry on with the policy or proposal	<b>x</b>
One or more negative impact identified	Complete full EIA to gather more evidence on potential negative impacts	

**Please explain the reasons for this decision. If you have 'screened out' you must include information and evidence to justify your decision.**

The impact of this proposal does not impact differently on any specific characteristic. Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken for every Active Travel route that Bridgend County Borough Council progresses in the future.

### **Approval:**

<b>Date EIA screening completed:</b>	<b>29-11-2021</b>
<b>Approved by (Head of Service):</b>	
<b>Date of approval by HoS:</b>	

<b>If this screening has identified that a full EIA is needed, who will carry out the full EIA?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
---	------------

<b>If this screening has identified that a full EIA is needed when will the Full EIA be completed by (Date):</b>	<b>N/A</b>
--	------------

When complete, this form must be retained by the service, a copy should also be sent to [equalities@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@bridgend.gov.uk)

The EIA screening should be referenced and summarised in the relevant cabinet report for this policy. Where a full EIA is needed this should be included as an appendix with the cabinet report and therefore available publically on the website.