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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

**Approval to consult on Highways Permit
scheme proposal.**

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- Highways Private Finance Initiative

Are there any implications on our statutory duties?

This proposal will help the City meet its obligations imposed by Traffic management Act 2004 .Imposed a duty to keep roads clear and traffic moving. The Act contains a specific duty on local traffic authorities to manage their road networks with a view to “.... securing the expeditious movement of traffic ...” In relation to this ‘Network Management Duty’ the Act requires local traffic authorities to make, “.... such arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken”.

PART 2: Initial Impact Assessment

Complete this part to evaluate whether you should proceed to a full EIA. If you know your policy or project will have an impact on certain groups, please go straight to Part 3.

A. Will the aims identified in Part 1 affect our statutory equality or human rights duties to:	
a) Promote equality of opportunity: No	e) Promote positive equality attitudes: No
b) Encourage participation for all: * No	f) Eliminate discrimination: No
c) Consider reasonable adjustments for disabled people: No	g) Eliminate harassment: No
d) Promote and protect human rights: No	h) Promote good community relations: No
i) Include measures to promote equal pay, ensure fair promotion, development opportunities and tackle occupational segregation: No	
* Note b) must include disabled people under the Disability Duty. If so, please comment:	
See below	

B. Are the particular communities or groups below likely to have different needs, experiences and attitudes in relation to the project? Are there any significant cohesion or social inclusion issues for the project?

No

Black Minority Ethnic Disabled Gender People of different ages Religion/ Belief
Sexual Orientation Carers Community Cohesion Social Inclusion Other

Please briefly detail any evidence you have used to reach this assessment:

This phase of this project, and the purpose of this report is to advise members of progress made on the Permit scheme, and gain approval to start a consultation exercise.

An extensive list of consultees has been included with this report. There is an opportunity to review the draft permit scheme proposals in line with comment and feedback received during consultation.

In summary the permit scheme is likely to be of universal positive benefit to all regardless of age, sex, religion, race, disability, sexuality, etc. The greater control over road works on busy/important transport routes will reduce delays and congestion for everyone. It will make the roads safer and reduce the carbon footprint for everyone. It will improve air quality and pedestrian safety for everyone. It will also reduce costs and increase standards for everyone. No negative equality impacts are likely. However, the ongoing consultation will test this and ensure it is the case.

If the EIA is not being done at the start of the policy or project please give reasons for the delay: N/A

Date for review: Ongoing throughout the life of the consultation and the scheme

If you have identified any significant impacts under sections 2A or 2B then you will need to proceed to a full EIA in PART 3.

