

Equalities Analysis in Lambeth

Proposal Title *

New Regulations for West Norwood Cemetery

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Please provide name of lead author and/or those within project team who may be required to contribute to this assessment

Who will sign off the assessment?

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Please indicate who will be involved in approving this assessment. This will need to be signed off by the designated Head of Service or Director

Q1a. What is changing?

The existing Regulations covering all Lambeth's cemeteries are being updated with separate Regulations for each cemetery. This EIA relates specifically to the new Regulations for West Norwood Cemetery. The new Regulations are not fundamentally different, but provide more detail, address some additional issues, tighten up on dealing with commonly experienced problems; and allow bicycles to be used for visiting graves or the crematorium.

What is the most significant or key change taking place? Can you indicate the type of change in your response (e.g. policy/decision/strategy/ service/procedural/ geographic/procurement etc.) so it is clear what is being equalities assessed? Why is this change happening? What do you aim to achieve? Can you clearly indicate what decision-makers are being asked to take a decision on?

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Q1b. Who will be involved in approving this decision?

Democratic Services, Legal Services, Finance, Strategic Director, Cabinet Member, Scheme of Management Committee

Who else will be involved in signing-off this decision?

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Q2a. What do we know about the people who will be impacted by this change?

We do not hold demographic data on people visiting our cemeteries. There will be minimal change affecting cemetery users.

What does your information tell you about the people who will be affected by this change? Are protected groups impacted? What information do you hold on the protected characteristics of the people affected by the change? (Age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race/ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, health, socio-economic, language) Are there any gaps or missing information?

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Q2b. How will they be impacted by the change?

It is unlikely that anyone will be impacted by the implementation of the new Regulations. The key issues affecting cemetery visitors are already in the current Regulations. The only significant change is that bicycles will be allowed as transport to a funeral or for visiting a grave.

Would you assess the impact as positive, adverse, neutral? Do you have any uncertainty about the impact of your proposal? Is there a likelihood that some people will be more impacted than others? Can you describe the ways in which they will be affected? How might this change affect our 'general duty'?

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Q3a. How do you plan to promote and deliver any positive impacts of the proposal?

The Regulations have been promoted locally in Norwood via the Norwood Forum. There are no significant positive changes which we will look to specifically promote. A summary of the key points of the Regulations will be available from the cemetery office

How might the principles of fairness, equality of opportunity and positive relationships be further promoted as a consequence of this proposal? How do you propose to measure your positive outcomes and the benefits outlined to find out if these have been achieved?

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Q3b How do you plan to address and mitigate any negative impacts of the proposal?

No negative impacts are anticipated

What impact has this evidence had on what you are proposing? What can you do differently that might lessen the impact on people within the timeframes i.e. development-implementation? Who can help you to develop these solutions?

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Q4. How will you review/evaluate your proposal, mitigating actions and/or benefits? Who will be responsible for this?

The Bereavement Services Manager will evaluate any changes arising from implementation of the new Regulations. Anything of note will be reported to the Scheme of Management Committee for the cemetery and/or the Shadow Strategic Partnership Board

Who will you be accountable to for the above actions/outcome? How will those responsible know these actions have worked? What performance indicators will you use to demonstrate this? Are there any other forms of evidence you can use to support this assessment of their effectiveness?

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Section to be completed by Sponsor/Director/Head of Service

Outcome of equality impact assessment

- No adverse impact, no change required
- Low adverse impact, minor adjustment required
- Significant adverse impact, further action required
- Significant impact identified unable to mitigate fully
- Unlawful in/direct discrimination, stop and rethink

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