

Justification for not completing a full EIA

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This form should only be completed in rare circumstances if a full equalities impact assessment is not necessary and you believe that there is no equalities relevance to the business change, policy, service, or project and it is not relevant to the Public Sector Equality Duty (see 2.1). **Please contact your equality lead officer (or equalities@lambeth.gov.uk) to confirm that you only need to complete this form.**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy

Local Application Requirements Cabinet Report

1.2 Your contact details, email and telephone

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1.3 Business activity aims and intentions

In brief explain the aims of your proposal, why is it needed? Who is it aimed at? What is the intended outcome? What are the links to the cooperative council vision, corporate outcomes and priorities? What other changes are going on in this area?

The aim of the proposal is to update the local information requirements, which applicants need to submit in order to make a valid planning application). Local information requirements (also known as 'a local list'), set out information, which a Local Planning Authority (LPA) requires to register, assess and determine applications for planning permission and other consents. There are national mandatory information requirements but a LPA can also make a list of its own local information requirements, which sit along side the national requirements. The existing local application requirement list is out of date, having been adopted in 2008. Most of the changes to the existing local list relate to requirements that have arisen out of recent changes in planning legislation and development planning policies comprised in the Lambeth Local Plan and the London Plan and supplementary planning documents, all of which were adopted in 2015. There are no specific links to the cooperative council vision as the information set out on the list of local information requirements is mandatory and failure to provide it on submission of an application would result in the application being registered as 'invalid'. However, the revised local list would ensure that the Council is able to make informed and timely decisions on proposal for the use of land and buildings in the Borough, which would secure jobs and inward investment, create safer and stronger communities and deliver cleaner and greener neighbourhoods.

2.0 Justification

Please contact your departmental equality lead officer before completing this section.

2.1 Please explain why you feel there is no equalities relevance to this decision, or set out why it is not possible to complete the full EIA at this time

The revised local list does not create new policies but provides guidance on the documents and information that should accompany applications for planning permission and other planning consents. Decisions on planning applications and consents are not made with reference to this document but with reference to national, regional and local planning policies, which have been subject to detailed equalities impact assessment (EIA). The new document derives its content from policies in documents that have been subject to detailed (EIA), in particular government, regional and local planning policies, thereby effectively 'mainstreaming' the consideration of the equalities act within this document.

Widespread consultation was undertaken in accordance with national guidance on the adoption of local information requirements by local planning authorities. This included publication of the draft revised local list for consultation on the Council's website and by email sent to planning agents, internal consultees, all ward Councillors, statutory consultees and amenity groups. No responses to the consultation suggested any requirement changes to the document in relation to equalities considerations.

The document, other than where the technical nature of the planning legislation requires it, is written in clear language and includes specific requirements, which would ensure that equalities matters relevant to development and use of land and buildings, such as access and parking for disabled peoples, are taken into account during consideration of planning applications.

In light of the above it is not considered that the decision on the revised local list would affect Lambeth residents that fall under protected characteristics enshrined in law or local equality characteristics.

<p>2.2 I am confident that this change in business activity has no relevance to the Council's public sector equality duty to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation • Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not • Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not 	<p>Yes</p>
<p>The protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race, Gender, Gender re-assignment, Age, Sexual orientation, Disability, Religion and belief, Marriage and civil partnership, Pregnancy and maternity <p>Or the additional characteristics monitored in Lambeth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language, Socio-economic factors, Health 	
<p>3.0 Service manager sign off</p>	
<p>3.1 Date completed</p>	<p>28th June 2016</p>
<p>3.2 Service manager signature</p>	
<p>3.3 Equalities Board representative signature</p>	