

# ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Policy Screening Form

1.	Policy Reference (Equality use only)	E 89
2.	Policy Name	ANDBC Planning Section Statement of Community Involvement
3.	<del>Existing / Revised</del> / New Policy	New policy
4.	Responsible Officer	Director of Director of Regeneration, Development and Planning
5.	Description of policy to be screened	<p>The purpose of this Statement of Community Involvement is to set out how the council shall engage with the community and key stakeholders in the delivery of planning functions.</p> <p>The Council's planning powers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of a Local Development Plan which shall set out what the Council area should look like and how land should be used and developed in the future;</li> <li>• receiving and making decisions on the majority of planning applications for the Borough; and</li> <li>• investigation of alleged breaches of planning control and determining what enforcement action should be taken.</li> </ul>
	Aims and Expected Outcomes – what is the Policy expected to achieve?	<p>The Statement of Community Involvement states how and when the community will be invited to participate in the different stages of both Local Development Plan formulation and the determination of planning applications, in planning enforcement and other planning matters.</p> <p>The statement of community involvement demonstrates how Ards and North Down Borough Council is committed to the principles of The Sustainable Development Strategy for Northern Ireland – First Steps Towards Sustainability (DOE 2006). “A sustainable society must be instilled with democratic values. Its citizens must share a sense of effective participation in the decision making process. They must feel they have a say in their society’s development and the skills, knowledge and ability to assume responsibility for that development.”</p>

6.	Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit and how they may benefit.	All Section 75 categories should benefit as the statement sets out how the council will engage with all stakeholders in the range of responsibilities of the Planning Section of the council
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7.	Factors which could contribute to / detract from the intended aims / outcomes of the Policy when being implemented	If the consultation period is not carried out in line with best practice or if the policy, once agreed is not implemented as intended.
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8.	The main stakeholders on whom the policy will impact. For example, Employees, Potential Service Users and Community Groups Consider the internal and external impacts (either actual or potential) and comment, or list, information where appropriate	The Council, council employees, Elected Members, residents of the Borough, potential residents of the Borough, residents groups, business owners and potential business owners, employees of businesses within the Borough, Department for Infrastructure. Voluntary groups, community groups, environmental groups, developers, landowners and investors and potential investors.
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9.	Please provide details of other policies which have a bearing on this one.	
	Policies: E 15 Ards and North Down Borough Council - Corporate Plan E 28 Corporate Complaints policy and procedure	Owned by :  Ards and North Down Borough

10.	Available evidence (quantitative and qualitative) considered as important to encourage completion in relation to :	
	Religious Belief	Ards and North Down Borough Council data that is available for the Electoral Ward areas providing a profile of residents.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	NISRA and NINIS Borough profile data on electoral ward areas and neighbouring electoral ward areas where HRC's are provided by Ards and North Down Borough Council.
	Age	
	Marital Status	
	Sexual orientation	Data from a range of sources that provide supporting detailed data on the current Borough profile in relation to Section 75 dimensions.
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

11.	Based on data previously provided what are the needs, experiences and priorities for each of the following categories, in relation to this policy/decision?	
	Religious Belief	This policy is to encourage meaningful engagement with the community.
	Political Opinion	
	Racial Group	It demonstrates the range of consultation methods that are available to all who have any role in the planning process or in
	Age	

	Marital Status	the development of the range of plans that will be developed.  The policy demonstrates how all individuals and groups may be empowered to participate and the range of communication methods available or that may be sourced as required.
	Sexual orientation	
	Men & Women generally	
	Disability	
	Dependents	

**Does this Policy require an Equality Impact Assessment?**

1.	What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for each of the Section 75 categories?		
		Detail of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	This policy has considered the broad range of stakeholders and potential stakeholders in its development and implementation. Any potential adverse has been mitigated against or removed in the development process to enable inclusion of all in any engagement process.	None
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status		
	Sexual orientation		
	Men & Women generally		
	Disability		
	Dependents		

2.	Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equality categories?		
		If "Yes", provide details	If "No", provide details
	Religious Belief	No, as any potential adverse identified in the development has been mitigated against or removed to enable inclusion of all in any engagement process.	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		
	Age		
	Marital Status		
	Sexual orientation		
	Men & Women generally		
	Disability		
	Dependents		

3.	To what extent is the Policy likely to impact on Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
		Details of Impact	Level of Impact Minor/Major/None
	Religious Belief	None as the same service is accessible to all	
	Political Opinion		
	Racial Group		

4.	Are there opportunities to better promote Good Relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?		
		If "Yes" provide details	If "No" provide details
	Religious Belief	No, as the needs of these dimensions have been considered in the development process.	
	Political Opinion		
Racial Group			

### Additional Considerations

Multiple Identity Considerations	Details of Impact or potential impact (Positive/Negative)
<p>Are there any potential impacts of the policy decision on people with multiple identities? (e.g. disabled minority ethnic persons)</p> <p>Where appropriate provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities.</p> <p>Specify relevant Section 75 categories concerned.</p>	<p>This policy has taken into consideration the range of many multiple identities including the needs of those who may wish to access the policy and who do not speak English as a first language. It also has considered how individuals access the information for those who do not easily access the internet.</p>

### **Disability Discrimination Order (NI) 2006**

Does this proposed policy provide an opportunity to:	Yes / No	Explain your reasoning:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>better promote positive attitudes</u> towards disabled people</li> <li>- <u>increase participation</u> by disabled people in public life</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>This policy encourages participation by a range of people who have at least one disability.</p> <p>This includes making information available in a range of formats and also encouraging participation through ensuring venues are accessible.</p>

### Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement on the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place in order to assess the impact of policies and services, help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

Outline what data you could collect in the future in order to monitor the impact of this	Available profile on those who access the policy through engagements and consultations. Where available, this will include the range of services
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policy / decision on <u>equality, good relations and disability duties</u>	provided by Planning Service including consultations, making applications and accessing the appeals process
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### Consideration of Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 brings the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) into UK and, therefore, Northern Ireland. Indicate below any potential adverse impacts that the policy / decision may have in relation to human rights issues

Right to Life	Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition of slavery and forced labour	Article 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to Liberty and Security	Article 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to a Fair and Public Trial	Article 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to no punishment without due legal process	Article 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	Article 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion	Article 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of Expression	Article 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association	Article 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to marry and found a family	Article 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
The prohibition on discrimination	Article 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of property and enjoyment of possessions	Protocol 1 Article 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to education	Protocol 1 Article 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Right to free and secret election	Protocol 1 Article 3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain any adverse impacts on human rights that you have identified?	
Please indicate any ways in which you consider the policy positively promotes Human Rights	

I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision have been screened for:-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality of opportunity and good relations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disabilities duties; and
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human rights issues

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is:-

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Screened In – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	Please detail actions to be taken:

Screening assessment completed by:-

Name: Leona Maginn  
 Title: Principal Planning and Technical Officer  
 Date: 26 October 2016  
 Signature:

Director/Head of Service decision approved by:

Name: Anne McCullough  
 Title: Head of Planning  
 Date: 26 October 2016  
 Signature:

If an Equality Impact Assessment is required

Priority Rating for Timetabling an Equality Impact Assessment. (1-3)	Priority Criterion	Rating
	Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
	Social need	
	Effect on people's daily lives	
	Relevance to a public authority's functions	

Is this Policy Affected by Timetables established by other relevant Public Authorities?	
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	Monitoring Recommendation	
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	Approval and Authorisation		
	Screened by :	Position/Job Title:	Date:
		Principal Planning and Technical Officer	26 October 2016
	Approved by:	Head of Planning	26 October 2016