



Equality Assessment

Appendix 2

Part 1 - Initial Assessment or screening

Name of Policy/Function:		This is new
	X	This is a change to an existing policy
		This is an existing policy, not previously assessed

Date of screening	12 th April 2016
Name of screener	Tony Cawthorne

1. Briefly describe its aims & objectives

To identify the effects on the community on the uses of public spaces within the Borough following the proposed introduction of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) following the revocation of the bylaws relating to the Regulation of Dogs and the designation order under the Dogs(fouling of Lands) Act 1996

2. Are there external considerations? (Legislation/government directive etc)

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and Statutory guidance for frontline professionals.
Animal Welfare Act 2006.

3. Who are the stakeholders and what are their interests?

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council ownership of Parks and public open spaces, sports facilities and memorial gardens.
Church Cemeteries and grounds
The general rate paying public who pay for and expect access to a dog mess free public service.
Dog owners who want to use the resources and not be fined, or want to contribute to a cleaner environment.

4. What outcomes do we want to achieve and for whom?

PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

5. Has any consultation/research been carried out?

Yes

Internally with Client Services and Facilities Management. Out to general consultation with the public and also the police

6. Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate the possibility of inequalities/negative impacts? (Consider & identify any evidence you have - equality data relating to usage & satisfaction levels, complaints, comments, research, outcomes of review, issues raised at previous consultations, known inequalities) If so please provide details.

PSPO's need to accommodate access to land without restriction under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 excluded from the PSPO would also be:
(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
(c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

7. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?

(Positive – it could benefit, **Negative** – it could disadvantage, **Neutral** – neither positive nor negative impact or **Not sure?**)

	Type of impact, reason & any evidence
Disability	Positive impact if dog is registered under one of the exceptions in section 6.
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	Neutral
Age	Positive: Young person's taught responsible dog ownership by imposition of PSPO
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Sex	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Religion/Belief	Neutral
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

8. Could other socio-economic groups be affected e.g. carers, ex-offenders, low incomes?

Yes Those on low incomes for persistent behaviour which leads to an order resulting in the issue of a £100 fixed penalty notice or being taken to court and receiving a fine of up to £1000.

9. Are there any human rights implications?

Delegation from the Human rights legislation due to the proportionate use of the legislation and interests of public safety

10. Is there an opportunity to promote equality and/or good community relations?

Consultation with Police and community groups including wards and members and the general public Publication of proposal on Council website and potential press release
The change can result in a positive impact on the residents and wider population in supporting a cleaner healthier environment to live, work and rest in and lead to a better quality of life.

11. If you have indicated a negative impact for any group is that impact legal (not discriminatory under anti-discrimination legislation)?

N/A The impact would be legal and non discriminatory.

12. Is any part of this policy/service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors?

No

13. Is a full impact assessment required?

No

14. Date by which a full impact assessment is to be completed and actions

Please note that you should proceed to a Part 2, the full Equality Impact Assessment if you have identified actual, or the potential to cause, adverse impact or discrimination against different groups in the community.

We are satisfied that an initial screening has been carried out and a full impact assessment **is / is not required*** (please delete as appropriate).

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