



EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

PART 1 - INITIAL SCREENING

Name of Policy/Function:	✓	This is new
Local Plan - Local Housing Need Consultation Leaflet		This is a change to an existing policy
		This is an existing policy, Function, not previously assessed
		This is an existing policy/function for review

Date of screening	Monday, 2 March, 2026
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1. Briefly describe its aims & objectives

The Draft Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides detailed planning guidance for the enhancement and management of the nine Conservation Areas within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. It sets out the significance of these designated areas, explains their contribution to the Borough's character and heritage, and emphasises the importance of preserving and enhancing them wherever possible. The document supplements and supports the policies contained within the Council's adopted Local Plan, providing additional detail to guide decision-making on development proposals within Conservation Areas.

2. Are there external considerations?

e.g. Legislation/government directive etc

Relevant legislation, national and local planning policy and guidance.

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

All planning applicants, developers, landowners, service delivery partners, statutory consultees and residents who are seeking or proposing any form of change within a designated Conservation Area.

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

Conservation Areas are defined as "areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance." The Council has nine designated Conservation Areas and recognises their unique

qualities and the important role they play within the Borough. A Conservation Area designation provides additional planning controls to ensure that development proposals preserve or enhance the distinctive character, appearance and heritage significance of these areas. increases the Council's controls to protect the area, to help preserve the historic environment and create a high-quality environment for residents of the Borough to live and work in.

5. Has any consultation/research been carried out?

No previous public consultations have taken place. The contents of the document has been largely drawn down from the existing Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (2019), together with research of current planning legislation, national and local planning policy. The current draft of the updated Supplementary Planning Document, subject Member approval, will be subject to a 6-week public consultation commencing on Friday, 27 March 2026.

6. Are there any concerns at this stage which indicate the possibility of Inequalities/negative impacts?

Consider and identify any evidence you have -equality data relating to usage and satisfaction levels, complaints, comments, research, outcomes of review, issues raised at previous consultations, known inequalities) If so please provide details.

No

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 – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller)	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Age	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Gender Reassignment	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Sex	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Sexual Orientation	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Religion/Belief	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.

Marriage and Civil Partnership	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.
Pregnancy and Maternity	Positive – it is considered that the document will positively affect all residents of the conservation areas equally.

8. Could other socio-economic groups be affected?

e.g. carers, ex-offenders, low incomes, homeless?

None apparent.

9. Are there any human rights implications?

Yes/No (If yes, please explain)

None apparent.

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

Yes/No (If yes, how will this be done?)

None apparent.

11. If you have indicated a negative impact for any group is that impact legal?

i.e. not discriminatory under anti-discrimination legislation

N/A.

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

None apparent.

13. Is a Part 2 full Equality Assessment required?

No.

14. Date by which a Part 2 full Equality Assessment is to be completed with actions.

N/A.

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 equality assessment **is not required*** (please delete as appropriate).

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Date: Monday, 2 March, 2026

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Date: Monday, 2 March, 2026

Equality Assessments shall be published on the Council website with the relevant and appropriate document upon which the equality assessment has been undertaken.