

Your reference number is EQIA196666270.

Thank you for submitting Equality Impact Analysis (EqIA)

**Service area/Team conducting EqIA:** Planning Services

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**Responsible Cabinet Member::** Cllr David Ritchie

**Title of project / policy / Initiative or Action relating to this EqIA::** North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone Design Guide SPD

**Brief description of what the project / policy / initiative or action aims to achieve::** The North Lowestoft Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) Design Guide SPD provides practical guidance about development as well as the repair and regeneration of buildings and public spaces within the HAZ area.

**Date of EqIA::** 16/04/2020

**Age:** Positive

**Reason for your decision:** Improvements to the public realm will improve accessibility and navigability, which will benefit the elderly and those with dementia.

**Disability:** Positive

**Reason for your decision:** Improvements to the public realm will improve accessibility and navigability, which will benefit those with a disability.

**Gender reassignment:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Marriage and civil partnership:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Pregnancy and maternity:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Race:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Religion or belief:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Sex:** No impact

**Reason for your decision:** The document provides design guidance and therefore will not discriminate against this group.

**Sexual orientation:** No impact

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**What evidence or data has been collated or used to support the completion of this Equality Impact Analysis?:** Public consultations and engagement (stating any specific groups you engaged with or surveys referred to), Engagement with other internal teams/ departments, Information from statutory partner organisations

**Please give details for Public Consultations:** The HAZ Design Guide was subject to two rounds of consultation: 1. preliminary consultation, which included key stakeholders and a public exhibition; 2. a full public consultation. The first stage of consultation included a meeting with key stakeholders and a public exhibition. The second stage of consultation was a full public consultation. This received responses from members of the public as well as a number of organisations. Elected members were contacted regarding this second stage of consultation. An EQIA was also undertaken on the draft SPD and was published alongside the draft SPD for consultation. As a result of feedback from Suffolk County Council during the public consultation the document was amended to ensure that there is a 1.2 metre space around street furniture to ensure accessibility for all street users. The text has also been amended to ensure that safety is taken into account when planning the use of granite setts.

**Please give details for Engagement:** The project to prepare the HAZ Design Guide has been undertaken by the Planning Policy and Delivery Team in Partnership with the Economic Regeneration Team. The economic regeneration team, HAZ team and Great Places Team were involved in the preliminary consultation. Internal teams and departments were notified as part of the full public consultation.

**Please give details for Information from Statutory partner:** Both stages of consultation included engagement with statutory consultees, including Suffolk County Council and Historic England.

**Do you require any information or outcome relating to the policy, project, initiative or action to be presented to the public in a different language or form and how do you propose to do this?:** The adopted document will be published on the Council's website as well as in hard copy. When the document is requested in another language the customer services team will be involved with ensuring this request is actioned.

**As a result of completing this EqIA, has the Author, Service Team, Project Manager etc. made any changes or adjustments to the Policy / Project / Initiative or Action?:** No

**Is the policy, project, initiative or action subject to equality monitoring?:** No