



Stage 1 – Equality Impact Assessment Screening

Any new policy, strategy, function, service, practice, or proposal will need to be screened to decide whether it's relevant to equality and if this is the case, it is necessary to build an assessment (Stage 2) into the **initial drafting** or **development** of the piece of work.

The relevant strands of equality are:

Age, Disability, Gender identity/Gender reassignment, Race, Religion or belief, Sex, Sexual orientation, Women who are pregnant or have recently had a baby.

Also, for issues affecting staff, consider employees who are married or in a civil partnership.

The next section sets out the points you may need to consider in determining whether to carry out an EIA (stage 2). For advice/support in making this determination, please contact the Performance & Improvement Team (Equality lead).

Title of policy or proposal	Proposed confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 302 The Trees on Land South of Hallfieldgate Lane, Shirland.
Name of EIA lead	David Cunningham
Briefly describe the aims of the policy, strategy, service, decision or proposal, its aims, the likely outcomes, and the rationale for it	Tree Preservation Order 302 was made in its provisional form on 22 nd August 2024 and protects trees on land south of Hallfieldgate Lane, Shirland. The effect is that the Order applies for six months or until confirmed or modified. Before deciding to confirm an Order, the local authority must take into account all duly made objections and representations that have not been withdrawn. One objection has been received. The Council's Principal Arboricultural Officer believes that there is a foreseeable threat to trees on land south of Hallfieldgate Lane. This would likely result in the loss of trees should TPO 302 not be confirmed in the interests of amenity. The decision whether to confirm TPO 302 shall be placed before the January Planning Committee for consideration of the duly made objection.

	Initial Assessment Considerations	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Does this policy/proposal affect people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers • Residents • Staff 		No	
2.	Does it have the potential to adversely impact on any of the protected characteristics?		No	
3.	Can the council influence the impact? E.g., is it a statutory requirement, national guidance etc.		No	
4.	Are existing equality monitoring processes already in place? If so, please note under comments		No	

If the answer to questions 1 to 3 above is 'yes', then an **Equality Impact Assessment** (Stage 2) may be necessary.

A copy of the form should be sent via email to the Performance and Improvement (Equality Lead) amar.bashir@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk and a copy should be retained with your policy/proposal documentation.

Equality Officer Recommendation	Tick as appropriate	Date
EIA Stage 2 required		
EIA Stage 2 NOT required	✓	24/12/2024

Copy to be returned to the EIA lead with Equality Officer recommendation.

Performance and Improvement Team to keep a central electronic record of all decisions made under Stage 1.