

Portersfield Development Brief

Equalities Impact Assessment - Initial screening

(to be used to decide whether or not an equality impact assessment is needed)

Title: Portersfield Development Brief

Directorate: Regeneration & Enterprise

1. Description

Portersfield is a key regeneration site for Dudley Town Centre and forms part of a wider £1 billion regeneration programme of investment in Dudley borough being promoted by the Council.

The comprehensive development of this site will provide the opportunity to create a new and attractive residential led urban quarter connecting new and existing residential communities by delivering high quality residential development, public realm and green corridors for walking and cycling.

To realise this opportunity, and to maximise the potential, a development brief has been produced which will help to deliver the comprehensive regeneration of the site(s). The brief will assist in ensuring that any new developments are designed to the highest possible quality. In addition, it sets the parameters for development in order to guide future planning applications.

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5. What are the main issues relating to each protected characteristic? Consider all three parts of the public sector equality duty.

Protected characteristic	Issues
All protected characteristics	

Age	<p>The Development Brief provides guidance relating to the requirement for a mix of housing types and tenures which would have a positive impact on both younger and older people by requiring different housing types to meet the needs of varying demographics.</p> <p>Additionally, guidance is provided requiring new developments to incorporate accessibility and sustainable transport as part of new developments. This will have a positive impact on younger and older generations who rely more on public transport to access local amenities and facilities.</p> <p>The overall guidance requires a high level of design and the creation of sustainable developments, this will have a positive impact for all ages as it would create a higher quality living environment and help mitigate against climate change.</p>
Disability	<p>While the Development Brief does not provide specific guidance for accessibility for disabilities, this is covered in the existing Access for All SPD and the Residential Design Guide SPD, which already form part of the existing policy framework for new developments. These require accessibility and legibility for new developments and the wider connectivity of new developments with the wider area. This would result in a positive impact on residents with disabilities through improved accessibility. The Parking Standards SPD also includes standards for disabled spaces.</p>
Gender reassignment	<p>No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.</p>
Pregnancy or maternity	<p>No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.</p>
Race	<p>No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.</p>
Religion or belief	<p>No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.</p>

Sex	No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.
Sexual Orientation	No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.
Marriage or civil partnerships	No potential impacts have been identified for this group as a result of the guidance contained within the Development Brief.
Are there any significant issues relating to other groups of people e.g. through social class or in particular parts of the borough?	
<p>There are no significant issues relating to other groups in the borough. The Development Brief provides guidance relating to the requirement for a mix of housing types and tenures, including affordable housing, which would have a positive impact by requiring different housing types to meet the needs of varying demographics.</p> <p>Additionally, including sustainable transport (via Metro/Dudley Interchange) adjacent to the Portersfield Site and proposed developments, will have a positive impact on groups within the borough who rely more on public transport to access local amenities and facilities.</p>	
6. Outline any information, such as from data collection, engagement feedback or complaints, which indicates a differential impact on particular protected groups.	
N/A	
Conclusions	
7. On the basis of sections 5 and 6, is an equality impact assessment required? Provide a justification for your answer.	
If there are no adverse impacts or any issues of concern relating to protected characteristics groups and relating to other groups of people in the borough raised as part of the EIA screening.	
8. If no, list any actions identified. If yes, what priority do you assign to the EIA (high, medium, low) and why?	
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