

Screening/Scoping Pro Forma

Section	Planning Policy, Planning Services		Officer responsible for the screening/scoping	Tanya Mankoo-Flatt	
Name of Policy to be assessed	Draft Guildford Core Strategy		Date of Assessment	27 th October 2008	Is this a proposed new or existing policy/procedure/practice? Proposed new Policy Document (currently in draft, planned for adoption 2010)
1. Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy/procedure/practice?			The key objective of Guildford's Core Strategy is to protect and enhance the high quality environment, whilst meeting the community's housing, economic, transport, recreational and social needs in the most sustainable way possible. The Core Strategy will contain policies relating to areas of life which have a land use aspect, eg. housing, employment, community uses.		
2. Are there any associated or specific objectives of the policy/procedure/practice? Please explain.			Yes, many Guildford Borough Council strategies and plans, and also some of those of Surrey County Council, SEERA, and other organisations.		
3. Who is intended to benefit from this policy and in what way?			Those living, working or visiting the Borough of Guildford, in way which can be considered to have a land use or development implication.		
4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy/procedures/practice?			The achievement of aims and objectives (see above)		
5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?			Factors beyond the control of the Local Planning Authority, such as the economic cycle, and market forces.		
6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy?	All those living, working or visiting the Borough, as well as companies located in the Borough and infrastructure providers serving the Borough.		7. Who implements the policy, and who is responsible for the policy?	Planning Services, Guildford Borough Council (some policies may also be implemented by other Council Services and by Council Partners such as the Local Health Trust, Police Service, etc.	
8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups?			Y	N	Please explain

<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>Core Strategy policies are high level strategic policies setting out the changes which the Council, its partners, stakeholders including the development industry and the community would like to see. The Council will need to ensure that the views of minority ethnic people in the Borough are included.</p>	
<p>9. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N No policies appear likely to impact differentially on men or women.</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>None of the draft policies appear to have implications for gender bias.</p>	
<p>10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to disability?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>Spatial and locational policies have the potential to indirectly discriminate against those who are unable to drive for medical reasons, as they may not be able to access employment, housing and service opportunities with same degree of choice and flexibility as other sections of the community. Relevant policies, for example relating to new housing will be drafted to ensure that suitable housing is built for all</p>	
<p>11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to sexual orientation?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>None of the draft policies appear to have implications involving sexuality bias</p>	
<p>12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to their age?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>Yes, this will be accounted for in the policies which will be required to make special provision for some groups of the community such as the elderly, who may not be equally provided for by the policies.</p>	
<p>13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to their religious belief?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>Only in requiring flexibility in consideration of places of worship, which for some groups may not be purpose built.</p>	

14. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them having dependants/caring responsibilities?	Y	N	
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	Draft policies		
15. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them have an offending past?	Y	N	
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	Draft policies		
16. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to them being Transgender or transsexual?	Y	N	
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	No draft policies are likely to have a differential impact given their subject matter and wording.		
17. Could the differential impact identified in 8-16 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy/procedure/practice?	Y	N	Please explain Very unlikely due to et high level / strategic nature of the policies. Policies in the Development Control strategy, which follows and stems from the Core Strategy, is more likely to need particular attention to be focused on equalities, due to the more detailed nature of the policies.
18. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason?	Y	N	Please explain for each heading (questions 8-16) on a separate piece of paper.
19. Is there any concern that there are unmet needs in relation to any of the above groups?	Y	N	Please explain

<p>20. Does differential impact or unmet need cut across the equality strands (e.g. elder BME groups)?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Please explain</p>		
<p>21. If yes, should the full EIA be conducted jointly with another service area/contractor/partner/agency?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Please explain</p>		
<p>22. Is there a missed opportunity to improve your business in relation to any of the policies, procedures or practices to promote racial, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief equality?</p>					
<p>23. Should the policy proceed to a full equality impact assessment?</p> <p>24. If No, are there any changes required to the policy to improve it around the equality agenda?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
			<p>We will be mindful of the issues around equality impact assessment in on-going work in drafting these high level policies, particularly in relation to disability but also in ensuring views on the draft strategy are representative.</p>		

Signed
(completing officer)

Date 03/03/09

Signed
(Head of Section)

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(Corporate Diversity/Diversity/Policy Team)

Date April 2009