

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Proposed amendment to Bus Lane Traffic Regulation Order – A6178 Sheffield Road, Templeborough Rotherham	
Directorate: Regeneration and Environment	Service area: Planning, Regeneration and Transport
Lead person: Richard Pardy	Contact number: 822959
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
To seek approval to amend the current bus lane traffic regulation order on the A6178 Sheffield Road. The aim is to maintain the free and safe movement of vehicles by allowing heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) to also use the bus lane.

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3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		X
Could the proposal affect service users?		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		X

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

The report relates to the proposed amendment of the current bus lane traffic regulation order by allowing HGV's to use the bus lane, this should not impact any services or the wider community adversely.

If you have answered **no** to **all** the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

- How have you considered equality and diversity?**

The Highway layout is being adjusted to improve measures for cyclists along Sheffield Rd by creating segregated cycle facilities, including improved bus stop by-passes and new signalised crossing facilities, this in turn reduces the width of the carriageway and to avoid large vehicles coming into head on conflict it was decided to allow HGV's in the bus lane.

- Key findings**

The highway layout along the A6178 Sheffield Road is being adjusted to improve the experience for pedestrian and cyclists along the route. On Sheffield Road the proposals will reduce the width of the carriageway and it is felt that the inclusion of HGV's in the bus

lane will reduce the potential for conflict between large vehicles in opposing lanes.

• **Actions**

Amending the existing bus lane orders such that the Sheffield bound lane will be removed and the Rotherham bound lane will allow HGV's to use the Rotherham bound lane. This is shown on drawing number 126/18/TT750.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	N/A

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
A. Butler	Senior Engineer	13/09/21

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	
Report title and date	
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date	

and date sent for publication	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	