

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: Eastwood to Parkgate Connectivity	
Directorate: R&E	Service area: RIDO
Lead person: Lorna Vertigan	Contact: 07748 142833
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify Implementation of the Town Deal and MCA Active Travel funded Eastwood to Parkgate Connectivity project as detailed in a Full Business Case.	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
This project will replace the two bridges connecting Parkgate Shopping Centre and tram stop with Eastwood with one accessible bridge. At either side of the bridge the environment will be improved to create safer routes including a new play area at Eldon Road playing fields and dedicated pathway leading from the bridge into Parkgate Shopping Centre.

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.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	X	
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		X
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

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

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Further information on planned and historical engagement can be found in sections 1 and 5 of the Full Business Case.

In summary historical community engagement took place through online forums in the creation of the Town Investment Plan which attracted the Town Deal grant to this project. This consultation demonstrated the need for intervention in the Eastwood area and helped shape the project which is now presented in the Business Case.

- **Key findings**

Current infrastructure arrangements between Eastwood and Parkgate are not accessible to those with mobility restrictions, thus limiting active travel and encouraging car use.

- **Actions**

A detailed communication and consultation delivery plan is in development. This will detail how the improvements will impact on all members of the community with the inclusion of measurable targets for engagement throughout project development and end use.

Targeted engagement with protected characteristics groups will begin post Business Case in the detailed development of designs ensuring the new bridge is fully accessible.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	To March 2023
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	March 2023
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager

5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Tim O'Connell	Head of RIDO	22 nd September 2022

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	22 nd September 2022
Report title and date	Eastwood/Parkgate Business Case & accompanying delegation
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	30 th September 2022
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	22 nd September 2022