

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: Traffic orders associated with Sheffield Road and A631 Transforming Cities Schemes	
Directorate: Regeneration and Environment	Service area: Transportation Infrastructure Service
Lead person: Nat Porter	Contact number: 01709 2 54377
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
Report on responses to statutory advertisement of Traffic Regulation and Speed Limit Orders associated with the Sheffield Road Cycleways, and Rotherham to Maltby Bus Corridor scheme.

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>	✓	
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>	✓	
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓

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?**

Equality and diversity has been considered in the identification, development and consultation of schemes, with consultation feedback in advance of advertisement of Traffic Orders feeding back into changes in proposals.

- **Key findings**

Local and national data identify a number of inequalities in respect of transport which will need to be considered in the development of the programme, some of which may be cause of or an effect of existing traffic and transport conditions. Headline inequalities identified are –

- Wheelchair and mobility scoot users express notably worse satisfaction with provision of safe and level crossing points, and obstruction of footways, than others;
- Access to cars is lower amongst people of non-White ethnicity, and amongst lower income households;
- People without access to cars are also more dependent on non-motorised travel and public transport, and especially buses, for their mobility.

The proposed Orders will support improved speed, punctuality and accessibility of non-motorised and public transport, in particular –

- Facilitating the movement of services buses, helping to improve the commercial viability of bus services and so protect services from cuts owing to commercial pressures. These cuts can be particularly severely felt by groups with protected characteristics given travel patterns described above; and,
- Waiting restrictions will provide clear and enforcement regulation on where vehicles may and may not wait, including protecting footways from obstruction.

No equalities concerns were raised in correspondence received in response to advertisement of the proposed Orders.

The proposals will have no adverse impact on equality and diversity and that completion of a Part B analysis is therefore not required.

- **Actions**

None

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:

Not applicable

Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	Not applicable
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Nat Porter Interim Group Lead, Transport Planning Policy & Programmes

5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Matt Reynolds	Head of Transportation Infrastructure Service	2 nd November '23

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	2 nd November '23
Report title and date	Traffic orders associated with Sheffield Road and A631 Transforming Cities Schemes 20 th November '23
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Officer Decision 1 st December 2023
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	14th Nov '23