

Appendix 4: Initial Equality Screening Assessment

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		
Public Spaces Protection Orders consultation for the town centre and, for dog fouling Borough wide		
Directorate: Regeneration and Environment	Service area: Regulation and Enforcement	
Lead person: Lewis Coates	Contact number: 01709823117	
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 undertake statutory and public consultation in relation to developing Public

Spaces Protection Orders for Rotherham Town Centre and dog fouling across the Borough.

It is not anticipated that the undertaking of a consultation will require an assessment to be undertaken. However, if after consultation it is deemed appropriate to consider introducing Public Spaces Protection Orders, then an assessment will be undertaken.

The consultation plan includes consulting with the public including hard to reach groups

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

The consultation is specifically required to seek the views of statutory consultees in relation to the benefits of introducing Public Spaces Protection Orders.

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 proposal is in relation to carrying out a statutory consultation with defined consultees.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality and diversity? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions 	
Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	

5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Lewis Coates	Service Manager – Regulation and Enforcement	

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	10 th June 2020
Report title and date	Public Spaces Protection Orders – Town Centre and Borough Wide Dog Fouling
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Cabinet 13 th July 2020 Publication date to be confirmed
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	First draft 10 th June 2020