

## Equality Impact Assessment: conversation screening tool

<b>Policy/Service under development/review:</b>	New Traffic Order (ref P37 2023)
<b>What changes are being made to the policy/service?</b>	<p>Consideration as to whether a Traffic Order to introduce new on-street RDPBs and change existing on-street RDPBs can be implemented.</p> <p>Details of the proposals are included in Appendix 1. Locations can be viewed in the Traffic Order consultation documents which are available at <a href="https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Residential-Disabled-Parking-Bay-Proposals-P37-2023">Residential Disabled Parking Bay Proposals (P37 2023)   Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)</a></p>
<b>Service Unit:</b>	Transport and Engineering
<b>Persons present in the conversation and their role/experience in the service:</b>	Clare Griffiths – Senior Traffic Technician, Traffic Management Daniel Parsons – Assistant Traffic Engineer, Traffic Management
<b>Conversation dates:</b>	20 June 2023
<b>Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?</b>	<p>Local residents.</p> <p>Organisations on the statutory consultation list for Traffic Orders. These include: BCP Council departments; business groups; emergency services; disability organisations, public transport providers; taxi associations / operators, utility firms; and walking / cycling groups.</p>
<b>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in relation to the policy/service?</b>	<p>Yes – the needs or experiences will be different depending on the form of transport, where people live, how travelling locally affects them, and how safe they feel.</p> <p>This Traffic Order makes provision for RDPBs. These are intended for residents who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualify and hold a Blue Badge.</li> <li>• Meet the council's published eligibility criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Blue Badge criteria: <a href="https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Parking/Blue-badges-for-disabled-parking/Who-can-get-a-Blue-Badge.aspx">bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Parking/Blue-badges-for-disabled-parking/Who-can-get-a-Blue-Badge.aspx</a></p> <p>On-street RDPB criteria: <a href="https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Parking/Blue-badges-for-disabled-parking/On-street-residential-disabled-parking-bays.aspx">bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Parking/Blue-badges-for-disabled-parking/On-street-residential-disabled-parking-bays.aspx</a></p>
<b>Will the policy or service change affect any of these service users?</b>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Residents who qualify and hold a Blue Badge.</p> <p>Residents without a disability.</p>
<b>What are the benefits or positive impacts of the policy/service change on current or potential service users?</b>	<p>RDPBs help a resident maintain their independence and mobility. This could result in additional positive outcomes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced social exclusion through increased accessibility.</li> <li>• Improvements to physical / mental health and wellbeing.</li> </ul>

<p>What are the negative impacts of the policy/service change on current or potential service users?</p>	<p>The proposals should not have a negative impact on any group with protected characteristics.</p> <p>The proposed RDPBs will slightly reduce the availability of on-street parking space for other residents, possibly resulting in a negative effect on the individuals currently parking in those locations.</p>
<p>Will the policy or service change affect employees?</p>	<p>Possibly, as some BCP Council colleagues could live in the streets where changes to restrictions are proposed.</p>
<p>Will the policy or service change affect the wider community?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by the policy/service change?</p>	<p>Through the statutory consultation process all road users have been given a fair opportunity to express their views and needs. The feedback from the consultation has not identified any material negative impacts.</p> <p>Motorists without a disability can use an alternative parking space when a space adjacent to their home is unavailable.</p> <p>RDPBs that are no longer required by the applicants will be removed to free up on-street spaces.</p>
<p><b>Summary of Equality Implications:</b></p>	<p>The Traffic Order proposals will result in specific positive impacts for disabled people. Suitable parking facilities will be provided for residents who qualify for and hold a Blue Badge.</p>