

Equality Impact Assessment: conversation screening tool

Policy/Service under development/review:	New Traffic Order (ref P45 2023)
What changes are being made to the policy/service?	<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 Residential Disabled Parking Bay Proposals (P45 2023) Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)</p>
Service Unit:	Infrastructure
Persons present in the conversation and their role/experience in the service:	<p>Clare Griffiths – Senior Traffic Technician, Traffic Management</p> <p>Daniel Parsons – Assistant Traffic Engineer, Traffic Management</p>
Conversation dates:	15 January 2024
Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	<p>Local residents.</p> <p>Organisations on the statutory consultation list for Traffic Orders. These include: BCP Council departments; business groups; disability organisations; emergency services; public transport providers; taxi associations / operators, utility firms; and walking / cycling groups.</p>
Do different groups have different needs or experiences in relation to the policy/service?	<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"> Qualify and hold a Blue Badge. Meet the council's published eligibility criteria. <p>Blue Badge criteria: bcpcouncil.gov.uk/parking/blue-badges-for-disabled-parking</p> <p>On-street RDPB criteria: bcpcouncil.gov.uk/parking/blue-badges-for-disabled-parking/residential-disabled-parking-bays</p>
Will the policy or service change affect any of these service users?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Residents who qualify and hold a Blue Badge.</p> <p>Residents without a disability.</p>
What are the benefits or positive impacts of the policy/service change on current or potential service users?	<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"> Reduced social exclusion through increased accessibility. Improvements to physical / mental health and wellbeing.
What are the negative impacts of the policy/service change on	The proposals should not have a negative impact on any group with protected characteristics.

current or potential service users?	The proposed RDPBs may 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.
Will the policy or service change affect employees?	Possibly, as some BCP Council colleagues could live in the streets where changes to restrictions are proposed.
Will the policy or service change affect the wider community?	No
What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by the policy/service change?	<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>
Summary of Equality Implications:	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.