

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Environmental Health and Housing

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Date of Assessment: 05/07/2024

Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed:

Ilfracombe Public Space Protection Order Extension

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: To include the beach areas within the current public space protection order area, to reduce anti-social behaviour and the impacts of substance abuse after rising concerns and incidents being reported.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: After approval and ratification by Council July 2024 meeting

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Proposal	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Require the surrender of intoxicating substance to an authorised person within beach areas of Ilfracombe	Beach areas excluded from the current PSPO	To include Wildermouth, Chenye and Harbour beaches	To take drinks and drugs from those causing problems on beaches in Ilfracombe
Requirement to prevent individuals or groups not to behave in an anti-social manner	Beach areas excluded from the current PSPO	To include Wildermouth, Chenye and Harbour beaches	Fines for those beaching the Order in these areas
Requirement of individuals or groups causing anti-social behaviour to leave the area	Beach areas excluded from the current PSPO	To include Wildermouth, Chenye and Harbour beaches	Restricting access to beaches where ASB
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Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation undertaken with stakeholders and summarise the results and how it has influenced the proposal or not. Please attach a summary of consultation results or other relevant reports:

Public consultation made online and with leaflets and posters at the Ilfracombe Center, Lynton House and the Amory. Overwhelming support 95% in favour for the proposal, with some concerns on the level of support given to the people with alcohol and substance abuse problems.

Demographic Data by protected characteristic:

Please detail the Census 2021 data for protected characteristics for North Devon (as detailed in the EIA Guidance for Managers and on NDC website):

No protected group directly affected by the proposal. However, it is acknowledged that some of the individuals causing anti-social behaviour may have mental health issues (Disability). This is outweighed by the impact of their behaviour on residents and visitors.

Equality Data by protected characteristic from consultation:

Please detail the equality data obtained as part of the consultation and compare this data to the Census 2021 data (as detailed in the EIA Guidance for Managers

and on NDC website) and identify where this data does not reflect the demographics for North Devon and any disparities in outcomes by characteristic:

None identified.

Other Data:

Please detail any other data that has been obtained and taken into consideration (for example, Council service areas data, other Census 2021 data which is not related to protected characteristics such as no household members having English as main language, vulnerable groups, education, economy, housing, access to transport etc, Public Health and NHS data, deprived neighbourhoods, workforce profile data):

Ilfracombe is an area of deprivation but this effects all groups and not significantly those with protected characteristics.

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence/data you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the EIA Guidance for Managers or Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

Characteristic	Impact (what information was used to asses impact? Data/feedback etc. Describe whether this is positive, negative or neutral)	Scale of Impact (High/Med/Low)	Can it be mitigated? (what needs to be done to reduce/remove the impact? Have service users been involved in providing this insight?)
Disability	Negative	Low	Ensure that individuals continue to receive support from relevant services
Age	Positive	Low	Due to safety fears
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NOTE: The protected characteristics are: Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership (employment only), pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation)

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence to appropriate data, reports, etc):

Attempts have been made to engage with the individuals but have been unsuccessful in reducing the impact.

Funding Considerations:

None

Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

To review the output of actions and persons or groups required to surrender alcohol or fined.

Date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

N/A

EIA's should be further reviewed for significant changes or projects within 12 months or as part of a project close down. If after completing a review material changes are identified, these should be reported to the Senior Management Team for consideration. This is to assess the true impact in the delivery.

Reporting and Publication:

As part of the democratic decision making process, Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website as an appendix to committee reports.

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