

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Environmental Enhancement

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Date of Assessment: 18/11/2024

Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed: S&R
Approval and release of S106 public open space funds for a project in Barnstaple.

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: Construction of a new cycle and pedestrian path at Tarka Leisure Centre, Barnstaple.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: Project to be complete by 18/11/25.

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Proposal	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Construct new cycle and pedestrian path.	Area is currently grass and used as a shortcut to access the leisure facilities. It is becoming very muddy and is not suitable for those with mobility issues or disabilities or have to complete a much further distance to avoid the muddy area.	Tarmac 3m wide path with a ramp and steps.	Tarmac path is most suitable surface for those with mobility issues or those with disabilities. A ramp will be used with gradient ratios suitable for disabilities; as well as steps down the steepest part of the bank for those who are able bodied.

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:

Project team has considered the needs of all users.

- Within the North Devon District area the population is:
 - 48.7% Male and 51.3 % Female
- Age:
 - 16.7% Are aged 15 and under
 - 4% Aged 16 to 19
 - 31.4% Aged 20 to 49
 - 35.6% Aged 50 to 74
 - 12.3% Aged 75 and above
- Race: The population of North Devon identifies as:
 - Asian, Asian British, or Asian Welsh 1.2%
 - Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African 0.3%
 - Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups 1.2%
 - White 97%
 - Other 0.3%
- Religion or Belief: According to the 2021 Census, 46.7% stated they were Christian, with 45.1% stating they were not of a specific religion. 6.5% did not answer the question. The remainder (1.7%) include Buddhist, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Sikh and 'other'.
- Sexual orientation (*asked of those over 16): 90.3 % identified as Straight or Heterosexual, 1.1% Gay or Lesbian, 1% Bi-sexual, 0.3% Pansexual or Asexual, 7.4% did not answer.
- Gender (*asked of those over 16): 94.1% identified as the same sex as registered at birth. 0.3% identified as a different sex to that registered at birth, 5.6% did not answer.
- Disability / Long term health:
 - 72.7 % stated they were not disabled under the Equality Act – with no long term physical or mental health conditions.
 - 11.6 % stated they were disabled under the equality act –with day-to-day activities limited a little.
 - 8 % stated they were disabled under the equality act –with day-to-day activities limited a lot.
 - 7.8 % stated they were disabled under the equality act – having a long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities were not limited.

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