

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Responsible Officer

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Approved by (Note: approval of this EqIA must be completed within the EqIA App)

Tim Read - GT TRA

Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

No

Commissioning/Procurement

No

Strategy/Policy

Strategy/Policy

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Growth Environment and Transport

Responsible Service

Transportation/Road Safety and Active Travel Group

Responsible Head of Service

Tim Read - GT TRA

Responsible Director

Simon Jones - GT CDO

Aims and Objectives

This EqIA concerns the development of a Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP). The planned outcomes of the KCWIP are;

- A network plan for walking, wheeling and cycling routes
- A plan for integrating the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) into active travel planning policies, strategies, and delivery plans
- A prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment
- A robust, evidence-based report which sets out the underlying analysis for the LCWIP and provides a narrative which supports identified improvements.

The objectives of the KCWIP are

- streamlining existing and new knowledge into one document to build a complete picture of the walking and cycling infrastructure, identifying active travel network gaps and propose interventions to fill these gaps
- Improve urban and inter-urban strategic connections across Kent
- Developing cycling routes which support current demand and encourage future growth for predominantly commuting, but also non-commuting trips
- Improve walking accessibility within urban centres

- Propose long and short term high-level interventions to meet current walking and cycling demand and serve future demand. These improvements will be: attractive, comfortable, direct, coherent and accessible
- Align walking and cycling interventions with local, regional and national policies.

Our assessment concludes that the outcomes of the KCWIP are expected to have a positive impact as the proposals promote access by all users and abilities. The KCWIP proposes high level intervention ideas for routes and zones which will then be progressed individually. Each scheme will have it's own specific EIA which will look at the specific plans for that area and assess any postivie/negative impacts.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?

Yes

Is there national evidence/data that you can use?

Yes

Have you consulted with stakeholders?

Yes

Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?

KCC Members
 District Officers
 KCC Officers in other teams
 Walking and Cycling Groups and Charities

A 10 week public consultation has been completed from November 2023 to January 2024. A mix of engagement and communications activities was used to help make the consultation accessible. Direct contact was made with additional organisations/groups who work with or represent specific protected characteristic groups.

KCC asked whether respondents had any comment to make on their equality analysis and if there is anything else they should consider relating to equality and diversity. A total of 52 respondents provided feedback to this question. When developing individual schmes from the KCWIP these comments will be included and addressed where reasonably practical.

Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?

No

Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?

Yes

Section C – Impact

Who may be impacted by the activity?

Service Users/clients

No

Staff

No

Residents/Communities/Citizens

Residents/communities/citizens

Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?

Yes

Details of Positive Impacts

In general all protected characteristics are expected to experience positive impact from walking, wheeling and cycling proposals identified in the KCWIP. This is because one of the core objectives of the KCWIP is to

propose attractive, comfortable, direct, coherent and accessible interventions, which will benefit all. The proposals will be Local Transport Note 1/20 compliant. There may be groups impacted by certain designs such as a shared footway, however this is an accepted design within LTN1/20 and mitigation measures will be further investigated as part of detailed design and consultation for each specific route or zone.

Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

Are there negative impacts for age?

No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Age

Not Completed

Mitigating Actions for Age

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age

Not Completed

20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability

Are there negative impacts for Disability?

No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of Negative Impacts for Disability

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Disability

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Disability

Not Completed

21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex

Are there negative impacts for Sex

No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Sex

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Sex

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Sex

Not Completed

22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Completed

23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race

Are there negative impacts for Race

No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Negative impacts for Race

Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Race
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Completed
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
Not Completed
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities

Not Completed

Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
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Not Completed

Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities

Not Completed
