

## **Kent County Council Equality Analysis/ Impact Assessment (EqIA)**

**Directorate:**

Growth, Environment and Transport

**Name of decision, policy, procedure, project or service:**

Drainage and Planning Policy Statement revision 2019

**Responsible Owner/ Senior Officer:**

Bronwyn Buntine, Sustainable Drainage team leader

**Context**

The policy statement sets out how Kent County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority and statutory planning consultee, will review drainage strategies and surface water management provisions associated with applications for major development. It is consistent with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage (as published by Defra in March 2015) and sets out the policy requirements Kent County Council has for sustainable drainage.

**Aims and Objectives**

The aim of the policy document is to clarify and reinforce these requirements. It also includes references to other design considerations which impact sustainable drainage design and delivery.

With this current update, we seek to ensure that multifunctionality of open space is now emphasised within development master planning. This provides an opportunity for Kent to look at wider benefits from sustainable drainage and strengthen policies for the delivery of drainage systems which are fully sustainable, providing quantity control, quality improvement, biodiversity enhancement and amenity. This recognises the four pillars of SuDS as defined in the CIRIA SuDS Manual (2015). Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2019 and Defra's 25-Year Environmental Plan promote a stronger approach to sustainable development.

The policy statement should be used by:

- Developers when considering their approach to the development of new greenfield sites or redevelopment of brownfield sites,
- Developers or their consultants when preparing submissions to support a planning application for major development,
- Professionals involved in developing drainage schemes including engineering and urban and landscape professionals,
- Development management officers when considering development applications,
- Local Authorities when developing local planning and land-use policy.

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**Adverse Equality Impact Rating Low**

**Attestation**

I have read and paid due regard to the Equality Analysis/Impact Assessment concerning the **Drainage and Planning Policy Statement revision 2019**. I agree with risk rating and the actions to mitigate any adverse impact(s) that has /have been identified.

**Head of Service**

Signed: T. Marchant

Name: Tom Marchant

Job Title: Head of Strategic Planning and Policy

Date: 06/08/2019

**DMT Member**

Signed:

Name:

Job Title:

Date:

**Part 1 Screening**

<b>Protected Group</b>	<b>Please provide a <u>brief</u> commentary on your findings. Fuller analysis should be undertaken in Part 2.</b>			
	<b>High negative impact EqIA</b>	<b>Medium negative impact Screen</b>	<b>Low negative impact Evidence</b>	<b>High/Medium/Low Positive Impact Evidence</b>
<b>Age</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Disability</b>	No	No	Yes - Documents will be made available in alternative formats on request. An alternative formats statement will be placed at the start of the tool so that people who need it are aware that they can make the request. All online documents will be tested to ensure accessibility with assistive software technologies as identified by the five Government Digital Service Standards.	
<b>Gender</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Gender identity/ Transgender</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Race</b>	No	No	Yes - Documents will be made available in alternative languages upon request. An alternative formats statement will be placed at the start of the tool so that	

			people who need it are aware that they can make the request.	
<b>Religion and Belief</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Carer's Responsibilities</b>	No	No	No	No

**Part 2**

**Equality Analysis /Impact Assessment**

**Adverse Impact:**

Members of the public may wish to read the Policy Statement to be informed about advice provided within the planning system where decisions may impact them.

The Policy Statement may not be readable by people with poor eyesight or who cannot read English.

**Positive Impact:**

The preparation of a Policy Statement will ensure clarity and transparency in Kent County Council's statutory planning consultee role which promotes environmental objectives and ensures impartiality in decision making across the Local Planning Authorities.

**Internal Action Required**

**~~YES/NO~~**

### Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment Action Plan

Protected Characteristic	Issues identified	Action to be taken	Expected outcomes	Owner	Timescale	Cost implications
<b>Disability</b>	Published material may not be readable by these groups	The Policy Statement will be made available in alternative formats (ie. Large text).	Alternative formats will mitigate difficulties with access and readability.	<b>Max Tant</b>	<b>Monitor requests for alternative formats</b>	
<b>Race</b>	Published material may not be readable by these groups	The Policy Statement will be made available in alternative languages on request	Alternative formats will mitigate difficulties with readability	<b>Max Tant</b>	<b>Monitor requests for alternative formats</b>	

#### Have the actions been included in your business/ service plan?

No – they will be actioned upon a request being received. The option to request an alternative format will be advertised by a statement at the start of the webpage they are published on.

The Policy Statement will be made available through Kent County Council's web pages. Requests for the document can be made either through the web page or by contacting the Flood team. Local district councils will be provided with contact details for the Flood team to direct any enquiries from the public.

Appendix D

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