

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL


EXAMINATION OF LOCAL PLAN PART 2: SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES SUBMISSION DOCUMENT

ISSUE 1: THE DUTY TO COOPERATE, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LP2, THE CORE STRATEGY AND OTHER PLANING DOCUMENTS.

APPENDIX 1: Supplementary note to Question 1.2.: Has the LP2 been prepared in accordance with the Public Sector Equality Duty?

Does the activity contribute towards meeting the Equality Act's general Public Sector Equality Duties?		Refer to p.2 of the guidance
DUTY	DOES IT CONTRIBUTE?	EXPLAIN HOW
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act (i.e. the activity removes or minimises disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The Local Plan proposals and policies will apply equally to all persons and organisations that come forward with development proposals and/or are involved/considered as part of the consideration and decision making relating to planning applications.</p>
Advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (i.e. the activity takes steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The Local Plan supports the delivery of the three principal dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. It seeks to achieve net gains across all three for all persons.</p> <p>The Plan's proposals and policies are not prescriptive in relation to any identified group of people.</p> <p>The Local Plan's over-arching vision is to promote economic growth across the borough for the benefit of all established people/organisations and to encourage newcomers to establish and invest in the borough. The Plan sets the framework to achieve growth via the delivery of a neutral, complementary and viable choice of employment opportunities, housing mix (location/type/size and tenure), supporting infrastructure including school provision/attractive town and district centres, and access to jobs and services. The Council considers that these improved choices will provide a wider range of prospects and promote an equality of opportunity for everyone.</p> <p>Whilst the Plan does set the framework it is recognised that delivery is market driven. However the Council will monitor delivery outputs to ensure these align with the Local Plan's intentions and any emerging needs within the borough.</p>

<p>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (i.e. the function encourages people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The process and inbuilt opportunities for participation/consultation and co-operation in the preparation and delivery of the Local Plan are detailed in the initial EIA assessment which is available on the Council's website at http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/General%20EIA/RG13LocalPlan-Part2EIAv1.0.pdf</p> <p>The assessment references the Statement of Consultation which has been prepared to explain details of the events held and who was involved including the Council's approach to ensuring the participation of those groups whose involvement may otherwise be generally 'disproportionately low'.</p> <p>Since the Equality Impact Assessment was completed further consultation work on the Local Plan has been completed. This is reported in an addendum to the Statement of Consultation (Part 3 dated June 2014). The full Statement of Consultation is in 3 parts; all have been submitted to the independent Planning Inspector for examination as part of his scrutiny of the Local Plan and are available to view on the Council's website, reference documents 1.04a/1.04b and 1.04c, at http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Local-Plan-Part-2-submission-documents.aspx</p>
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