

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA):

Name of Report/Proposal/Strategy:	Voluntary Registration of Land in Maidencombe as a Village Green		
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Since the Equality Act 2010 came into force the council has continued to be committed to ensuring we provide services that meet the diverse needs of our community as well as ensure we are an organisation that is sensitive to the needs of individuals within our workforce. This Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been developed as a tool to enable business units to fully consider the impact of proposed decisions on the community.

This EIA will evidence that you have fully considered the impact of your proposal / strategy and carried out appropriate consultation with key stakeholders. The EIA will allow Councillors and Senior Officers to make informed decisions as part of the council's decision-making process.

Relevance Test – ‘A Proportionate Approach’

Not all of the proposals or strategies we put forward will be ‘relevant’ in terms of the actual or potential impact on the community in relation to equality and vulnerable groups. For instance, a report on changing a supplier of copier paper may not require an EIA to be completed whereas a report outlining a proposal for a new community swimming pool or a report proposing a closure of a service would.

Therefore before completing the EIA please answer the following questions. If you answer ‘yes’ to any of the questions below you must complete a full EIA.

1)	Does this report relate to a key decision?		N
2)	Will the decision have an impact (i.e. a positive or negative effect/change) on any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community (including specific impacts upon the vulnerable or equality groups) • Our Partners • The Council (including our structure, ‘knock-on’ effects for other business units, our reputation, finances, legal obligations or service provision) 	Y Y	N

Section 1: Purpose of the proposal/strategy/decision

No	Question	Details
1.	Clearly set out the purpose of the proposal	<p><i>Outline exactly what the proposal is / whether there is any change including reasons for the change. List the key objectives of the proposal/strategy.</i></p> <p>That the Council's Head of Commercial Services be authorised to apply to the Commons Registration Authority to register the land within Maidencombe Village as a Village Green.</p>
2.	Who is intended to benefit / who will be affected?	<p><i>Who are the key stakeholders / which individuals / specific groups may benefit from the proposal or who will be most affected?</i></p> <p>The residents within the locality or neighbourhood of Maidencombe Village.</p>
3.	What is the intended outcome?	<p><i>It is important to identify the specific outcomes that this proposal intends to deliver.</i></p> <p>If the Council's application mentioned in section 1 above is successful then the land will be registered as a Village Green.</p>

No	Question	Details

Section 2: Equalities, consultation and engagement

Torbay Council has a moral obligation as well as a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, promote good relations and advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not.

The **equalities, consultation and engagement** section ensures that, as a council, we take into account the Public Sector Equality Duty at an early stage and provide evidence to ensure that we fully consider the impact of our decisions / proposals on the Torbay community.

Evidence, consultation and engagement

No	Question	Details
4.	Have you considered the available evidence?	<p><i>Consider data and research already available locally and nationally. Your assessment should be under-pinned by up-to-date and reliable information about the different groups the proposal is likely to affect. For instance, population profile, satisfaction data, deprivation statistics and how this helps to build a picture around your proposal.</i></p> <p>Not applicable.</p>
5.	How have you consulted on the proposal?	<p><i>Have you carried out any consultation on your proposal and if so how? Focus groups / survey / events? Remember that it may be important to also consult on any alternative options. Also include who you have consulted with and if applicable which specific groups you have consulted with (i.e. groups who may be specifically affected by your proposal, specific equality or hard to reach groups).</i></p> <p>The Maidencombe Residents Association (MRA) has carried out consultation within the village. All residents were invited to a meeting on 15 May 2013 to discuss this matter, which was apparently well attended. The MRA have informed the Council that there was a unanimous show of hands in support of the proposal and no hands were raised in objection.</p>
6.	Outline the key findings	<p><i>Include feedback on your proposal including where you have consulted on any alternative options. Also include response rates, number of attendees to events / focus groups, outline of specific interest groups consulted. Use bullet points to summarise the key conclusions.</i></p> <p>See section 5 above.</p>

No	Question	Details
7.	What amendments may be required as a result of the consultation?	<p><i>Has feedback from the consultation and engagement process identified any changes required to the proposal? Have you had to alter your decision and look at alternative options?</i></p> <p>No</p>

Positive and negative equality impacts

No	Question	Details		
8.	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups	<i>It is not enough to state that a proposal will affect everyone equally. There should be more in-depth consideration of available evidence to see if particular groups are more likely to be affected than others – use the table below. You should also consider workforce issues. If you consider there to be no positive or negative impacts use the ‘neutral’ column to explain why.</i>		
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact
	All groups in society generally	The proposal will regularise the current informal use by the community as a Village Green thus safe guarding its use as such for future generations.		
	Older or younger people	Ditto		
	People with caring responsibilities	Ditto		
	People with a disability	Ditto. However, whilst the proposal itself won't have an impact on this group, some people with a disability may not currently be able to access the site.		
	Women or men	The proposal will regularise the current informal use by the community as a Village Green thus safe guarding its use as such for future generations.		

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	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME)	<i>(please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i> Ditto	
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	Ditto	
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	Ditto	
	People who are transgendered	Ditto	
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	Ditto	
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	Ditto	
	Socio-economic impacts (including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	The proposal may encourage even greater community integration through shared use of the land with physical and mental health benefits from any physical activities and social interaction.	
9.	Is there scope for your proposal to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and / or foster good relations?	<p><i>The council is committed to ensuring that we meet the diverse needs of our community. As part of the Equality Act there is a <u>general duty as well as our moral obligation</u> where we are required to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not. Outline how your proposal meets the general duty.</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p>	

Section 3: Steps required to manage the potential impacts identified

No	Action	Details
10.	Summarise any positive impacts and how they will be realised most effectively?	<p><i>Outline any positive impacts that you have identified relating to equalities and how these impacts will be realised most effectively. What ways can the positive impacts be maximised? Use the action plan (after section 5) to outline actions, responsible officers and timescales.</i></p> <p>The proposal will regularise the current informal use by the community as a Village Green thus safe guarding its use as such for future generations. The impact will be maximised by the Council successfully applying for the land to be registered as a Village Green.</p>
11.	Summarise any negative impacts and how these will be managed?	<p><i>Outline any negative impacts that you have identified relating to equalities and how these impacts will be managed / monitored so that they are reduced / eliminated or mitigated. What ways can the negative impact be minimised? Use the action plan (after section 5) to outline actions, responsible officers and timescales.</i></p> <p>None identified</p>

Section 4: Recommended course of action

No	Action	Details
12.	<p>State a recommended course of action</p> <p>[please refer to action after section 5]</p>	<p><i>Clearly identify an option and justify reasons for this decision. The following four outcomes are possible from an assessment (and more than one may apply to a single proposal). Please select from the 4 outcomes below and justify reasons for your decision - If '3' please provide full justification :</i></p> <p>Where: -</p> <p>Outcome 1: No major change required - EIA has not identified any potential for adverse impact in relation to equalities and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken.</p> <p>Outcome 2: Adjustments to remove barriers – Action to remove the barriers identified in relation to equalities have been taken or actions identified to better promote equality.</p> <p>Outcome 3: Continue with proposal - Despite having identified some <u>potential</u> for adverse impact / missed opportunities in relation to equalities or to promote equality. Full justification required, especially in relation to equalities, in line with the duty</p>

		<p>to have 'due regard'.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Stop and rethink – EIA has identified actual or potential unlawful discrimination in relation to equalities or adverse impact has been identified.</p> <p>Outcome 1: No major change required</p>
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Section 5: Monitoring and action plan

No	Action	Details
13.	Outline plans to monitor the actual impact of your proposals	<p><i>The full impact of decisions will only be known once it is introduced. Identify arrangements for reviewing the actual impact of proposals once they have been implemented. Please also use the action plan below.</i></p> <p>Not applicable as the land will be used in the same way as before – the only difference will be its designation as a Village Green.</p>

Please use the action plan below to summarise all of the key actions, responsible officers and timescales as a result of this impact assessment

Action plan

Please detail below any actions you need to take:

No.	Action	Reason for action / contingency	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline date
1	<i>This should include actions highlighted from the sections 3, 4 & 5</i>				
2	For the Council to apply to the Commons Registration Authority to register the land as a Village Green	To implement the Council's decision	Head Commercial Services	of Head Commercial Services	N/A