

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

DONCASTER METROPLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Due Regard Statement for
Quality Streets - Active Travel and
Digital Infrastructure Programme:
Doncaster Town Centre**

Due Regard Statement

A **Due Regard Statement** (DRS) is the tool for capturing the evidence to demonstrate that due regard has been shown when the council plans and delivers its functions. A Due Regard Statement must be completed for all programmes, projects and changes to service delivery.

- A DRS should be initiated at the beginning of the programme, project or change to inform project planning
- The DRS runs adjacent to the programme, project or change and is reviewed and completed at the relevant points
- Any reports produced need to reference "Due Regard" in the main body of the report and the DRS should be attached as an appendix
- The DRS cannot be fully completed until the programme, project or change is delivered.

1	<p>Name of the ‘policy’ and briefly describe the activity being considered including aims and expected outcomes. This will help to determine how relevant the ‘policy’ is to equality.</p>	<p>The Quality Streets Active Travel scheme will provide improved public realm to St Sepulchre Gate, Duke Street, Cleveland St and Wood Street which are identified in the Urban Centre Masterplan and are key to the delivery of the Innovation Quarter.</p> <p>The project includes bi-directional cycle lanes, improved highway and public realm and treesworks to enhance the public realm, changes to traffic flow on Wood Street (from Prince Gate to Cleveland Street)</p> <p>Benefits of the scheme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle lanes • Highway improvements including single carriageway and road narrowing • Public realm improvements • Improved bus stops and real time information points • Improved connectivity through the Urban Centre for pedestrians and cyclists • Installation of ducting to enable digital infrastructure
2	<p>Service area responsible for completing this statement.</p>	<p>DMBC Economy and Environment</p>
3	<p>Summary of the information considered across the protected groups.</p> <p>Service users/residents</p>	<p>The Quality Streets scheme is being undertaken to create a vibrant town centre creating a place where people chose to be and encouraging the evening economy. It is anticipated that the project will have an overall positive impact for all users as it provides wider level footpaths, reducing traffic in the area. Quality Streets is key to the delivery of the Innovation Quarter as identified in the Urban Centre Masteplan.</p> <p>Traffic surveys have been undertaken to establish the level of road use on St Sepulchre Gate, Duke Street,Cleveland Street and Wood Street and manage the impact of changes on the town centre.</p>

Doncaster Workforce	<p>The project includes the removal of on street pay and display parking bays on Duke Street nad Wood Street. The number of designated disabled spaces will be increased across both streets.</p> <p>Whilst it is considered that this scheme will not have any significant impact on a particular group further information on specific groups is given below:</p> <p>Age (OAP) The improvement works to the pavements will make this better for OAPs by creating a step free environment with wider footpaths.</p> <p>Mobility Groups The project will incorporate step free pavements and pedestrian facilities that will be DDA compliant (eg tactile pavings, level crossings). The project will remove the on street pay and display parking on Duke Street and Wood Street and increase the number of designated disabled parking spaces. The mobility bus drop off points will be combined. . Parking provision will be considered in the annual parking health check.</p> <p>Non motorised Users (pedestrian, cycle) This project will provide bi–direcital cycle lanes on St Sepulchre Gate, Duke Street, Cleveland Street and Wood Street providing the connectivity from the Station Forecourt to the Civic and Cultural Quarter. Improved facilities for pedestians include upgraded footpaths and improved crossing points.</p> <p>Non car users Change to Cleveland Street will remove the pinch point for buses, provide new bus stops and real time information. Some outbound services will relocate to Waterdale and new bus stops will be provided. St Sepulchre Gate taxi rank will be relocated to the opposite side of the street, making it passenger friendly with access from the footpath. Loading bays will be provided.</p>
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		While works are ongoing bus services will continue and revised routes will be advertised by South Yorkshire Public Transport Executive.
4	Summary of the consultation/engagement activities	<p><i>List all types of consultation that has taken place during the development of this activity. Include on-line consultations, events, meetings with stakeholders, community events, employee consultation exercises etc.</i></p> <p>A range of consultation / engagement activities will be held and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design engagement with businesses. • Engagement with licence holders (pubs and clubs). • Hackney carriage licence holders • The Mayor, Portfolio Holders and Town Centre Councillors • Parking Services (removal of parking bays) • Business Doncaster • Waste management – refuse collection • CCTV • South Yorkshire Public Transport Executive • South Yorkshire Police – Road Safety Officer • Town Centre Forum • Engagement with disability groups – The Partially Sighted Society, Sensory Team. <p>Regular scheme updates will be distributed to businesses and residents directly affected while works are ongoing and a dedicated Quality Streets email box will be set up for the lifetime of the project.</p> <p>The project will have its own communications strategy and a range of media will be used including website, press releases, letter drops, stakeholder meetings and site visits as the project progresses. The contractor will liaise with businesses during the construction stage to ensure limited impact on businesses.</p>

5	Real Consideration: Summary of what the evidence shows and how has it been used	The project provides improved infrastructure and improved public realm which will be designed in accordance with DMRB and DDA standards improving opportunities and accessibility for all uses. The project does not discriminate against a particular group.
6	Decision Making	<i>Outline how the decision maker has been made aware of due regard considerations.</i> A project team governance has been created to manage the project: The project manager is assigned to manage the delivery of the project from inception to completion with regular reporting to the Major Projects Board on project progress. The Major Projects Board disseminate decisions were required.
7	Monitoring and Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Please indicate what processes/actions will be put in place to keep this 'activity' under review. For example will progress be monitored/ reported to a board, scrutiny committee, project board etc</i> <p>Regular reports will be made to the Major Projects Board. The works will be completed using a phased approach and updates will be provided to businesses affected. Regular site meetings will be held for the duration of the project.</p>
8	Sign off and approval for publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>By signing this statement off as complete you are confirming that 'you' have examined sufficient information across all the protected groups and used that information to show due regard to the three aims of the general duty. This has informed the development of the activity.</i> <i>If this statement accompanies cabinet paper it will be published as part of the cabinet report publication process. Statements accompanying cabinet reports are also published on our website. If this statement is not to be submitted with a cabinet paper</i>

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