

## Equality Impact Analysis Form

### 1. Equality Impact Analysis (EIA) Form

<b>Title of EIA (policy/change it relates to)</b>	Parking Strategy	<b>Date</b>	January 2025
<b>Team/Department</b>	Parking Services – Operations		
<b>Focus of EIA</b> What are the aims of the new initiative? Who implements it? Define the user group impacted? How will they be impacted?	<p>The Council is developing a new parking strategy which seeks to promote active travel and sustainability, support local businesses and people. There are a number of objectives which can be summarised as:</p> <p><b>Alternative</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support motorists to consider alternatives, whether that be the take-up of more environmentally friendly vehicles and sustainable alternatives to driving.</li> </ol> <p><b>Balanced</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Take a more balanced approach to parking by making changes to make it fairer, easier, and more consistent across East Herts.</li> </ol> <p><b>Considerate</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Adopting a more environmentally considerate approach to managing parking services throughout East Herts.</li> </ol> <p><b>Purpose of the Assessment</b></p> <p>To evaluate the impact of the proposals on community groups, ensuring accessibility, inclusivity, and equal opportunities are fully considered.</p>		

**Please note:** Prepopulated data for protected categories other than Age and Gender come from 2011 census results<sup>1</sup> on the district, the Age and Gender data comes from ONS mid-year estimates<sup>2</sup>. If the service has specific demographic data for service users/residents than this should be used instead.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalesscotlandandnorthernireland>

## 2. Review of information, equality analysis and potential actions

Please fill in when appropriate to the change. If it does not, please put N/A

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Disability	11,663 households in East Herts have one person in household with a long-term health problem or disability.	<p><b>Proposal to introduce blue badge bay charging</b> Employment rates are generally lower for disabled people than non-disabled people. An introduction of a charge could be difficult for some users and also displace car parking onto streets. Blue badge holders can park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3hrs.</p>	A formal consultation is required to implement the change in East Herts car parks via Traffic Regulation Order. This consultation would also assist the identification																				

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<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b>	Unknown	<b>Price Increases</b> Pregnant women and women with babies younger than 6 months old are more likely to be reliant on cars for travel. They may therefore be negatively impacted by increased charges and maternity pay. However, the increase in charges is relatively low when compared to the overall cost of keeping and using a car.	Monitor for further impacts																				
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### 3. List detailed data and/or community feedback which informed your EqIA (If applicable)

<b>Title</b> (of data, research or engagement)	<b>Date</b>	<b>Gaps in data</b>	<b>Actions to fill these gaps: who else do you need to engage with?</b> (add these to the Action Plan below, with a timeframe)

Online consultation and in person engagement session	Autumn 2024	Monitoring information	Anything requiring further consultations to provide optional monitoring form due by end of 2025
Feedback from previous consultations of changes	Summer 2022	Monitoring information	

**EqlA sign-off:**

<b>Directorate Management Team rep or Head of Service:</b>	J Khanom-Metaman	<b>Date:</b>	Jan 2025
<b>Author of Equality Impact Analysis:</b>	As Above	<b>Date:</b>	Jan 2025