



London Borough of Hackney Equality Impact Assessment Form

Title and Purpose of Policy:

Title: Proposed Brownswood Conservation Area

This item seeks Cabinet approval to consult on a new proposed Conservation Area and Article 4 Direction. The area is a high quality late Victorian suburb with a clear hierarchy of housing types set out from the 1860s onwards enclosed by the established routes of Blackstock Road, Finsbury Park and Green Lanes.

The designation of the area would protect the special character and appearance and ensure that future development preserve or enhance.

Officer Responsible:

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NB: This assessment must be reviewed and agreed by the relevant Assistant Director, who is responsible for ensuring it is made publicly available and is in line with guidance (staffroom.hackney.gov.uk/equality-impact-assessments.htm).

Acting Head of Planning: Natalie Broughton

Date: 01 November 2019

Comment:

1. Please summarise the service, function, policy, initiative or saving.

Conservation Area designation, review and management is an important part of the planning process. Under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019, Conservation Areas are classed as heritage assets. The NPPF requires local planning authorities to set out in their Local Plan a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats. In doing so, LPAs should recognise that heritage assets

are an irreplaceable resource and conserve them in a manner appropriate to their significance.

Conservation Area Appraisals clearly set out the important qualities of the heritage asset and not only does this enable proper protection of those parts of the historic environment that the community genuinely values, but it also provides clarity to developers as to where those heritage assets are located and, critically, what it is about them that is worth considering.

2 Who are the main people that will be affected?

The key people who will be affected will be the property owners/occupiers within the conservation area boundary. These owners/occupiers have been consulted along with other interested parties.

3 What research or consultation(s) have been carried out?

In line with best practice and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, the Council will be undertaking public consultation with stakeholders as designations that have been adopted following public consultation carry greater weight on appeal.

4 Equality Impacts

The following tables outline the main issues in planned consultation that may impact on each equalities strand.

4(a) What positive impact could there be overall, on different equality groups, and on cohesion and good relations?

Positive Impact:

Overall

Residents within the conservation area and other key stakeholders will have equal opportunity to have their say through all methods of consultation. The proposed extension to the South Shoreditch Conservation Area will not impact on any one equality group.

a) Age

The designation does not discriminate against age.

b) Disability

The designation does not impede the ability to require a property to be DDA compliant.

c) Gender The designation does not discriminate against gender.	d) Race The designation does not discriminate against race.
e) Religion/Belief The designation does not discriminate against any one religious or belief groups	f) Sexual Orientation The designation not discriminate against sexual orientation.
g) Other groups None identified.	

4(b) What negative impact could there be overall, on different equality groups, and on cohesion and good relations?

Negative Impact:	
Overall There are no identified negative impacts.	
a) Age None identified.	b) Disability None identified.
c) Gender None identified.	d) Race None identified.
e) Religion/Belief None identified.	f) Sexual Orientation None identified.
g) Other groups None identified.	

5. Equality and Cohesion Action Planning– specific actions to address equality and cohesion issues raised by this assessment

None identified.