



London Borough of Hackney Equality Impact Assessment Form

Title and Purpose of Policy:

Title: REVIEW OF THE UNDERWOOD STREET CONSERVATION AREA

This item seeks Cabinet approval to

Extend the Underwood Street Conservation Area and to adopt the Underwood Street Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

The designation of the area would protect its special character and appearance and ensure that future development either preserves or enhances it.

Officer Responsible:

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Directorate: Climate, Homes & Economy	Department/Division: Planning Service/ Conservation, Urban Design & Sustainability Team

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).

Assistant Director Planning and Building Control: Natalie Broughton

Date: 09/10/23

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), 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 as part of a 28-day public consultation. All responses have been carefully considered and have informed the recommendation to Cabinet.

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

In line with best practice and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and adopted procedures for Conservation Area Review, the Council has carried out public consultation with stakeholders as designations that have been adopted following public consultation carry greater weight on appeal.

The responses to this consultation have been carefully considered and informed the Cabinet recommendation to designate.

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 had equal opportunity to have their say through all methods of consultation. The proposed review of Underwood Street Conservation Area will not impact 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 does 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.