

## APPENDIX 5: ROWIP2 Equality Impact Assessment

<b>Name and brief description of proposal / policy / service being assessed</b>				
Nottingham's second Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP2). This sets out the City Council's actions for improving the "local rights of way" network (includes footpaths, riverside walkways, cycle paths, bridleways and byways) and supports the priorities of the Local Transport Plan to help deliver a sustainable transport system which is inclusive to all citizens. For further information please refer to Chapter 1 "Setting the Scene".				
<b>Information used to analyse the effects on equality</b>				
The Nottingham Local Access Forum includes disabled users of the local right of way network. The forum has been fully engaged in the preparation of ROWIP2. The related document "Statement of Policy for the Use of Barriers on Rights of Way" is a direct result of the first ROWIP which covered the period 2007 to 2011. This Policy highlights the implications for disabled users and makes it clear when the Council should and should not use physical barriers to deal with unauthorised vehicles such as motorcycles and quad bikes.				
The National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction (NHT) Survey 2010 ranked Nottingham within the top five Councils for its performance on improving public access. Part of this assessment included how easy (or difficult) it is for disabled citizens to use the network.				
	<b>Could particularly benefit (X)</b>	<b>May adversely impact (X)</b>	How different groups could be affected: Summary of impacts	Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact (or why action not possible)
People from different ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents and guardians using push chairs and double buggies may find physical barriers difficult to negotiate. ROWIP2 (Policy ROWIP 27) provides a commitment to actively promote the Statement of Policy for the Use of Barriers on Rights of Way which will reduce any adverse impact on this user group.  Due to the potential adverse impact on blind and partially sighted citizens ROWIP Policy 33 includes a commitment to remove unnecessary Street Clutter.  Older people who rely on a mobility aid such as an electric scooter may find they cannot physically get through a particular design of barrier. The Statement of Policy for the Use of Barriers on Rights of Way will reduce any adverse impact on this user group.	The Statement of Policy for the Use of Barriers on Rights of Way will help increase the positive impact. ROWIP2 provides the commitment to actively promote the Statement of Policy.  The Council's Rights of Way Officer within the Traffic and Safety Service Area will be responsible for ensuring this commitment is ongoing  The Council will continue to produce information on accessible walking routes including a the Definitive Map of rights of way on NOMAD (Nottingham Online Mapping and Data system)
Men, women (including maternity/pregnancy impact), transgender people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Disabled people or carers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
People from different faith groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Older or younger people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (e.g. marriage/civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/good relations, vulnerable children/adults)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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**Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:**

No major change needed  Adjust the policy  Adverse impact but continue  Stop and remove the policy/proposal

**Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this proposal / policy / service:**

ROWIP2 will be fully reviewed in 2020 and amended where necessary to take account of any specific positive or adverse equality impacts it may have had.

The Statement of Policy for the Use of Barriers on Rights of Way will be formally reviewed every three years from its implementation. It will also be subject to ongoing monitoring and review and may be amended in the interim as and when considered appropriate. In preparing the succeeding Policy, regard will be had to data and information collated over the operating period of the current Policy together with trends and the outcome of related initiatives from both local sources and nationally issued information and guidance.

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