

Initial equality impact assessment screening form (As of October 2015, this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')			
This form records and equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Environment		
Service area	Highways & Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Proposed 20mph Speed Limit.		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Gary Lumb		
What are you proposing to do?	Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on Main Street and Water Lane, Kirk Smeaton.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Main Street and Water Lane at the location shown on the attached plan Appendix A, Given the high level of pedestrian activity and the high volumes of vulnerable road users at school start and finish times, the reduction in the speed limit will ensure greater safety for pedestrians, in particular children. The Department for Transport's "Setting Local Speed Limits" guidance highlights the importance of traffic authorities' to keep their speed limits under review with changing circumstances; and consider the introduction of more 20mph speed limits and zones in built-up urban areas and village streets. This allows the County Council's to comply with its duties under Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	NO		
Is there likely to be an adverse impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics? As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? • Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? • Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Yes	No	Don't know/No info available
Age		√	
Disability		√	

Sex (Gender)		√	
Race		√	
Sexual orientation		√	
Gender reassignment		√	
Religion or belief		√	
Pregnancy or maternity		√	
Marriage or civil partnership		√	
NYC additional characteristic			
People in rural areas		√	
People on a low income		√	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		√	
Are from the armed forces community		√	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	NO		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	NO		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	√	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	It is considered that all classes of road user will benefit from the proposed 20mph Speed Limit Order. Officers use a number of factors when determining appropriate speed limits; these are based on the Department for Transport's guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits" and include factors such as existing traffic speeds, history of collisions, road purpose/function, population size, expected vulnerable road users and environmental affect. These factors were all considered, and it was concluded that a speed limit of 20mph was appropriate for this part of Main Street and Water Lane, achieving a safe environment for all types of road users.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Barrie Mason		
Date	04/12/2025		