



Dacorum Borough Council - Community Impact Assessment

Please read the Guidance on completing a Community Impact Assessment

Once completed, please review and gain sign off from the relevant Group Manager.

Email the signed off copy to Customer Intelligence and Policy Officer Isobel Benton-Slim to publish.

If you have any further questions about how to complete this form, please contact Isobel Benton-Slim x2936

1. About the Project, service change or policy development

Responsible officer	Ben Stevens/Emma Walker
Name and description of project, service or policy	
<p>DBC Abandoned Vehicle Policy</p> <p>To obtain formal agreement to an abandoned vehicle procedural policy.</p>	

2. Identifying the community impact

What impacts will this change have on the community?			
Information which might be useful in thinking about this includes our equality profiles , available for a number of demographic groups in Dacorum, and Spotlight on Dacorum , which provides information about the Borough as a whole and signposts users to detailed statistics at ward / postcode level through neighbourhood statistics.			
	Positive	Negative	What are the positive and negative impacts? How will the positive impacts be enhanced? How will the negative impacts minimised/eliminated?
The community in general e.g. social or economic benefits or negative impacts			<p>Positive – The policy should help to increase fairness and consistency in procedural action taken when investigating reports of abandoned vehicles, especially when removing and destroying property or issuing FPNs. It is believed to be in the public's interest.</p> <p>Negative – the policy of removing vehicles and issuing FPNs proposes restrictions on certain activities and could be seen as restricting the freedom of persons to carry on those activities however, this is a statutory duty of the local authority. It is believed that the policy is fair and proportionate in doing so and that the business and residential communities within the Borough are familiar with the AV procedures as they have already been in use for some time.</p>
On DBC as an organisation e.g. on staff or operations			<p>Positive – by enforcing the policy DBC can consistently take action to reduce the number of AV reports within the borough and therefore certain nuisance and ASB caused by such action which is reputationally advantageous and a deterrent.</p>

			Negative – enforcing the policy may have cost implications for removal and storage of some AVs. Risk assessments will also need to be completed and adhered to by all enforcement officers whilst carrying out this duty.
The specific demographic considerations or characteristics e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation - specify where impacts are different for different considerations			The policy will be a proportionate, consistent and a reasonable approach to dealing with AVs within the borough. The proposed policy will apply to all demographics and will be enforced appropriately with due regard to any individual persons characteristics and our PSED.
The environment e.g. effects on the climate, trees, amenity space, biodiversity, water, energy, waste, material use, air quality			The proposed policy should only have a positive impact on the environment by removing any abandoned and/or vehicles in a dangerous condition from anywhere in the open air thus minimising the negative impact of the environment.
Any community issues identified for this location , if the project is based in a specific area – state if this is not applicable e.g. if there are no specific issues for this location or if the project is district-wide			The policy will be implemented borough wide.

<p>What evidence have you used to assess the impact on the community? What baselines have been established and what data will be used to monitor the impact?</p>
<p>Consultation and comparison with other Hertfordshire local authorities into their adopted policies for AVs has been undertaken.</p> <p>Data will continue to be collected in terms of the number of AV reports received by DBC, the number of vehicle removals and complaints to monitor its impact and effectiveness.</p>

<p>What steps have you taken or plan to take to consult the whole community or specific groups affected by the service or policy development? E.g. on-line consultation, focus groups, consultation with representative groups?</p>
<p>None as an AV procedure has already been in use by DBC for a significant amount of time and the decision sort is to formally ratify this as an agreed policy.</p>

3. Review

How will you review the impact, positive or negative once the service or policy has been implemented?		
Action	By when	By who
Annual review will be carried out to assess the effectiveness and impact of the policy in terms of reducing complaints and timely removal of abandoned vehicles.	12 months from date of Implementation	Operations team ECP
KPIs for initial inspection and removal by contractor once instructed	Quarterly	Operations team ECP

Name of responsible officer: Ben Stevens

Role: Lead officer Environmental Enforcement

Date: 3.06.21

Reviewed and signed off by: Emma Walker

Role: Group Manager

Date: 3.06.21

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