



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
Name and description of project, service or policy	
Littering & Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 12 month pilot contract.	
A 12 month service provided by a specialist private sector contractor to deliver a Littering & Public Spaces Protection Order enforcement contract in the Borough of Dacorum.	

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		Positive – it is hoped that the service will help to reduce littering offences and certain anti-social behaviours within the Borough therefore enhancing the experience of those persons living, working and visiting Dacorum by effecting a behavioural change through engagement, education and enforcement. The service will be cost neutral to DBC and based on income share between the contractor and the council. Negative – the restrictions on certain activities could be seen as restricting the freedom of persons to carry on those activities however, it is believed that the service is proportionate in what it seeks to achieve in reducing littering and certain anti-social behaviours.

<p>On DBC as an organisation e.g. on staff or operations</p>		<p>Positive – by using a specialist contractor this will enable the enforcement team to concentrate on more complex and wide ranging environmental crime such as fly tipping, commercial waste, illegal burning and abandoned vehicles. This will provide a sustained high visibility presence to tackle observational offences within the Borough.</p> <p>Negative – The quality of the service will be closely monitored and any spurious fines issued would be quickly addressed. There will be a service level agreement and an officer code of conduct in place to ensure fairness and consistency. There will also be an appeals process for recipients of FPN's, which will be managed and controlled by the authority.</p>
<p>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</p>		<p>Some restrictions may include enforcement against juveniles and therefore a proportionate approach will be developed to ensure that adequate warnings are given before formal enforcement action is considered.</p> <p>The proposed prohibitions will apply to all demographics and will be enforced appropriately with due regard to any individual characteristics of persons offending/engaged with and the council's overarching public sector equality duty.</p>
<p>The environment e.g. effects on the climate, trees, amenity space, biodiversity, water, energy, waste, material use, air quality</p>		<p>The proposed community engagement, education and enforcement within the service provision should only have a positive impact on the local community and environment.</p>
<p>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</p>		<p>The service provision is Borough wide.</p>

<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>Evidence has been gathered from a public consultation into the PSPOs which took place in 2017. Further evidence has been established by complaints received by DBC into the harmful effects caused by littering and breaches of the PSPOs. The decision to enter into a partnership with a private contractor is based on sound research and engagement with other local authorities into options for alternative methods of enforcing against littering, dog fouling and other PSPO breaches. Due process has been followed in regard to this decision and unbiased information and options have been provided. This has been supported by the Chief Officer Group and Corporate Management Team before the decision was made.</p> <p>Data collected and analysed from this pilot will be considered prior to any permanent solution being implemented</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>A public consultation was run in the summer of 2017 and this involved notification by email to specific groups who represent groups who may be affected by the PSPOs. A large number of responses were received to the consultation and although the responses were anonymous responses covered all of the proposed restrictions.</p> <p>A deliberate and concerted effort will be made to engage with and inform the general public/residents of Dacorum regarding the service by way of public engagement and press releases prior, during and after the contract.</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
Regular monitoring of the service and meetings with service provider. A post contract review will be carried out to assess the impact and effectiveness of the 12 month contract. Data collected and analysed from this pilot will be considered prior to any permanent solution being implemented.	12 months from date of Implementation	Operations Team leader Environmental & Community Protection

Name of responsible officer: Ben Stevens
 Role: Lead Officer Environmental Enforcement
 Date: 20/05/21

Reviewed and signed off by:
 Role: Bill Buckley Assistant Director
 Date: 20/05/21

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