

Dacorum BC Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Template

Policy / service / decision

Release of a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy Core Funds

Description of what is being impact assessed

What are the aims of the service, proposal, project? What outcomes do you want to achieve? What are the reasons for the proposal or change? Do you need to reference/consider any related projects?

Stakeholders; Who will be affected? Which protected characteristics is it most relevant to? Consider the public, service users, partners, staff, Members, etc

It is advisable to involve at least one colleague in the preparation of the assessment, dependent on likely level of impact

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a mechanism for collecting financial contributions from new developments to help fund the provision of infrastructure required to support housing and commercial growth in the Borough. It is a tariff style system applied to the area of the development as a cost per square metre and may vary by both use and location. The Borough Council is required to allocate CIL funding to the local community (15%). They may also allocate funds for the purposes of administration (5%) under where the release of these funds can be justified. The bulk of CIL funding (80%) sits in a further pot from where it may be allocated towards its infrastructure projects and priorities. At a strategic level, these priorities are identified in the IDP which sets out the infrastructure plans and funding arrangements of infrastructure providers. This plan is a “live” document and is subject to regular discussion and review. It is published on the website (<http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategicplanning/evidence-base/infrastructure-and-delivery>).

The Council to date has deferred releasing Core CIL until the new Local Plan is adopted, accompanied by a new IDP that identifies the infrastructure needs to support the growth coming forward. It is at this point that the Council would have full visibility on the infrastructure needs for the Local Plan and would be able to approach the allocation of funds accordingly. However there have been a number of delays to the Local Plan timetable with current estimates suggesting that the Local Plan won't be adopted until 2025 and recent announcements from Government on planning reform may delay this further. As a consequence of the delay infrastructure investment in the Borough could be delayed. The Council is therefore recommending the release of 20% of its Core CIL funds (£3,027,519) to allow infrastructure that is an immediate priority to be delivered in the short term.

Projects to be considered for this release of funding will be put forward based on current infrastructure priorities identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and will be assessed against a set of Assessment Criteria (Appended to the main report). The assessment criteria covers a range of criteria that will assess the impact of each project on the community.

Evidence

What data/information have you used to assess how this policy/service/decision might impact on protected groups?

(include relevant national/local data, research, monitoring information, service user feedback, complaints, audits, consultations, CIAs from other projects or other local authorities, etc.). You should include such information in a proportionate manner to reflect the level of impact of the policy/service/decision.

CIL Core Documents and evidence used for set up and examination of CIL [https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/developer-contributions/community-infrastructure-levy-\(cil\)/cil-examination-library](https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/developer-contributions/community-infrastructure-levy-(cil)/cil-examination-library)

Dacorum Borough Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and numerous stakeholder consultations used to inform its preparation

Who have you consulted with to assess possible impact on protected groups? *If you have not consulted other people, please explain why? You should include such information in a proportionate manner to reflect the level of impact of the policy/service/decision.*

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

Various stakeholders and infrastructure providers have been consulted as part of the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)

Analysis of impact on protected groups (and others)

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires Dacorum BC to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with protected groups. Consider how this policy/service/decision will achieve these aims. Using the table below, detail what considerations and potential impacts against each of these using the evidence that you have collated and your own understanding. Based on this information, make an assessment of the likely outcome, **before** you have implemented any mitigation.

- The PCs of *Marriage and Civil Partnership* and *Pregnancy and Maternity* should be added if their inclusion is relevant for impact assessment.
- Use “insert below” menu layout option to insert extra rows where relevant (e.g. extra rows for different impairments within Disability).

Protected group	Summary of impact <i>What do you know? What do people tell you? Summary of data and feedback about service users and the wider community/public. Who uses / will use the service? Who doesn't / can't and why? Feedback/complaints?</i>	Negative impact / outcome	Neutral impact / outcome	Positive impact / outcome
Age	A range of strategic projects will be considered for funding through CIL Core funds, projects are expected to have a positive or neutral impact on all ages. The project assessment criteria assesses impact on social, environmental and economic impact including health and wellbeing.	□	⊗	⊗
Disability (physical, intellectual, mental) <i>Refer to CIA Guidance Notes and Mental Illness & Learning Disability Guide</i>	The project assessment criteria assesses impact on social, environmental and economic impact including health and wellbeing. All projects being considered for CIL Core funds will be assessed Further as CIL core funds will fund infrastructure that will support communities, it is expected that projects will have a positive impact on disability groups.	□	□	⊗
Gender reassignment	No material impact on this protected group	□	⊗	□

Race and ethnicity	No material impact on this protected group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	No material impact on this protected group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	No material impact on this protected group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	No material impact on this protected group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not protected characteristics but consider other factors, e.g. carers, veterans, homeless, low income, loneliness, rurality etc.	The project assessment criteria assesses impact on social, environmental and economic impact including health and wellbeing as well as its impact on deprived communities. All projects being considered for CIL Core funds will be assessed. Further as CIL core funds will fund infrastructure that will support communities, it is expected that projects will have a strategic positive impact on all groups of the community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Negative impacts / outcomes action plan

Where you have ascertained that there will potentially be negative impacts / outcomes, you are required to mitigate the impact of these. Please detail below the actions that you intend to take.

Action taken/to be taken <i>(copy & paste the negative impact / outcome then detail action)</i>	Date	Person responsible	Action complete
n/a	Select date		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Select date		<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Select date		<input type="checkbox"/>

If negative impacts / outcomes remain, please provide an explanation below.	
n/a	
Completed by (all involved in CIA)	Shalini Jayasinghe
Date	25/01/2023
Signed off by <i>(AD from different Directorate if being presented to CMT / Cabinet)</i>	Alex Robinson - Assistant Director for Planning
Date	25 January 2023
Entered onto CIA database - date	
To be reviewed by (officer name)	
Review date	