

Appendix 1 - Policy Screening Form

Policy Title: Request from Lurgan District LOL 6 to use Lurgan Park for car parking approximately 2000 cars on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Brief Description of Policy (please attach copy if available). Please state if it is a new, existing or amended policy.

Council officers have received a request from the Lurgan District LOL 6 to use Lurgan Park for car parking approximately 2000 cars on Wednesday 12th July 2023 between 9 am – 4 pm during the Co Armagh commemorative parade through the town centre.

Intended aims/outcomes. What is the policy trying to achieve?

The aim of the policy is to provide a space for car parking for an event which could draw some 40,000 visitors to Lurgan.

Policy Framework

Has the policy been developed in response to statutory requirements, legal advice or on the basis of any other professional advice? Does this affect the discretion available to Council to amend the policy?

The application was received by the Environmental Services Department by way of an email request.

Are there any Section 75 categories which might be expected to benefit from the policy? If so, please outline.

Lurgan Park will remain open to the public as normal.

Who initiated or wrote the policy (if Council decision, please state). Who is responsible for implementing the policy?

Who initiated or wrote policy?	Who is responsible for implementation?
The Council	The Council is responsible for implementation

Are there any factors which might contribute to or detract from the implementation of the policy (e.g. financial, legislative, other)?

Main stakeholders in relation to the policy

Please list main stakeholders affected by the policy (e.g. staff, service users, other statutory bodies, community or voluntary sector, private sector)

Service Participants.

Are there any other policies with a bearing on this policy? If so, please identify them and how they impact on this policy.



Council should ensure that its screening decisions are informed by relevant data. What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Specify details for each of the Section 75 categories.

Section 75 category	Evidence
Religious belief	Census 2021 a population of 218,656 residents in ACBCBC, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46.7% were brought up as Protestant or other Christian, • 43.8% Catholic and • 8.2% as not brought up in a religion. When asked what their current religion; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41.7% identified as belonging to Protestant or other Christian religion • 41% identified Catholic and • 14.7% identified no religion and • 1.1% other religion.
Political opinion	In terms of elected representatives, members of ACBCBC (May 2019 elections) belong to a range of parties across the political spectrum: DUP 11, UUP 10, AP 3, SDLP 6, SF 10. Other 1. Turnout for the elections in 2019 was 53.6% of the borough.
Racial group	Census 2021 results identified approximately 3.3% of the borough population from a minority ethnic grouping with 8.6% of the population born outside of UK and 6.8% don't have English as their main language. The most prevalent languages spoken in ABC, outside of English are Polish (1.7%) and Lithuanian (1.2%). The main ethnic minority groups identified in the census were Mixed, Black African and Chinese.
Age	2021 Census results on age of Borough citizens identified.

	<p>0-15 years 22.1%, 16 – 24 years 10%, 25 – 49 years 32.9% 50 – 64 years 19% 65 and over 16%</p> <p>This represented a 26.7% increase in the 65+ age group and a 25.62% increase in the 50-64yr age group since the last census in 2011.</p>
Marital status	2011 Census results identified 51.1% of Borough citizens were married (including civil partnership), 33.6% single, 6.5% widowed, 5.2% divorced & 3.6% separated.
Sexual orientation	<p>Whilst we don't have any census statistics available, the Continuous Household survey for 2016/2019 noted 98% of borough population was heterosexual, 1% as bisexual and 0.5% for each of Gay/Lesbian and other.</p> <p>Results from 2019 Life & Times Survey showed for adults aged 18+yrs overall in NI showed 90% heterosexual, 7% did not wish to answer, 2% Gay/Lesbian and 1% each for Bi-sexual and Other.</p>
Men and women generally	2021 Census data – male 49.5% -- Female 50.5%
Disability	2021 Census results identified 22.3% of Borough citizens as having a limiting long term health problem or disability, affecting 36,488 households. Of those citizens in the Borough with a limiting long term health problem or disability, 56.8% are in the 65+ age group
Dependants	The 2011 Census showed that 36% or 27,827 households in the borough contained dependent children. Census 2021 results identified approximately 12% of Borough citizens aged over 5 years old provide unpaid care (which covers looking after, giving help or support to anyone because they have a long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age). Of the 24,741 residents aged 5+ providing unpaid care, 46% provide between 1-19 hours per week while 30% provide 50 or more hours per week.

Needs, experiences and priorities

Taking into account the information gathered above, what are the different needs, experiences and priorities of each of the following categories in relation to this particular policy/decision?

Section 75 category	Needs, experiences and priorities
Religious belief	Providing car parking spaces in Lurgan Park may help reduce congestion in Lurgan Town Centre. The park will remain open as normal to members of the public.
Political opinion	
Racial group	
Age	
Marital status	

Sexual orientation	
Men and women generally	
Disability	
Dependants	

1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy for each of the Section 75 categories?

Category	Policy Impact	Level of impact (Major/minor/none)
Religious belief	N/A	None
Political opinion	N/A	None
Racial group	N/A	None
Age	N/A	None
Marital status	N/A	None
Sexual orientation	N/A	None
Men and women generally	N/A	None
Disability	N/A	None
Dependents	N/A	None

2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 categories?

Category	If yes, provide details	If no, provide reasons
Religious belief	N/A	N/A
Political opinion	N/A	N/A
Racial group	N/A	N/A
Age	N/A	N/A
Marital status	N/A	N/A
Sexual orientation	N/A	N/A
Men and women generally	N/A	N/A
Disability	N/A	N/A
Dependents	N/A	N/A

3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion, or racial group?

Category	Details of Policy Impact	Level of impact (major/minor/none)
Religious belief	N/A	None
Political opinion	N/A	None
Racial group	N/A	None

4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Category	If yes, provide details	If no, provide reasons
Religious belief	N/A	N/A
Political opinion	N/A	N/A
Racial group	N/A	N/A

Multiple Identity

Generally speaking, people fall into more than one Section 75 category (for example: disabled minority ethnic people; disabled women; young Protestant men; young lesbian, gay and bisexual people). Provide details of data on the impact of the policy on people with multiple identities. Specify relevant s75 categories concerned.

Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006

Is there an opportunity for the policy to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?

N/A

Is there an opportunity for the policy to encourage participation by disabled people in public life?

N/A

A: NO IMPACT IDENTIFIED ON ANY CATEGORY – EQIA UNNECESSARY

Please identify reasons for this below

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B: MINOR IMPACT IDENTIFIED – EQIA NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY AS IMPACT CAN BE ELIMINATED OR MITIGATED

Where the impact is likely to be minor, you should consider if the policy can be mitigated or an alternative policy introduced. If so, an EQIA may not be considered necessary. You must indicate the reasons for this decision below, together with details of measures to mitigate the adverse impact or the alternative policy proposed.

C: MAJOR IMPACT IDENTIFIED – EQIA REQUIRED

If the decision is to conduct an equality impact assessment, please provide details of the reasons.

Timetabling and Prioritising

If the policy has been screened in for equality impact assessment, please answer the following questions to determine its priority for timetabling the equality impact assessment.

On a scale of 1-3 with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 being the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for equality impact assessment.

Priority criterion	Rating (1-3)
Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations	
Social need	
Effect on people's daily lives	

The total rating score should be used to prioritise the policy in rank order with other policies screened in for equality impact assessment. This list of priorities will assist the council in timetabling its EQIAs.

Is the policy affected by timetables established by other relevant public authorities? If yes, please give details.


Effective monitoring will help the authority identify any future adverse impact arising from the policy. It is recommended that where a policy has been amended or an alternative policy introduced to mitigate adverse impact, monitoring be undertaken on a broader basis to identify any impact (positive or adverse).

Further information on monitoring is available in the Equality Commission's guidance on monitoring (www.equalityni.org).

Identify how the impact of the policy is to be monitored

Complaints will be monitored.

A copy of the screening form for each policy screened should be signed off by the senior manager responsible for that policy. The screening recommendation should be reported to the relevant Committee/Council when the policy is submitted for approval.

Screened by	Position/Job title	Date
Leanne McShane	Parks Development Officer	22.02.23
Approved by	Position/Job Title	Date 21/09/2023
Barry Patience	Head of Environmental Services	

Please forward a copy of the completed policy and form to:

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who will ensure these are made available on the Council's website.

The above officer is also responsible for issuing reports on a quarterly basis on those policies "screened out for EQIA". This allows stakeholders who disagree with this recommendation to submit their views. In the event of any stakeholder disagreeing with the decision to screen out any policy, the screening exercise will be reviewed.

Appendix 2 - Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA)

SECTION 1

Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

Lurgan District LOL 6 request the use of Lurgan Park for car parking purposes on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to
Developing a

Adopting a

Implementing a Policy X

Revising a

Designing a Public Service

Delivering a Public Service

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above

Council officers have received request from Lurgan District LOL 6 for use of Lurgan Park on 12th July 2023 as a car parking facility to compliment the Co Armagh 12th July commemorative parades taking place in Lurgan town.

1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

The aim of the policy is to provide car parking spaces within Lurgan Park by request of Lurgan District LOL 6.

1F. What definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition).

Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).

A definition of 'rural' is not applicable. X

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.

Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.

Reasons why a definition of 'rural' is not applicable.

This is a request to provide permission for Lurgan District LOL6 to use Lurgan Park as a car parking facility.

It is not a rural policy.

SECTION 2

Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

Yes No X **If the response is NO GO TO Section 2E.**

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

Rural Businesses

Rural Tourism

Rural Housing

Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas

Education or Training in Rural Areas

Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas

Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas

Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas

Poverty in Rural Areas

Deprivation in Rural Areas

Rural Crime or Community Safety

Rural Development

Agri-Environment

Other (Please state)

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A.

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

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SECTION 3

Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes **No X If the Response is NO GO TO Section 3E.**

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders

Published Statistics

Consultation with Other Organisations

Research Papers

Surveys or Questionnaires

Other Publications

Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A.

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

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SECTION 4

Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

N/A

SECTION 5

Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes **No X If the response is NO GO TO Section 5C.**

5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified.

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A.

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.

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SECTION 6

Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained, and relevant information compiled. x

Rural Needs Impact Assessment undertaken by:	Leanne McShane
Position/Grade:	Parks Development Officer
Department/Directorate	Environmental Services
Signature:	Leanne McShane
Date:	22.2.2023
Rural Needs Impact Assessment approved by:	Barry Patience
Position/Grade:	Head of Department
Department/Directorate	Environmental Services

Signature:

Date:



21/09/2023