# **Equality Impact Assessment**

# **Section 1: Identifying details**

Your function, service area and team: Housing Property and Development

If you are submitting this EqIA on behalf of another function, service area or team, specify the originating function, service area or team:

Title of policy or decision: Tender award for Copperfield and Limes Lifts

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Date of completing the assessment: 10/1/18

Sect	tion 2: Policy to be analysed
2.1	Is this a new policy (or decision) or a change to an existing policy, practice or project?
	An acceptance of Tender – Maintenance of Lifts at The Limes Estate
2.2	Describe the main aims, objectives and purpose of the policy (or decision):
	Decision that the Tender for the contract for maintenance of the passenger lift contract for the Limes Estate be awarded to Essex Lift Services Ltd.
	What outcome(s) are you hoping to achieve (ie decommissioning or commissioning a service)?
	A reliable passenger lift service is essential for the residents and visitors of the Limes Farm Housing Estate with accessibility issues, whether it's physical or due to other issues such as pushchairs, accompanying young children, carrying heavy shopping along with services such as furniture and white goods deliveries
2.3	Does or will the policy or decision affect: <ul> <li>service users</li> <li>employees</li> <li>the wider community or groups of people, particularly where there are areas of known inequalities?</li> </ul>
	All of the above
	Will the policy or decision influence how organisations operate?
	No
2.4	Will the policy or decision involve substantial changes in resources?
	No
2.5	Is this policy or decision associated with any of the Council's other policies and how, if applicable, does the proposed policy support corporate outcomes?



# Section 3: Evidence/data about the user population and consultation<sup>1</sup>

As a minimum you must consider what is known about the population likely to be affected which will support your understanding of the impact of the policy, eg service uptake/usage, customer satisfaction surveys, staffing data, performance data, research information (national, regional and local data sources).

## 3.0 Reference Material

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#### Age

Appendix ref.001 – NOMIS Data

Appendix ref.002

– ONS Data:

Population

2011 ONS EFDC Area Age Structure	2011	ONS	<b>EFDC</b>	Area	Age	Structure
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Age	%	Age	%	Age	%	Age	
0-4	5.9% (7366)	15	1.2% (1519)	25-29	5.3% (6624)	65-74	9.2% (11464)
5-7	3.4% (4193)	16-17	2.5% (3094)	30-44	20.5 (25542)	75-84	6.2% (7743)
8-9	2.1% (2638)	18-19	2.2% (2771)	45-59	21% (26169)	85-89	1.7% (2178)
10-14	5.8% (7235)	20-24	5.3% (6663)	60-64	6.7% (8295)	90+	0.9% (1165)

Ageing population will require dwellings that are adaptable.

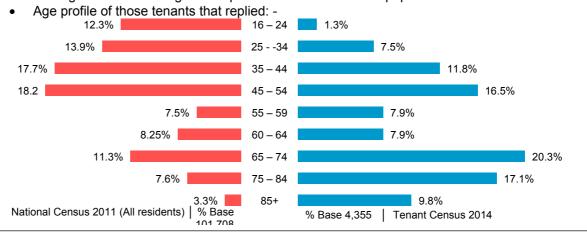
- 1. 45-59 yrs 21% (26169)
- 2. 30-44 yrs 20.5 (25542)
- 3. 65-74 yrs 9.2% (11464)
- 4. 60-64 yrs 6.7% (8295)

- 5. 75-84 yrs 6.2% (7743)
- 6. 0-4 yrs 5.9% (7366)
- 7. 0-14 yrs 5.8% (7235)

Appendix ref.008 – Epping Forest Census 2014 Over half of all tenants (57%) responded.

47% of those tenants were 65 or over and 26.9% were 75 and over.

At the time of the Tenant census the respondents were older than the wider EFD population, with a median age of tenants being 63 compared to 48 for the overall population of EFDC.



Appendix ref.009 – Epping Forest Draft Local Plan Consultation Ageing population – will require dwellings that are adaptable and accessible for disabilities/ Pg 13 Paragraph 2.4 states:

"The District's population increased by almost 17,000 between 1961 and 2011. Government estimates that the District's population had risen by just over 5,000 since 2011." "In 2011, compared to the rest of England, the District had smaller proportions of people aged under 30 and a larger proportion of people aged 45 to 64 years and 65 years and over." "by 2033, projections suggest the proportion of people aged over 65 years will rise sharply

2016

compared to the other age bands"

& <u>BGP1</u>
<u>Housing</u>
<u>Background</u>
Paper

Ageing population. Demand on health services. Need dwellings that are accessible and adaptable.

## EFDC ER's Vol 1-5 JCT DB11

Contractors are required to produce a plan to target employment for the existing estate and local labour and discuss opportunities that will be available on any project to enable the placement of apprentices and trainees.

Appendix ref.011 – Employers Requirements -Generic Also, contractors are required to recruit new apprentices and trainees from approved sources - 'The Contractor shall employ apprentices and trainees for supervised waged work experience, throughout the duration of this contract.

Contractor will agree numbers of apprentices. Trainees or waged trainees weeks on site with the Employed based on the thresholds contained within the Framework Agreement.

Appendix ref.012 – Strategic Housing Market Assessment for West Essex & East Herts 2015 Pg101 & 108

- ECC demand analysis assessment identified a shortfall in independent living units.
- Older people are living longer, healthier lives and specialist housing offered today may not be appropriate for the future years.
- Accessible housing in the district is needed with a view of adaptable lifetime homes.
- Government's reform of Health and Adult Social Care is underpinned by sustaining people at home for as long as possible. Dwellings to meet cat. 2 requirements (dependent on viability).

#### Disability / Dependents / Caring Responsibilities

Appendix ref.017 - ECC Development Management Policies (to be read in conjunction with,

- Appendix ref.018 -The Urban Place Supplement; and,
- 2. The Essex Design Guide,
- Appendix ref.019 -Parking Standards Design and Good Practice.
- The reports reflect the required balance between the need for new housing, protecting the transport network for the safe movement of people. Lists design standards, accessibility and transport sustainability policies along with Impact and mitigation policies such as safety audits, congestion, air quality and HGV movement.
- 2. Provides guidance on the layout of densities below 20 dwellings per hectare/ over 20 dwellings. Provides guidance for accessibility for disabled people to dwellings. Good practice to design new dwellings to be able to be visited unassisted by disabled people as far as the entry to the dwelling. There will need to be a flat area 900mm x 900mm minimum on the same level as the threshold outside the entrance to each dwelling. (pg80)
- 3. Provides guidance on parking standards. 1 car parking space for every 4sqm of GFA. (Gross Floor Area. If a development has a GFA of 17sqm, a calculation 17 divided by 4 gives 4.25 spaces, rounded up to the nearest whole number giving a total number of 5 spaces.

  Bus routes within the residential developments will require a min clear passage of

Bus routes within the residential developments will require a min clear passage of 6 metres.

Appendix ref.024 – Strategic Housing Market Assessment

- Pg 108: Report supports the need for 15% of affordable housing to meet Category 3 requirement to aide accessibility for wheelchair users.
- Currently, 1-30 households in England (3.3%) have at least one wheelchair user. These
  proportions are likely to increase over the period to 2033.
- Therefore, adaptable accessible housing is needed.

## Decent Home Definition

EFDC meets the Decent Home Standard.

To meet the Decent Homes Standard the Council or Housing Association home must: -

- Meet the HHSRS minimum safety standards for housing
- Be in a reasonable state of repair
- Have reasonably modern facilities and services
- Have efficient heating and effective insulation.

If the property does not meet all four of the criteria it will fail the Decent Home Standard.

#### Gender

Appendix ref.025 – ONS

Epping Forest district population: -

• 64219 – 51.5% - female

#### Data for Epping

60440 - 48.5% - male

#### Marriage / Civil Partnerships

Appendix ref.029 -
ONS Data 2011 -
Population

Of the Epping Forest District population:

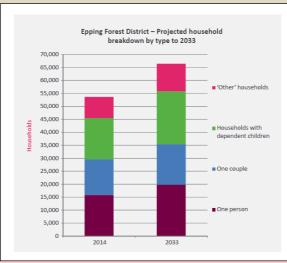
- 49.9% are married
- 0.2% are in a same-sex civil partnership

Appendix ref.012 -Strategic Housing Market Assessment for West Essex & East Herts (Sep 2015)

- Population projection information gathered from the census shows the changing of household trends and provision for the future needs for existing families and new family unit trends.
- EFDC needs to provide approximately 11,300 (as mentioned above)
- The approximate affordable housing need by tenure and dwelling size 3,200.

# Pregnancy / maternity & Dependents/Carers

Appendix ref. 009 - Epping **Forest Draft** Local Plan Consultation 2016



'It is expected that the total number of households (a household being a single person who lives alone, or a group of people who live together) in 2011 was roughly 52,000. This is expected to rise to approximately 66,460 by 2033. The household projections suggest that by 2033. there will be proportionately more households consisting of one person, or a family with dependent children, and proportionately less households consisting of one couple.'

#### Race

Appendix ref.030 – ONS Data 2011 – Ethnic
Ethnic Groups

- 85.2 White; English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- 4 White: Other White
- 24 Asian/Asian British; Indian
- 1.1 White: Irish 1
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British; African
- 0.9 Asian/Asian British; Other Asian
- 8.0 Black/African/Caribbean/Black British; Caribbean
- 0.7 Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups; White and Black Caribbean

- 0.7 Asian/Asian British; Pakistani
- 0.6 Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups; White and Asian
- 0.6 Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups; Other Mixed
- 0.5 Asian/Asian British; Chinese
- 0.5 Other Ethnic Group; Any Other Ethnic Group
- 0.2 Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups; White and Black African
- 0.2 Asian/Asian British; Bangladeshi
  - Black/African/Caribbean/Black British; Other Black
- 0.1 White; Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- 0.1 Other Ethnic Group; Arab

# **Appendix** ref.008 -**Epping** Forest Census 2014

Just over half of all tenants responded: -

36%	vvnite irisn	5%	Bangiadesni
87%	White – Other	9%	Asian - Other
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23% Black - African 3% Mixed – White and Black African

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16% Mixed - Other 11% Black – Caribbean 4% Black - Other 1% Chinese

7% Indian 9% Other ethnic group 3% Pakistani 3% Gypsy / Roma / Traveller background

# Religion / belief

Appendix ref. 033 - ONS Data

Of the EFDC Population

- Christian 61.8% (77053) Jewish − 3.2% (3972) • Other religion -0.3% (432)
- Buddhist 0.3% (416) Muslim - 1.9% (2377) • No religion -22.5% (28061)

	◆ Hindu – 1.4% (1745)     ◆ Sikh – 1% (1253)     ◆ Do not wish to disclose – 7.6%
Sexual orienta	ation and Gender reassignment
Appendix ref.008 – Epping Forest Census 2014	57% of all tenants responded stating –  • 62.2% were heterosexual  • 0.6% were gay or bisexual  • 10% did not specify

3.1	What does the information tell you about those groups identified?
	Increasing population, especially an increasing older generation. Therefore, a greater need for housing that can be easily adapted to suit the resident's needs. Quality housing is vital to ensure both the mental and physical wellbeing - investing in energy efficiency housing.
3.2	Have you consulted or involved those groups that are likely to be affected by the policy or decision you want to implement? If so, what were their views and how have their views influenced your decision?
3.3	If you have not consulted or engaged with communities that are likely to be affected by the policy or decision, give details about when you intend to carry out consultation or provide reasons for why you feel this is not necessary:

Use this section to	assess any potent	ial impact on equalit	y groups based o	n what you now	/ know.	
Description of	Positive, neutral, adverse (explain why)			Extent of impact Low, medium, high (use L, M or H)		
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Pregnancy/maternity					m	
Race					m	
Religion/belief					m	
Sexual orientatio	n					
Gender					m	
Gender reassign	ment				m	
Marriage/civil partnership				m		
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Section 6: Action plan to address and monitor adverse impacts					
What are the potential adverse impacts?	What are the mitigating actions?	Date they will be achieved.			

you could put in place.

equality groups?

Section 7: Sign off I confirm that this initial analysis has been completed appropriately. (A typed signature is sufficient.)				
Signature of Head of Service:				
Signature of person completing the EqIA: Mary Masterson				

# Advice

Keep your director informed of all equality & diversity issues. We recommend that you forward a copy of every EqIA you undertake to the director responsible for the service area. Retain a copy of this EqIA for your records. If this EqIA relates to a continuing project, ensure this document is kept under review and updated, eg after a consultation has been undertaken.