

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL EQUALITY ANALYSIS / IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

This document is available in other formats, Please contact
alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or telephone on 03000 421553 (this number goes to an answer machine which is monitored
during office hours)

Directorate: Growth, Environment & Transport

Name of policy, procedure, project or service: 1819 EXT – CA- 534 London Road, Canterbury – FOOTWAY SCHEME

What is being assessed? Highway Project

Responsible Owner: Tim Read

Date of Initial Screening: 20.02.18

Date of Full EqIA :19.11.18

Version	Author	Date	Comment
1	M Matthews (Norris)	20.02.18	First draft
2	M Matthews (Norris)	19.11.18	Second draft
3	Agyepong, Akua	22.11.18	Edited with comments
4	M Matthews (Norris)	03.12.18	For approval of Jamie Watson and Gary Peak
5			
6			

Screening Grid

Characteristic	Could this policy, procedure, project or service, or any proposed changes to it, affect this group less favourably than others in Kent? YES/NO If yes how?	Assessment of potential impact HIGH/MEDIUM LOW/NONE UNKNOWN		Provide details: a) Is internal action required? If yes what? b) Is further assessment required? If yes, why?	Could this policy, procedure, project or service promote equal opportunities for this group? YES/NO - Explain how good practice can promote equal opportunities
		Positive	Negative	Internal action must be included in Action Plan	If yes you must provide detail
Age	<p><i>Consideration to users of The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the Blind, Georges Turles House, and Pilgrims Hospice are all situated on the opposing side to the works.</i></p> <p><i>Consideration to users from The Canterbury High School.</i></p> <p><i>Issues may be raised during the notification period which will be considered as they arise.</i></p> <p><i>The areas of parking which are being removed. (however until we receive feedback from people who use this parking, whether there are people adversely affected due to their age more than others is not known)</i></p>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>None</i>	<p><i>Contact and dialogue has been made directly with The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the Blind, Georges Turles House, Pilgrims Hospice and Canterbury High School (as noted to the left) to engage with them and ascertain any considerations to be taken into account.</i></p> <p><i>The works will have a temporary footway with tapping rail and ramps all as per the</i></p>	<p><i>Yes – Children and older people who cannot drive may rely on pedestrian access or indeed access to public transport to get them to school, retail, leisure etc destinations as well as general mobility. This scheme will help to improve pedestrian access and pedestrian access to public transport. Improvements to the footway will also make access safer for all people by making the footway wider for mobility scooters/pram and wheelchair users.</i></p>

				<p><i>Safety at Street Works and Road Works Code of Practice. We may also as appropriate have temporary pedestrian crossing places linking up to the bus stops on either side of the road No adverse effects have been identified however issues may be raised during the consultation period which will be considered as they arise and added to the Action Plan. We will suspend 3 parking bays on one side of the road, then once the works are complete we will install the new car parking bay.</i></p>	
Disability	<p><i>Consideration to users of The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the Blind, Georges Turles House, and Pilgrims Hospice are all situated on the opposing side to the works.</i></p>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>None</i>	<p><i>Contact and dialogue has been made directly with The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the</i></p>	<p><i>Yes – people with disabilities who cannot drive may rely on pedestrian access and access to public transport to get them to work, retail, leisure etc destinations as well as general mobility. This</i></p>

	<p><i>Consideration to users from The Canterbury High School.</i></p> <p><i>Issues may be raised during the notification period which will be considered as they arise. The most likely issue relates to the areas of parking which are being removed however until we receive feedback from people who use this parking, whether there are people adversely affected due to their age more than others is not known</i></p>		<p><i>Blind, Georges Turles House and Prilgrims Hospice and Canterbury High School (as noted to the left) to engage with them and ascertain any considerations to be taken into account. The works will have a temporary footway with tapping rail and ramps all as per the Safety at Street Works and Road Works Code of Practice. We may also as appropriate have temporary pedestrian crossing places linking up to the bus stops on either side of the road No adverse effects have been identified however issues may be raised during the notification period which will be considered as they arise and added to the Action Plan.</i></p>	<p><i>scheme will help to improve pedestrian access and access to public transport.</i></p>
--	--	--	--	---

				<i>We will suspend 3 parking bays on one side of the road, then once the works are complete we will install the new car parking bay.</i>	
Sex	No	None	None	No	N/A
Gender identity	No	None	None	No	N/A
Race	No	None	None	No	N/A
Religion or belief	No	None	None	No	N/A
Sexual orientation	No	None	None	No	N/A
Carer's Responsibilities	<p><i>Consideration to users of The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the Blind, Georges Turles House, and Pilgrims Hospice are all situated on the opposing side to the works.</i></p> <p><i>Consideration to users from The Canterbury High School.</i></p> <p><i>Issues may be raised during the notification period which will be considered as they arise.</i></p> <p>Issues relating to the areas of parking being removed may be feedback from people who use this parking, whether they are people adversely affected due to their</p>	Low	None	<p><i>Contact and dialogue has been made directly with The London Road GP Surgery, Kent Association for the Blind, Georges Turles House, Pilgrims Hospice and Canterbury High School (as noted to the left) to engage with them to ascertain any considerations to be taken into account.</i></p> <p><i>The works on the opposite side to these noted places</i></p>	Yes – Carers who rely on public transport to access services with their charges will benefit from wider footpaths to access bus services which will help them to ensure they can attend appointments etc.

	Carer's Responsibilities more than others is not known		<i>will have a temporary footway with tapping rail,ramps all as per the Safety at Street Works and Road Works Code of Practice. We may also as appropriate have temporary pedestrian crossing places linking up to the bus stops on either side of the road No adverse effects have been identified however issues may be raised during the notification period which will be considered as they arise and added to the Action Plan. We will suspend 3 parking bays on one side of the road, then once the works are complete we will install the new car parking bay.</i>	
--	--	--	--	--

Part 1: INITIAL SCREENING

Proportionality - Based on the answers in the above screening grid what weighting would you ascribe to this function – see Risk Matrix

Low	Medium	High
Low relevance or Insufficient information/evidence to make a judgement.	Medium relevance or Insufficient information/evidence to make a Judgement.	High relevance to equality, /likely to have adverse impact on protected groups

State rating & reasons : **LOW** – this is a Highway footway improvement scheme that enhances accessibility for all users by widening the path whilst retaining all but one of the old London Plain trees, providing benefit for children, carers, older people and disabled people who cannot, or choose not to drive and instead walk or take public transport.

Context: -

The south eastern footway along London Road (between Somner Close and Rheims Way) has become a significant issue for pedestrians due to the impact of the large London Plain trees which have grown so big that they have naturally narrowed the footway by the girth of the tree trunk. Their roots have lifted the hard surface making it very uneven. This is a problem for a wide range of people including those who are wheelchair or mobility scooter users, people with vision or mobility impairments or pushchair and pram users.

Benefits:

Widening the footway behind some of the trees where land allows and narrowing the carriageway on London Road in some areas will provide additional space for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and pushchairs, enabling easier access for these users without affecting the trees.

Aims and Objectives:

To minimise the need to remove these old trees down to just one tree (where there is no alternative) whilst improving the standard and width of footway for all users. The scheme will also improve pedestrian access to public transport services.

Beneficiaries: *Pedestrians, Wheelchair, Mobility Scooter, Pram and Pushchair, Vision impaired and Mobility impaired users, Public Transport Users.*

Information and Data:

London Road in Canterbury is in the South East region of England. The postcode is within the Westgate ward/electoral division, which is in the constituency of Canterbury.

London Road in Canterbury is tree lined with well established London Plain trees.

It is populated with private residencies and buisnesses. London Road is a main route from Rheims Way to Whitstable and to the Westgate Towers. The existing footpath serves multiple vehicle crossovers to these varying premises.

In the area that the works are proposed, there is a Pilgrims Hospice, Georges Turles House, Kent Association for the Blind and the London Road GP Surgery together with various B&B Guest Houses. . The considerations to be paricularly mindful given these characteristics are for visually impaired , mobility impaired, school children accessing public transport services to attend the Canterbury High School site, Foreign visitors, Carers and users of the organisations listed, together with users of Georges Turles House

Involvement and Engagement: KCC have engaged with various groups and stakeholders and will be notifying residents, businesses and the wider community of the scheme proposal via a hard copy letter drop to the immediate area concerned. The proposals will be accessible via the KCC website. Local groups with an interest in highway improvements will also be notified.

Potential Impact: *Highway scheme – High impact.*

Adverse Impact: Medium/Low during construction phase

Positive Impact: High.

JUDGEMENT

No major change - no potential for discrimination and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken

Monitoring and Review: Kent County Council being the highway authority will manage the delivery and overall maintenance of the scheme. The local Joint Transport Board are informed of this scheme and will be kept up to date of any changes. This document will be regularly reviewed to reflect any concerns raised through the process. In particular the notification leaflet will seek comments from protected groups and responses will be used to inform further reviews of this document.

Sign Off

I have noted the content of the equality impact assessment and agree that no actions are required to mitigate any currently known adverse impact(s).

Senior Officer

Signed: Approved by email

Name: Tim Read

Job Title: Head of Transportation

Date: 03.12.18

DMT Member

Signed:

Name: Simon Jones

Job Title: Director of Highways,
Transportation and Waste

Date: 03.12.18

