EQUALITY ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKLIST

Name of 'proposal' and how has it been implemented (proposal can be a policy, service, function, strategy, project, procedure, restructure/savings proposal)	 Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Plan The above plan has been prepared by the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum and forms part of the neighbourhood planning process. Neighbourhood Planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Under the Act, communities can shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans and other planning tools. 	
	The above plan sets out policies for the development of the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Area, the plan is currently in draft form and has been subject to public consultation. Adoption of the plan will be via independent examination and	
	public referendum.	
Directorate / Service	Strategic Planning, Place Directorate	
Lead Officer	Ellie Kuper Thomas, Principal Planning Officer	
Signed Off By (inc date)	Marissa Ryan-Hernandez 10.11.17	
Summary – to be completed at the end of completing the QA (using Appendix A) (Please provide a summary of the findings of the Quality	Proceed with implementation As a result of performing the QA checklist, the plan does not	

	Assurance checklist. What has happened as a result of the QA? For example, based on the QA a Full EA will be undertaken or, based on the QA a Full EA will not be undertaken as due regard to the nine protected groups is embedded in the proposal and the proposal has low relevance to equalities)	appear to have any adverse effects on people who share <i>Protected Characteristics</i> and no further actions are recommended at this stage.
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Stage	Checklist Area / Question	Yes / No / Unsure	Comment (If the answer is no/unsure, please ask the question to the SPP Service Manager or nominated equality lead to clarify)
1	Overview of Proposal		
а	Are the outcomes of the proposals clear?	Yes	The plan has a clear vision and objectives to contribute towards: "A liveable environment in which our diverse community can work, rest and play."
b	Is it clear who will be or is likely to be affected by what is being proposed (inc service users and staff)? Is there information about the equality profile of those affected?	Yes	The makeup of the community is defined within the Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement using 2011 census data.
2 Monitoring / Collecting Evidence / Data and Consultation			ultation
а	Is there reliable qualitative and quantitative data to support claims made about impacts?	Yes	A number of quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to inform the plan policies, including population data and data relating to land use.
	Is there sufficient evidence of local/regional/national research that can inform the analysis?	Yes	The plan has considered local/regional and national planning policy guidance including council policies and plans (including to Core Strategy, the managing Development Document, the South Quay Masterplan and the emerging Local Plan), the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

			Other research has also been undertaken.
b	Has a reasonable attempt been made to ensure relevant knowledge and expertise (people, teams and partners) have been involved in the analysis?	Yes	 The purpose of neighbourhood planning is to provide the opportunity for local communities to play a greater role in determining the future of their area. The plan has therefore been led by the local community. However, the Isle of Dogs Forum has had professional input in the preparation of the plan. The process has also been supported by Council Planning Officers. Consultation on the draft plan has been undertaken with statutory consultees (such as Transport for London and Historic England) as well as local stakeholders and revisions to the plan have been made accordingly.
С	Is there clear evidence of consultation with stakeholders and users from groups affected by the proposal?	Yes	The Consultation Statement submitted evidences a wide reaching consultation process with stakeholders and users from groups who live or work within and around the neighbourhood area and would therefore be impacted by the plans.
3	Assessing Impact and Analysis		
а	Are there clear links between the sources of evidence (information, data etc) and the interpretation of impact amongst the nine protected characteristics?	Yes	The Basic Conditions Statement includes an assessment of the impact of the proposed policies on groups with protected characteristics (pages 23 and 24).
b	Is there a clear understanding of the way in which proposals applied in the same way can have unequal impact on different groups?	Yes	The Basic Conditions Statement includes an assessment of the impact of the proposed policies on each of the groups with protected characteristics (pages 23 and 24). This demonstrates an understanding of the need to consider impacts on different groups.
4	Mitigation and Improvement Action Plan		
а	Is there an agreed action plan?	Yes	The plan sets out objectives and next steps - including a number of priority projects to help deliver the plan policies and developing a 'Long Plan.'

			The plan sets out statutory consultation of the plan by the Council, independent examination and public referendum amongst its next steps.
b	Have alternative options been explored	Yes	The plan has been revised following consultation and input and different versions of the plan exist – which shows that different policy options have been considered and amended.
5	Quality Assurance and Monitoring		
а	Are there arrangements in place to review or audit the implementation of the proposal?	Yes	The plan will be monitored as part of the Council's Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) of local plan documents.
b	Is it clear how the progress will be monitored to track impact across the protected characteristics?	Yes	The AMR will capture the monitoring and review of the plan and track the impacts.
6	Reporting Outcomes and Action Plan		
а	Does the executive summary contain sufficient information on the key findings arising from the assessment?	Yes	The Basic Conditions Statement includes a summary which assesses the key findings arising from the statement (page 18).