



City of Edinburgh Council

Record of Equality and Rights Impact Assessment

Part 1: Background and Information

(a) Background Details

Please list ERIA background details:

ERIA Title and Summary Description:

Review of Edinburgh Design Guidance

There are three interlinked guidance documents in existence providing advice to developers on Planning and Transport matters: the Guidance, the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (ESDG), and Parking Standards for Development Management (Parking Standards). These guidance documents are disparate, and are not effectively aligned towards collectively achieving the outcome of creating better places. The review therefore sets out to achieve synergy between the guidance documents in the context of the overarching placemaking agenda.

Service Area	Division	Head of Service	Service Area Reference No.
PLACE	Place Development	Michael Thain	2017P114

(b) What is being impact assessed?

Describe the different policies or services (i.e. decisions, projects, programmes, policies, services, reviews, plans, functions or practices that relate to the Corporate ERIA Title):

Policies and Services	Date ERIA commenced
Edinburgh Design Guidance and Parking Standards for Development Management	12.01.2017

(c) When is it due to be reviewed? (insert furthest away date if question relates to a number of review dates) **2021**

(d) ERIA Team

Please list all ERIA Team Members:

Name	Organisation / Service Area
Steven Murrell	City of Edinburgh Council, Planning and Transport
Will Garrett	City of Edinburgh Council, Planning and Transport

Name	Organisation / Service Area
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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Part 2: Evidence and Impact Assessment

(a) Evidence Base

Please record the evidence used to support the ERIA. Any identified evidence gaps can be recorded at [part 3a](#). Please allocate an abbreviation for each piece of evidence.

Evidence	Abbreviation
1. Officer knowledge	

(b) Rights Impact Assessment – Summary

Please describe all the identified enhancements and infringements of rights against the following ten areas of rights. Please also consider issues of poverty and health inequality within each area of rights:

- Life
- Health
- Physical security
- Legal security
- Education and learning
- Standard of living
- Productive and valued activities
- Individual, family and social life
- Identity, expression and respect
- Participation, influence and voice

Please indicate alongside each identified enhancement or infringement the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Summary of Enhancements of Rights
Provision of well managed open space allows citizens to participate in outdoor activities that improve health and wellbeing, from sport, informal recreation, walking and cycling to outdoor exercise, play and learning opportunities. The guidance helps to enhance rights to health by supporting the creation of attractive urban environments with access to good quality private and public green space, and sustainable modes of transport. The guidance helps to enhance rights to a good standard of living, including rights to individual, family and social life through supporting the creation of attractive mixed use urban environments with a mix of housing types that are well designed and have reasonable levels of daylight and sunlight
Summary of Infringement of Rights
Can these infringements be justified? Are they proportional?
There are no infringements of rights under these proposals.

(c) Equality Impact Assessment – Summary

Please consider all the protected characteristics when answering questions 1, 2 and 3 below. Please also consider the issues of poverty and health inequality within each protected characteristic:

- Age

- Disability
- Gender identity
- Marriage / civil partnership
- Pregnancy / maternity
- Race
- Religion / belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

1. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation. Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
The Guidance, amongst other improvements to where people live and work, seeks to improve access to quality open space and play for all and has no identified positive impacts on the duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation.
Negative Impacts
There are no identified negative impacts on the duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

2. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to advance equality of opportunity (i.e. by removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of particular groups that are different from the needs of others and encouraging participation in public life)? Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
The guidance has the potential to impact positively to reduce socio-economic disadvantage by promoting accessibility, provision of open space and affordable housing. The guidance helps to reduce living costs through reduced energy demands. The guidance also aims to improve personal security by ensuring natural surveillance in all new developments.
Negative Impacts
There will be no negative impacts on the duty to advance equality

3. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to foster good relations (i.e. by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding)? Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
The guidance is primarily concerned with the physical environment. In this regard, the protected characteristics which are most impacted by the guidance are Age and Disability. It has the potential to impact positively on these protected characteristics by promoting adaptable housing and tenures to meet their varying needs, as well as better use of materials, layouts and legibility of public streets and spaces.
Negative Impacts
There will be no negative impacts on the duty to foster good relations.

Part 3: Evidence Gaps, Recommendations, Justifications and Sign Off

(a) Evidence Gaps

Please list all relevant evidence gaps and action to address identified gaps.

Evidence Gaps	Action to address gaps
None	None

(b) Recommendations

Please record SMART recommendations which may include actions to

- (i) eliminate unlawful practice or infringements of absolute rights;
- (ii) justify identified infringements of rights; or
- (iii) mitigate identified negative equality impacts
- (iv) further advance equality and rights, and promote good relations.

Recommendation	Responsibility of (name)	Timescale
None		

(c) Sign Off

I, the undersigned, am content that:

- (i) the ERIA record represents a thorough and proportionate ERIA analysis based on a sound evidence base;
- (ii) the ERIA analysis gives no indication of unlawful practice or violation of absolute rights;
- (iii) the ERIA recommendations are proportionate and will be delivered;
- (iv) the results of the ERIA process have informed officer or member decision making;
- (v) that the record of ERIA has been published on the Council's website / intranet, or
- (vi) that the ERIA record has been reviewed and re-published.

Date	Sign Off (print name and position)	Reason for Sign Off (please indicate which reason/s from list (i) to (vi) above)
4.8.2017	Steven Murrell (Senior Transport Officer)	(i, ii, iv)
8/9/17	Michael Thain, Head of Place Development	i,ii,iii