

Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Plan- Regulation 16 Consultation

Title of proposed EIA	Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation
Reference No	EQUA937
EA is in support of	New Policy
Review Frequency	Annually
Date of first review	24/07/2023
Directorate	Inclusive Growth
Division	Planning and Development
Service Area	City Centre Planning Team
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Quality Control Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Woodland
Accountable Officer(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Simon Delahunty-Forrest
Purpose of proposal	To obtain authority to publicise the Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Plan to the next round of public consultation and subsequent examination and referendum.
Data sources	Survey(s); Consultation Results; Interviews; relevant reports/strategies; relevant research
Please include any other sources of data	
ASSESS THE IMPACT AGAINST THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Protected characteristic: Age	Service Users / Stakeholders; Employees; Wider Community
Age details:	The Neighbourhood plan aims to create environments that provide services and opportunities for all and fosters strong communities. Regulation 16 statutory consultation undertaken by the City Council will follow the adopted Statement of Community Involvement and all contacts on the City Councils consultation database will be notified. These will include a wide range of consultees of all age groups covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and business groups, males, females, statutory bodies, and other key stakeholders.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be

available online due to Covid-19 restrictions. This may impact on older citizens ability to engage. This will be mitigated by providing printed copies

of the Neighbourhood Plan and response form on request. A paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to view at Woodcock Street.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to improve the public realm and improve connectivity to green spaces which are accessible to people of all ages. It also aims to protect and enhance community facilities that are accessible and inclusive and meet a mix of community needs.

The Neighbourhood plan supports residential development which contributes to providing a wide choice of housing sizes, types and tenures catering for a range of affordability needs and ages will be supported.

Protected characteristic: Disability

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Disability details:

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The Neighbourhood plan will be reviewed to ensure it meets the legal accessibility requirements before being published on the Councils website for consultation.

The Neighbourhood Plan supports measures to improve accessibility across the Jewellery Quarter especially for those with mobility or visual impairments. This includes requiring step-free access to all new-build development and improvements to the public realm.

The Neighbourhood Plan also encourages businesses and dwellings to follow a code of conduct when placing items on the pavement, to ensure that wheelchairs can pass

freely. Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police will be supported in enforcement action where necessary.

Protected characteristic: Sex

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Gender details:

Regulation 16 statutory consultation undertaken by the City Council will follow the adopted Statement of Community Involvement and all contacts on the City Councils consultation database will be notified. These will include a wide range of consultees covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and business groups, males, females, statutory bodies, and other key stakeholders.

The neighbourhood plan intends to make JQ a safe and attractive environment for all residents, businesses, and visitors. One area that the plan focuses on is the canals. The plan promotes development to provide a safe and attractive environment and, where possible, provide new access routes between the canal and the street network. Development should also help address the dark corners and blind spots along sections of the canal which attract antisocial behaviour. This will provide natural surveillance which will encourage everyone to use the area, including females and young ones.

Protected characteristics: Gender Reassignment

Not Applicable

Gender reassignment details:

N/A

Protected characteristics: Marriage and Civil Partnership

Not Applicable

Marriage and civil partnership details:

N/A

Protected characteristics: Pregnancy and Maternity

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Pregnancy and maternity details:

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contacts on the City Councils
consolation database will be notified.
These will include a wide range of
consultees covering voluntary, ethnic,
religious, disability, environmental and
business groups, males, females,
statutory bodies and other key
stakeholders.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to
improve the public realm in the plan
area and the accessibility to green
spaces. More greenery will improve
health and wellbeing. It also aims to
protect and enhance community
facilities that are accessible and
inclusive and meet a mixture of
community needs.

Protected characteristics: Race

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Race details:

Previous consultations and the
Regulation 16 statutory consultation
which will be undertaken by the City
Council will follow the adopted
Statement of Community Involvement
and all contacts on the City Councils
consolation database will be notified.
These will include a wide range of
consultees from all races, covering
voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability,
environmental and business groups,
males, females, statutory bodies and
other key stakeholders. The
Neighbourhood Plan aims to create
environments that are accessible for
all, with improved connectivity and
accessibility to green spaces and
canals.

Protected characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Religion or beliefs details:

Regulation 16 statutory consultation
undertaken by the City Council will
follow the adopted Statement of
Community Involvement and all
contacts on the City Councils
consolation database will be notified.
These will include a wide range of
consultees covering voluntary, ethnic,
religious, disability, environmental and

business groups, males, females, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to improve the public realm and improve connectivity to green spaces which are accessible to people of all religions and cultures. The plan will protect and enhance several religious buildings including St Paul's church. This will provide greater opportunities for active cohesive communities.

Protected characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Service Users / Stakeholders;
Employees; Wider Community

Sexual orientation details:

The Neighbourhood plan aims to create environments that provide services and opportunities for all and fosters strong communities. Regulation 16 statutory consultation undertaken by the City Council will follow the adopted Statement of Community Involvement and all contacts on the City Councils consultation database will be notified. These will include a wide range of consultees covering voluntary, ethnic, religious, disability, environmental and business groups, males, females, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders.

Socio-economic impacts

The Neighbourhood plan will have positive socio-economic impact by conserving the Jewellery Quarter's industrial heritage. The plan aims to protect the jewellery industry by preventing loss of workspaces and providing new suitable workspaces. It will promote investment and enhance Jewellery Quarter as a creative district. New high quality public spaces will provide focal points, making the area even easier to navigate more greenery will improve health and wellbeing by providing access to nature and increasing biodiversity.

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

No further action is necessary. Whilst production of the Plan is not the responsibility of the Council, officers have been in close contact with the Neighbourhood Forum to advise on legal/statutory requirements which expectations around consultation and engagement. Neighbourhood Planning is a right for communities as per the Localism Act 2011. Adoption of the Plan will be via independent examination and public referendum. The equality assessment considers how implementation of the Jewellery Quarter neighbourhood Plan would contribute to the realisation of equality in the area. The assessment will be used to inform the future stages and its implementation.

Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended

NO

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

A number of quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to inform the plan policies, including surveys, population data and data relating to land use.

Consultation analysis

The Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood forum undertook several rounds of consultations during the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan has been involved in extensive consultation with the area's communities over a long period of time with groundwork starting as far as 2011. To ensure residents of all ages (such as those with work commitments) would have the best chance of learning and contributing to the process of the neighbourhood plan, various opportunities were presented at different stages of plan production. The latest opportunity was the Regulation 14 consultation which took place between July 2020 and September 2020. During the course of plan production, events were hosted in a range of venues on different dates and times in order to be convenient for

all members of the community.

Involving the community in the development of these policies has been at the heart of the creation of the Jewellery Quarter Neighbourhood Plan, with the people who live and work in the area regularly engaged with to make sure their feedback was considered. The neighbourhood plan submitted included a consultation statement which shows how the neighbourhood plan was consulted and how they addressed the comments received.

The Regulation 14 consultation was accompanied by a range of online presentations and Q&A sessions. Nearly 200 individual comments were received from a range of parties and in general showed strong support for the Neighbourhood Plan and its policies. Comments were reviewed and processed by the Forum. A 'Reg 14 Comments Tracker' was produced and is appended to the submitted Consultation Statement. This summarised the comments received, and the action taken for each and every comment received. The Consultation Statement will be made available during the City Council's statutory consultation.

The City Council will undertake a statutory consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan that will be in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. All groups with protected characteristics will be involved and benefit from the implementation of the neighbourhood plan.

Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

No adverse impacts were identified.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact? Not applicable at this stage

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

Not applicable at this stage

What data is required in the future?

Not applicable at this stage

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s)	No
If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.	No
Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal	Not Required
Consulted People or Groups	
Informed People or Groups	
Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA	The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a strategy to improve and enhance the natural and built environment of the Jewellery Quarter. It will enhance the JQ as a creative quarter and create spaces that are accessible to all and improve accessibility to green spaces and the canal. It is considered the plan will lead to positive outcomes for the residents, businesses, and visitors. All groups with protected characteristics will benefit from the implementation of the neighbourhood plan.

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing?	No
Quality Control Officer comments	
Decision by Quality Control Officer	Proceed for final approval
Submit draft to Accountable Officer?	No
Decision by Accountable Officer	Approve
Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer	
Reasons for approval or rejection	
Please print and save a PDF copy for your records	Yes

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