

Equalities Analysis for the Allocations and Designations Plan (2020)

Regulation 18

1. Introduction

Purpose

- 1.1 This equalities analysis considers the current version of the Allocations and Designations Plan (A&D Plan). It is currently at draft stage (regulation 18). The Government, via national planning policy, requires all Local Plan Authorities, to allocate sufficient land to meet their development needs as well as protect certain areas. The A&D Plan forms part of the Council's Local Plan which sets out the development plan for Sunderland. It forms the development plan alongside the Core Strategy and Development Plan (CSDP) as well as the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).
- 1.2 To summarise the A&D Plan, it allocates areas for growth and protects certain parts of the City (such as areas of importance to ecology) through designations. The A&D Plan has been supported by a range of evidence base documents as well as Council strategies.

Scope

- 1.3 The A&D Plan relates to the whole of the Sunderland Administrative Area. The document is at the start of its preparation process. There will be two rounds of consultation with stakeholders, which will include residents, alongside statutory consultees, service providers and public sector organisations. In addition, the Council has a 'duty to cooperate' with neighbouring authorities of Durham, Gateshead and South Tyneside.
- 1.4 All consultations will be carried out in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Intelligence and Analysis

- 1.5 The Plan has also been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment), Habitats Regulations Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Equalities Assessment. These impact assessments have considered the impacts of the A&D Plan on the environment, health and equalities issues. In addition to satisfying statutory requirements, this has helped to shape the content of the Plan in order to maximise beneficial effects for local communities and the environment.
- 1.6 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) - this is a technical document which assesses the amount of deliverable and developable land that could be made available for housing development. It is part of the evidence base that informs the A&D Plan.

- 1.7 Greenspace Audit – this provides an understanding of the scale and quality of greenspaces within Sunderland. It provides the basis for addressing quantitative and qualitative deficiencies through the planning process and recommends policies and actions for inclusion within Council documents. It will also enable the City Council to ensure the most effective and efficient use of greenspaces within the city which has formed the basis for setting greenspace designations within the A&D Plan.
- 1.8 Transport Assessment – the purpose of this is to guide the emerging Local Plan and the supporting Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). It assesses the suitability of the local highway network impacted by the A&D sites and identifies potential network improvements to enable the delivery of Sunderland’s Local Plan.
- 1.9 Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) - this identifies the physical, social, green infrastructure needed to support and underpin Sunderland’s growth through to 2033. This assessment of infrastructure is pitched at the macro level, involving all of the city’s residents, and is underpinned by sustainable principles.
- 1.10 In addition to the above, there are several other evidence based documents which have supported the A&D Plan which are located on the planning policy section of the Council website.

2. Impact Assessment

Analysis of Impact on People

Characteristics		List of Impacts	
	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Age	The A&D sets housing growth allocations which will help residents access new housing. Other growth areas such as Riverside Sunderland will have a positive impact on regenerating parts of the Urban Core. Also, the A&D allocates the former Houghton Colliery site for town centre development. This will further provide opportunities to residents with new facilities and improvements to the built environment. In addition, the A&D Plan sets a range of designations which in part seek to protect green spaces and areas of ecological importance. This will ensure that residents have good access to nature and green space as well as protecting Sunderland's natural assets.	None	No known negative impacts.
Disability	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Gender/Sex	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Marriage and Civil Partnership	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.

Pregnancy & Maternity	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Race/Ethnicity	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Religion/Belief	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Sexual Orientation	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.
Transgender/gender identity	As above.	None	No known negative impacts.

Other individuals or groups impacted on:

- 2.1 It is not anticipated that any other specific groups or communities would be affected by the A&D Plan.

Gaps in intelligence and information:

- 2.2 The Council does not consider that there are any gaps in our intelligence regarding equalities matters.

Summary of Impacts and Response to Analysis

- 2.3 The A&D Plan will not directly impact upon any groups and it has the potential to offer benefits to all residents and service providers in Sunderland.

Response to Analysis, Action Plan and Monitoring

	Who	When	Monitoring Arrangements
Cabinet	Strategic and Sustainable Plans Team	December 2021	Manage against indicated timescale.
Consultation Draft (Regulation 18)	Strategic and Sustainable Plans Team	December 2020	Manage against indicated timescale.
Publication Consultation (Regulation 19)	Strategic and Sustainable Plans Team	2021	Manage against indicated timescale.
Submission	Strategic and Sustainable Plans Team	Late 2021	Manage against indicated timescale.
Examination and Adoption	Strategic and Sustainable Plans Team	2022	Manage against indicated timescale.

