



## Equality Impact Assessment

What are you assessing? Please tick the appropriate box below.

Function	Strategy	Policy	Project	Other, please specify below
				Extension to area designated for its ecological importance

<b>Service: Economy</b>	<b>Section: Planning</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Andrew Eadie	<b>Name of function/strategy/ policy/ project assessed:</b> Site of Biological Importance (SBI) - Update
<b>Date of Assessment:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	
<b>Officers Involved:</b> Andrew Eadie	
<b>1.What is the purpose of the function/strategy/policy/project assessed?</b> <i>(Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the function/strategy/policy/project)</i>	
The purpose of what is proposed is to offer additional protection to an area of land which is important in terms of wildlife habitat. The area of land is very rural and uninhabited. The designation proposed would be non-statutory and would not form policy, but would result in something that would 'flag up' the ecological importance of the area so that planning decision makers could take it into account when assessing planning	

applications in the vicinity. SBIs and extensions to SBIs are recommended by the Greater Manchester Ecological Unit (GMEU) and adopted by the local authority.

**2. Who are the key stakeholders?**

Landowner, Council

**3. What is the scope of this equality impact assessment? That is, what is included in this assessment.**

Assess the impact that the function/strategy/policy/project has on race equality, disabled people, carers, older and younger people, men and women, Armed Forces and Ex-Armed Forces personnel, religion or belief, sexual orientation, transsexuals or transgender, people who have undergone gender reassignment in full, pregnant women and those on maternity leave and on married people or those in a civil partnership. This includes both positive and negative impacts.

**4. Which needs is this function/strategy/ policy/ project designed to meet?**

The needs for the Council to take nature conservation interests into account when making planning applications, in order to protect / enhance the environment of the borough for the benefit of the local economy, residents and wildlife.

**5. Has a needs analysis been undertaken?**

No.

**6. Who is affected by this function/strategy/ policy/ project?**

The landowner, local residents.

**7. Who has been involved in the review or development of this function/strategy/ policy/ project and who has been consulted? State your consultation/involvement methodology.**

GMEU have consulted with the landowner in question. The only consultation we undertake is with the Township Committee, who can choose to either approve or not approve the extension.

**8. What data have you considered for this assessment and have any gaps in the data been identified. What action will be taken to close any data gaps?**

The data considered is that gathered by ecologists relating to the flora and fauna present on the site. This does not have any gaps.

**9. Are there any other documents or strategies which are linked to this assessment? If so, please include hyperlinks to these documents below, where available.**

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-planning-policy/the-local-plan/core-strategy/Pages/default.aspx>

**(Submission Core Strategy documents g) Sustainability Appraisal and k) Equalities Impact Assessment)**

**10. What impact will this function/strategy/policy/project have on all the protected groups? This includes both positive and potentially negative impacts.**

#### **Race Equality**

It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact upon any particular racial group.

This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.

#### **Disabled People**

It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.

#### **Carers**

It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.

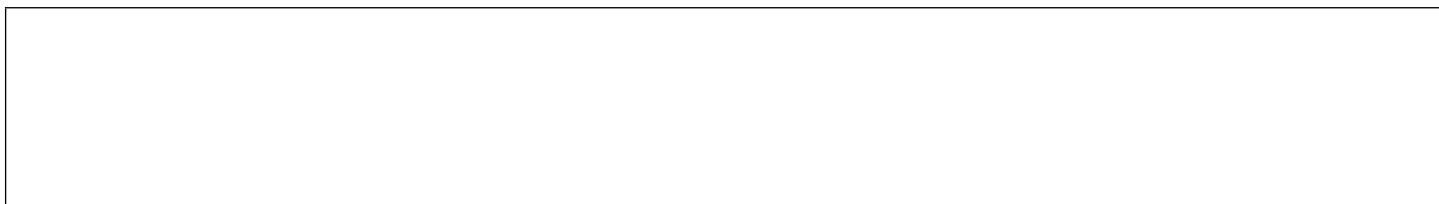
#### **Gender**

It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.

#### **Age**

It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the

quality of life for all residents.
<b>Armed Forces and Ex-Armed Forces Personnel</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>Religion or Belief</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>Pregnant Women or Those on Maternity Leave</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>Marriage or Civil Partnership</b>
It is not anticipated that this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on this group. This proposal will help to protect the environment and therefore should maintain and improve the quality of life for all residents.
<b>11. What are your main conclusions from this analysis?</b>
This proposal is to enhance the protection of wildlife in an area where there are no residents. The impact is likely to be an improvement in the environment of the borough which will be of equal benefit to all.
<b>12. What are your recommendations?</b>
No further recommendations at this stage.
<b>13. What actions are you going to take to address the findings of this assessment? Please attach an action plan including details of designated officers responsible for completing these actions.</b>
The findings of this assessment indicate that no further action is necessary.



Signed (Completing Officer): Andrew Eadie Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Signed (Head of Service): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

