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Subject of the EIA	Introduction of parking charges at Sheldon Country Park
Brief description of the	



Data sources	["Consultation results", "Surveys"]
Data source details	<p>We do not have the demographic data for park visitors i.e. park visitors can come from anywhere in the city, and even further afield, so there is no way of telling the demographics of park visitors. This project will impact on any park user across the city that parks their car at Sheldon Country Park.</p> <p>Discussions will take place with all stakeholders to assess the impact car park charging will be bring and explore possible mitigations. data will be collected from groups and businesses within and near the park, as well as the District Parks Manager and Parks staff. The EIA and consultation results from a similar project at Cannon Hill Park in 2017 highlighted a protected characteristic (Age). This EIA will then consider the impact and mitigations for this protected characteristic.</p>



<p>How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the age characteristic?</p>	<p>Feedback from public consultations from similar projects has led to the decision to revise the chargeable period for parking i.e. car park charges will begin later than originally planned, which will benefit dog walkers. In addition, the charging period will end at 5pm meaning evening parking will remain free (the benefits of which will be felt most in the summer months). This risk is also partially mitigated by the availability of free bus travel for older citizens and the public transport links to the park. In addition, an annual season ticket option will be offered for the benefit of regular park users. Park users/citizens will be asked for their opinions on a suitable pricing structure and their feedback sought on the cost of a season ticket through the forthcoming public consultation. Further reviews of the scheme will take place post implementation to identify possible opportunities to further mitigate the impact on older citizens, young people or families with a low income.</p>
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<p>Does this proposal impact those people with a disability as per the Equality Act 2010?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please describe the impact to the disability characteristic</p>	<p>Disabled drivers/blue badge owners are not disadvantaged by the car park charging scheme, as they are not subject to charging in line with the Council's policy on disabled parking, as long as a valid blue badge is on display within the vehicle whilst parking within the park.</p>
<p>How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the disability characteristic?</p>	<p>The Council's policy on disabled parking mitigates against any negative impact of the car park charging policy.</p>

<p>Does this proposal impact citizens based on their sex as per the Equality Act 2010?</p>	<p>Yes</p>



<p>How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the sex characteristic?</p>	<p>Feedback from public consultations from similar projects has led to the decision to revise the chargeable period for parking i.e. car park charges will begin later than originally planned, which will benefit dog walkers. In addition, the charging period will end at 5pm meaning evening parking will remain free (the benefits of which will be felt most in the summer months). This risk is also partially mitigated by the public transport links to the park. In addition, an annual season ticket option will be offered for the benefit of regular park users. Park users/citizens will be asked for their opinions on a suitable pricing structure and their feedback sought on the cost of a season ticket through the forthcoming public consultation. Further reviews of the scheme will take place post implementation to identify possible opportunities to further mitigate the impact on single parents with a low income.</p>
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<p>Does this proposal impact people who are proposing to undergo, undergoing or have undergone a process to reassign one's sex as per the Equality Act 2010?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Please describe the impact to the gender reassignment characteristic</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the gender reassignment characteristic?</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Does this proposal impact people who are married or in a civil partnership as per the Equality Act 2010?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What legal marital or registered civil partnership status will be impacted by this proposal?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Please describe the impact to the marriage and civil partnership characteristic</p>	<p>N/A</p>



How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the marriage and civil partnership characteristic?	N/A
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Does this proposal impact people covered by the Equality Act 2010 under the protected characteristic of pregnancy and maternity?	No
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Please describe the impact to the pregnancy and maternity characteristic	N/A
How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the pregnancy and maternity characteristic?	



<p>How will you mitigate against any negative impact to the ethnicity and race characteristic?</p>	<p>Feedback from public consultations from similar projects has led to the decision to revise the chargeable period for parking i.e. car park charges will begin later than originally planned, which will benefit dog walkers. In addition, the charging period will end at 5pm meaning evening parking will remain free (the benefits of which will be felt most in the summer months). This risk is also partially mitigated by the public transport links to the park. In addition, an annual season ticket option will be offered for the benefit of regular park users. Park users/citizens will be asked for their opinions on a suitable pricing structure and their feedback sought on the cost of a season ticket through the forthcoming public consultation. Further reviews of the scheme will take place post implementation to identify possible opportunities to further mitigate the impact on citizens from ethnic groups with a low income.</p>
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<p>Does this proposal impact people's religion or beliefs as per the Equality Act 2010?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What religions could be impacted by this proposal?</p>	<p>["Buddhist", "Hindu", "Jewish", "Muslim", "Sikh"]</p>
<p>Please describe the impact to the religion or beliefs characteristic</p>	<p>There is a risk that citizens from certain religions may be adversely disadvantaged by the charging policy, especially those from low income households. Although we have no data to support this and this is anecdotal, this issue has been raised in the public consultation for a similar project at Cannon Hill Park in 2017. There is a risk that citizens from certain religions with low incomes may be put off from visiting Sheldon Country Park as a result of the car park charging scheme.</p>



