

Ipswich Borough Council Draft Local Validation List 2023 Equality Impact Assessment

What is the report trying to achieve?

The report seeks approval to adopt the Ipswich Borough Council draft Local Validation List 2023. A Local Validation List provides guidance about the level and type of information required to accompany each type of planning application to enable it to be validated. Updating the Local Validation List will ensure planning applications can continue to be assessed effectively and expediently, as part of the Council's commitment to deliver an efficient and high-quality development management service and support the delivery of new housing, employment, retail uses and social infrastructure.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis?

Published data - e.g Census, State of Ipswich report.

What is proposed?

The report seeks authorisation to adopt Ipswich Borough Council draft Local Validation List 2023.

Why are changes being introduced?

Paragraph 44 of the National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021) ("NPPF") requires local planning authorities to publish a list of requirements for applications for planning permission, these requirements should be kept to the minimum needed to make decisions and should be reviewed at least every 2 years.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?

Evidence from the Equality Impact Assessment of the adopted Local Plan 2021 and demographic data from the Suffolk Observatory.

How will this change be implemented?

The change will be implemented through the adoption of the Ipswich Borough Council draft Local Validation List 2023.

Is there potential for positive or negative impacts on any of the protected characteristics below?

Protected Characteristics	Impact	Explanation
Age	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Disability	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a

		different way from other people.
Race	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Pregnancy and Maternity	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Religion or Belief	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Gender Reassignment	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Sex	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.
Sexual Orientation	No impact	The draft Local Validation List would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.

Does the report meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives?

I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives.

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):

It helps to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to this aspect of planning applications so that all applicants know what is needed.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s):

It helps to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to this aspect of planning applications so that all applicants know what is needed.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):

It helps to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to this aspect of planning applications so that all applicants know what is needed.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):

The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) reports annually on planning applications and the implementation of Local Plan policies. Through the AMR, the implementation and effectiveness of the Ipswich Borough Council draft Local Validation List 2023 will be monitored.