

Equalities Impact Assessment

1. Proposal Summary Information

EAA Title	Award of contract for the construction works for the new building at Villiers High School
Please describe your proposal?	Scheme: approval for award of contract for the Pre-Construction Services Agreement for the new building at Villiers High School.
Is it HR Related?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporate Purpose	Cabinet Decision

1. What is the Initiative/Function/Policy/Project/Scheme (*pick one*) looking to achieve? Who will be affected?

Seeks Cabinet approval for the award of contract for the construction works for the new building at Villiers High School, as part of the project to provide a new larger building and expansion at Villiers School.

2. What will the impact of your proposal be?

The impact of the Villiers High School proposal is to ensure sufficient school places in good quality physical educational environment are available to serve the local community.

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2. Impact on Groups having a Protected Characteristic

AGE: <i>A person of a particular age or being within an age group.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Positive
Describe the Impact
The proposal is considered to have a positive impact on current and future high school age students attending the school.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

DISABILITY: <i>A person has a disability if s/he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities¹.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Positive
Describe the Impact
The proposed new development is considered to have a positive impact for the users of the school and the wider community.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

¹ Due regard to meeting the needs of people with disabilities involves taking steps to take account of their disabilities and may involve making reasonable adjustments and prioritizing certain groups of disabled people on the basis that they are particularly affected by the proposal.

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GENDER REASSIGNMENT: <i>This is the process of transitioning from one sex to another. This includes persons who consider themselves to be trans, transgender and transsexual.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
Neutral impact. Persons who are undergoing gender reassignment or consider themselves to be trans, transgender and transsexual may have children at, or intending to attend, the school.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

RACE: <i>A group of people defined by their colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins or race.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
Neutral impact. Places at the school are available to all, and there is no discrimination by race, ethnic origins or nationality.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

RELIGION & BELIEF: <i>Religion means any religion. Belief includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (for example, Atheism). Generally, a belief should affect a person's life choices or the way you live for it to be included.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
The school is open to young people of all religions and beliefs, and there would be no negative impact to people of any faith or belief as a result of this proposal.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

SEX: <i>Someone being a man or a woman.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
Neutral effect identified in terms of the above recommendations.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION: <i>A person's sexual attraction towards his or her own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
No differential impact on people based on sexual orientation so neutral impact identified.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

PREGNANCY & MATERNITY: <i>Description: Pregnancy: Being pregnant. Maternity: The period after giving birth - linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, including as a result of breastfeeding.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
There should be a neutral impact on pregnancy & maternity.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: <i>Marriage: A union between a man and a woman. or of the same sex, which is legally recognised in the UK as a marriage Civil partnership: Civil partners must be treated the same as married couples on a range of legal matters.</i>
State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral: Neutral
Describe the Impact
There should be a neutral impact on marriage & civil partnership.
Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:
Describe the Mitigating Action
No negative effect identified.

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3. Human Rights²

4a. Does your proposal impact on Human Rights as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998?

Yes No

4b. Does your proposal impact on the rights of children as defined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Yes No

4c. Does your proposal impact on the rights of persons with disabilities as defined by the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities?

Yes No

The proposal links to article 28 (right to education) as defined by the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child. The Act facilitates the education of the most educationally and physically disabled children. It supports high aspirations and plans around the child. This provision will enhance the education and life chances of such children.

4. Conclusion

The proposals will not disadvantage any group or individual with a protected characteristic.

4a. What evidence, data sources and intelligence did you use to assess the potential impact/effect of your proposal? Please note the systems/processes you used to collect the data that has helped inform your proposal. Please list the file paths and/or relevant web links to the information you have described.

SEN Code of Practice; Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014; Children and Families Act 2014; Early Years Census Data reports; Connexions data on attendance at Ealing Youth Centres.

5. Action Planning: (What are the next steps for the proposal please list i.e. what it comes into effect, when migrating actions³ will take place, how you will measure impact etc.)

Action	Outcomes	Success Measures	Timescales/ Milestones	Lead Officer (Contact Details)

Additional Comments:

No mitigating actions to be taken.

² For further guidance please refer to the Human Rights & URNC Guidance on the Council Equalities [web page](#).

³ Linked to the protected characteristics above

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6. Sign off: (All EAA's must be signed off once completed)

Completing Officer Sign Off:	Service Director Sign Off:	HR related proposal (Signed off by directorate HR officer)
Signed:  Name (Block Capitals): L M FIELD Date: 9 th November 2023	Signed:  Name (Block Capitals): T QUINN Date: 9 th November 2023	Signed: Name (Block Capitals): Date:

For EA's relating to Cabinet decisions: received by Committee Section for publication by (date):

Appendix 1: *Legal obligations under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:*

- As a public authority we must have due regard to the need to:
 - a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- The protected characteristics are: AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER REASSIGNMENT, RACE, RELIGION & BELIEF, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PREGNANCY & MATERNITY, MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP
- Having due regard to advancing equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not, involves considering the need to:
 - a) Remove or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
 - b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant characteristic that are different from the needs of the persons who do not share it.
 - c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- Having due regard to fostering good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not, involves showing that you are tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

Complying with the duties may involve treating some people more favourably than others; but this should not be taken as permitting conduct that would be otherwise prohibited under the Act.