

# Local Development Framework for Pendle



## Design Principles SPD



## Equalities Impact Assessment



**December 2009**

# Equality Impact Assessment Form

## Service Area – Planning and Building Control

<b>1. What Is the name of the proposed policy, procedure, project, etc. to be assessed?</b>	
Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Adopted)	
<b>2. What are the aims or intended outcomes of the policy to be assessed?</b>	
The intended outcomes of the SPD are to improve the appearance of the Borough by requiring high standards of design in the extension of dwellings, alterations to shop-fronts and the erection of outdoor advertising and signage.	
<b>3. Is there any potential public or staff concern that this function, policy or proposal may have a discriminatory impact?</b>	
Public – No	Staff – No
<b>4. Is there any other evidence (results of consultations, monitoring data, etc.) to suggest that the proposals could have an adverse/differential impact on the grounds of :</b>	
a. Race	No
b. Religion	No
c. Gender	No

d. Disability	Yes - Paragraphs 12.25 to 12.28 seek to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act, with regard to shop fronts, in terms of access dimensions and the provision of ramps.
e. Sexual Orientation	No
f. Age	No
<b>5. Does this policy / proposal require, or have planned, any formal consultation? If so, how will consultation with the ETG's<sup>1</sup> be incorporated into the process?</b>	
<p>Public consultation on the SPD and its associated documents was carried out over a six week period between 27<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The following groups / organisations were consulted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Statutory consultees (as defined in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement)</li> <li>2. Regular service users (professional agents, developers etc.)</li> <li>3. Town and Parish Councils</li> <li>4. Elected Members of the Council</li> <li>5. Members of the public</li> </ol>	
<b>6. If formal consultation is not planned and there is no evidence, are there any experts/relevant groups who you can approach to explore their views on the issues?</b>	
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<sup>1</sup> ETG = Equality Target Group

**7. How will the views of these groups be obtained?**

A widespread public consultation exercise on the SPD and its associated documents was carried out over a six week period between 27<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

In accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), this included direct contact via letter or email, publicity in local media and placing documents on display in key locations throughout Pendle.

**8. Please detail the outcomes of these consultations?**

The outcomes of the consultation are detailed in the SPD consultation statement.  
Three representations were received which concerned disability access.

**Representation:**

GRIP Architecture Ltd (Ref1340): Representation highlighted that there was no reference to the construction of ramps in relation to house extensions.

**Response:**

It was considered that the General Permitted Development Order provided guidance on the need for planning permission involving the construction of ramps. It was also considered that the general approach to design as detailed in the General Principles section of the SPD is sufficient to cover the design of ramps.

**Representation:**

CPRE (Ref 1355): Representation concerned that the SPD could allow for disability access to be compromised.

**Response:**

The SPD makes it clear that efforts should be made to achieve access in an equitable manner. Only in the case of Listed Buildings or buildings in a Conservation Area may compromises be sought – these are considered to be exceptional circumstances.

**Representation:**

HMR Team, Pendle Council (Ref 1363): Representation indicated that where reference is made to 'disabled access' this should be changed to 'disabled persons access'.

**Response:**

The representation was agreed. The SPD has been amended.

<b>9. What are the risks (if any) associated with the policy in relation to the adverse/differential impact on the ETG's?</b>	
None anticipated.	
<b>10. If, in your judgment, the proposed service/policy, etc does have an adverse impact, can that impact be justified?</b>	
Planning guidance promotes a positive, pro-active approach to managing development in the public interest, as required under the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.	
<b>11. What steps will you take to address any unjustified impact?</b>	
Judgements will be made based on individual merit.	
<b>12. Are there any additional resource implications for the steps that need to be taken, both in terms of time and finances? Please outline.</b>	
None	

**13. How will you monitor the effect of this function, policy, etc on the equality target groups?**

ETG impact to be monitored as per the Council's agreed user surveys  
- EIA to be reviewed for changes if necessary.

**14. Where will this Assessment be Published?**

This Equality Impact Assessment will be published on the Council's web-site and available at key locations throughout Pendle, where documents are available to view.

**Name**

**Service**

**Signed**

**Dated**

**Equalities Monitoring Group**

**Review/approval**

**Date**

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