

Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

| Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Susan Hughes Phone no: 07980749778 E-mail: activetravel@monmouthshire.gov.uk | Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal This EQIA is to highlight to DMT the decisions proposed to engage in a legal consultation exercise for Active Travel |
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| Name of Service area: | Date: May 2020 |
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1. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

| Protected Characteristics | Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic | Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic | What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Age | Encouraging greater walking and cycling for all age groups will improve health and wellbeing. | Those older individuals who do not walk and cycle do not contribute to the consultation | target will include those non walkers and non cyclists and those who are participating in the GP referral scheme and older age groups |
| Disability | Encouraging greater walking and cycling for all age groups will improve health and wellbeing. The design of new networks will take into considerous hazards for individuals with disabilities and individuals can contribute to what needs to change | Those individuals with a disability do not contribute to the consultation | Individuals involved in the youth service will be used to promote the review to those with disabilities. Consultation will target key disability groups for their views. |
| Gender reassignment | Encouraging greater walking and cycling will improve health and wellbeing. | Non | |

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| Marriage or civil partnership | Encouraging greater walking and cycling will improve health and wellbeing. | None | |
| Pregnancy or maternity | Encouraging greater walking and cycling will improve health and wellbeing. | none | |
| Race | Encouraging greater walking and cycling will improve health and wellbeing. | Limited involved in the consultation | The offer of various formats and translations of the materials will be available |
| Religion or Belief | .None | None | |
| Sex | Encouraging greater walking and cycling will improve health and wellbeing | Women are regarded an under represented group for cycling in particular. Women may wish not to participate in the survey due to limited interest | Surveys created will cover walking and cycling and hopefully encourage women to participate more in cycling if the network improves |
| Sexual Orientation | .None | None | |
| Welsh Language | respondents have the opportunity to identify where welsh language signage is not deemed adequate and suggest improvements | | |
| Poverty | The consultation and results should support low income individuals and families through having an improved road infrastructure to cycle and walk for free, rather than to pay to use a vehicle or public transport. | none | |

2. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

| Well Being Goal | Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts. | What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs | The results of the consultation will provide a more affordable means for residents and visitors to travel within and around Monmouthsire Infrastructure proposals designed to improve the safety of walking and cycling will improve the attractiveness of Monmouthshire for visitors, businesses and developers. There are no negative impacts | No negative impacts, involving transport planning for integrated public transport will enhance the proposal |
| A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change) | As more people engage in active travel, it will alleviate traffic congestion around the local road network which will have a positive impact on public transport journey times and reliability. In the longer term, this could support the case for further public transport investment, providing more sustainable transport options to access popular employment zones There are no negative impacts | |
| A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood | There are a number of known health benefits associated with increased levels of physical activity including improved cardiovascular health and reduced obesity levels, and these have associated cost savings to the NHS. There are no negative impacts | The work will facilitate access to open space and interaction with nature and links to the countryside team will be developed. |
| A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected | Proposals will create a well-connected active travel network that provides ease of movement within localities | |

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| | There is potential to aid regional connectivity by directly supporting access to proposed public transport schemes such as the South Wales Metro, providing onward services to key hubs such as Newport and Cardiff. Having a well-connected regional area will increase access to skills, services and jobs, helping to promote the development and economic growth of Monmoutshire | |
| | Creating a more connected active travel network will not only improve physical access but will also enhance social connections. Areas with high levels of walking and cycling are often associated with vibrant local communities which exhibit greater levels of social inclusion and community safety. | |
| A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing | Walking and cycling are the two modes with the smallest carbon footprints. If these are able to replace motorised journeys, it will help the Welsh Government meet is target of cutting GHG emissions by 80% by 2050, contributing to the global effort to address pressing climate change issues. | |
| | There are no negative impacts | |

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| A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation | Promotional and interview activities undertaken as part of the walking and cycling consutation will be designed to engage with different social groups and backgrounds, to develop a plan that meets the need of all communities There are no negative impacts | |
| A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances | As highlighted in the Monmouthsire PSB Wellbeing Plan, there is currently inequality between communities and within communities in the local area. Walking and cycling are comparatively low-cost modes which, with the correct infrastructure in place, will help more communities within Usk achieve better outcomes. Evidence from 'Transport Fit for Future Generations' supports this, stating that 15.2% of households in Monmouthshire lack access to a car, limiting access to employment opportunities and key services. Active travel improvements are essential to reduce transport poverty | |

3. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

| Sustainable Development Principle | | Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why. | Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Long Term | Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future | The results of the consutation will develop plans which will be developed for a 15year period and continually built upon over the next three years. The ambition to have a network which is linked in a sustainable way that will ensure sustainable planning for the future. | |
| Collaboration | Working together with other partners to deliver objectives | Active travel works in collaboration with all stratas of society to ensure that the beenfits are shared with embers of the pubic and business developers. The consultation will cover a variety of professionals, memebrs of the public and businesses. | |
| Involvement | Involving those with an interest and seeking their views | All stakeholders will contribute to the final network proposals. A full and comprehensive list has been established. | |
| Prevention | Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse | The consultation exercise suggests ensuring resources are targeted at developing those routes that have the graeter aility to achieve modal shifts | |

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| Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies | The impacts include less car traffic on the road, which may call for more demand for short bus, train journeys and therefore public transport planners and businesses will be interested in the proposals. Other businesses may develop for an increased market in walking and cycling. | |

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

| | Describe any positive impacts your proposal has | Describe any negative impacts your proposal has | What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Social Justice | The Proposals will create a well-connected active travel network that provides ease of movement within localities and greater opportunities to go out and socialize through walking and cycling networks. The results of the consultation will provide a more affordable means for residents and visitors to travel within and around Monmouthsire | | |
| Safeguarding | Having safer road and path networks will promote the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults | Safeguarding is about ensuring that everything is in place to promote the well-being of children and vulnerable adults, preventing them from being harmed and protecting those who are at risk of abuse and neglect | |

| Corporate Parenting | Having safer road and path networks will | |
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| | promote the safety and wellbeing of | |
| | children and vulnerable adults | |

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

Guidance within the Active Travel Measure provides a framework on which to consult. It requires local authorities to priorities their network ambitions and then to test these on individuls. So far the overarching strategic priorities have been tested on a small number of professionals who agree this should go out for wider consultation. The data that will inform the production of suggested routes will be

- New and existing housing developments
- · New and existing employment sites
- The need for safer routes to schools regirements

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The positive impacts will include, greater levels on stakeholder opinions in the development of a comprehensive, safe walking and cycling network; promotion of improved benefits of cycling and walking to the economy, individual, environment and communities. As a result of completing this application the issue of disability and health has been revisited during the project planning to add an additional element.

7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

| What are you going to do | When are you going to do it? | Who is responsible |
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| Consult the wider public | August 2020 | Sue Hughes |
| Refresh this EQIA when the final proposals are made | February2021 | Sue Hughes |
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8. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

| Version No. | Decision making stage | Date considered | Brief description of any amendments made following consideration |
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