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**Title of report:** Adoption of Low Emissions Supplementary Planning Document

**Report :** The Low Emissions Supplementary Planning Document is a guidance document for use by developers applying for planning permission. Its purpose is to ensure that development taking place within Ipswich does not worsen air quality in Ipswich and contributes towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants. It does this by setting out an approach to mitigating the effects of development on air quality. It also sets out guidance for levels of car parking provision in new developments within central Ipswich (IP-One Area) to ensure that over provision does not encourage greater car ownership and use which could adversely affect air quality.

**What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.:**

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**Links to supporting documents where available:** State of Ipswich

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Suffolk Observatory data on population, health and EQIA, e.g.

<https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/population/report/view/17e45add2fd547c38a1a20bc2635673b/EC>

**Please upload any supporting documents:** SUCD24 - Local Plan Equality Impact Assessment December 2015.pdf

**What is proposed?:** Adoption of the Low Emissions Supplementary Planning Document so that it can become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications under section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

**Why are the changes being introduced?:** To ensure that the determination of planning applications by Ipswich Borough Council implements the policy requirements relating to air quality in the National Planning Policy Framework (including para. 186) and the adopted Ipswich Local Plan 2017 (Policies CS5, CS16, CS20, DM5, DM10, DM17, DM18, DM26, DM29, SP15 and

SP17). It does this by setting out guidance on measures to avoid and mitigate air quality impacts from development.

**What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?:** Evidence from the EQIA of the adopted Local Plan 2017 as the policy to which the Supplementary Planning Document relates; demographic data from the Suffolk Observatory e.g. that the percentage of Ipswich population with day to day activities limited a lot in 2011 was 8% - higher than Suffolk (7.9%) but lower than England (8.3%).

**How will this change be implemented?:** The Supplementary Planning Document would be implemented through the determination of planning applications.

**Age:** Positive

**Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.:** In mitigating any air quality impacts from development, the guidance would be expected to have positive impacts, as vulnerable individuals such as children or elderly people, are at particular risk from exposure air pollution. As paragraph 1.1 of the Supplementary Planning Document states: 'Air pollution disproportionately affects the young, older people, those with underlying cardiopulmonary conditions and the most deprived within our communities.'

**Disability:** No impact

**Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.:** The parking guidance for the IP-One Area does not alter the disabled parking guidance already used by Development Management in the Suffolk Guidance for Parking, 2019.

**Marriage & Civil Partnership:** No impact

**Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.:** The mitigation measures advised by the guidance includes measures such as provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points, measures to support accessibility and walking and cycling infrastructure (or other non-motorised users where appropriate), design measures that make the best use of location and site layout and help reduce trip demand and total emissions generated by a development, adequate provision of secure cycle storage, and using, where appropriate, trees and green infrastructure or planting to absorb dust and other pollutants. The measures would have a positive impact, if any, and would not impact on this protected group in a different way from other people.

**Race:** No impact

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**Pregnancy & Maternity:** No impact

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**Religion or Belief:** No impact

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**Gender Reassignment:** No impact

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**Sex:** No impact

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**Sexual Orientation:** No impact

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**I can confirm the report does 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 aims to ensure that developments include appropriate measures to mitigate any air quality impacts that may arise. 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 aims to ensure that developments include appropriate measures to mitigate any air quality impacts that may arise. 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 aims to ensure that developments include appropriate measures to mitigate any air quality impacts that may arise. It helps to ensure a consistent and transparent approach to this aspect of planning applications so that all applicants know what is needed. In addressing the air quality impacts of development, it helps to support the health of all Ipswich residents.

**The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):** The Authority Monitoring Report reports annually on planning applications and the implementation of Local Plan policies. The Annual Status Report published on the Council's Air Quality page reports on annual air quality monitoring in certain locations within the Borough. Through these reports, the implementation and effectiveness of the Low Emissions Supplementary Planning Document can be monitored.

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