



IPSWICH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Equality Impact Assessment

Ipswich Borough Council (88 Sidegate Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 4JA)

Compulsory Purchase Order

Ref: EQIA2017102045

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What is the report trying to achieve?:

-To progress the CPO by negotiating with the owner of the property with a view to purchasing the property by agreement instead of CPO.

-Any financial agreement, whether voluntary sale or submission of the CPO to the Secretary of State for confirmation, will only be finalised upon a further executive report being submitted detailing cost implications and the Executive agreeing to it.

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

Enforcement evidence process

Supporting documents (if available):

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

- **Age:** *No Impact*
- **Disability:** *Positive*
- **Marriage & Civil Partnership:** *No Impact*
- **Race:** *No Impact*
- **Pregnancy & Maternity:** *No Impact*
- **Religion or Belief:** *No Impact*
- **Gender Reassignment:** *No Impact*
- **Sex:** *No Impact*
- **Sexual Orientation:** *No Impact*

If 'No Impact' explain why

The freeholder is deceased therefore no direct impact on protected characteristics. There are two executors from her will, both contacted about the empty property. One executor is believed to be disabled and does not live locally. Therefore, correspondence has been dealt with via telephone or literature in the post. An executor being disabled in this case does not effect a property in why it's remained empty.

If you have identified any negative impacts (above) how can they be minimised or removed?

Correspondence and advice has been dealt with via telephone or literature in the post. An executor being disabled in this case does not effect a property in why it still remains empty. The other executor is assume abled and has been given the same information via telephone and post.

Equal opportunities and time has been given to both executors to work together with their intentions with the property.

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

This is about an empty property being property for 12 months or longer and the impacts it has on the community. The Council informally approach long term freeholders and see if it can provide assistance to help return a property back into use.

The Council investigates why the property is empty and considers the reasons why it has become empty such as a person has gone into care and it is unknown whether they would return home. The Council does consider whether its unreasonable to progress the case for a CPO. These are all things the LA has to consider under the CPO legislation evidence.

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

freeholder has the opportunity to engage with the Council. Sometimes, very little is known about the freeholders if they choice not to engage.

There is a toolkit provided to help freeholders return a property to use such as grant assistance, schemes and discounts to agencies.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): There is a toolkit provided to help freeholders return a property to use such as grant assistance, schemes and discounts to agencies. The Council works with the freeholder(s) to help return the property to use where it is possible.