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Page 83	<p>What are the proposals being assessed?</p> <p>Application to change Merton's PCN charge band from band B to band A. To effect this a full business case will need to be presented to Full Council. Following this, an application will be made to the London Councils Transport, and Environment Committee. Depending on the outcome at the Committee, the Mayor will also be required to ratify the application and the Secretary of State has final sign off.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p>The purpose of PCN parking charges is to dissuade motorists from breaking parking restrictions and charges must be proportionate. The income from charges must only be used in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. These purposes are contained within the Council's traffic management and other policy objectives.</p>
<p>Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?</p>	<p>Parking Services, Environment and Regeneration</p>

Stage 1: Overview	
<p>Name and job title of lead officer</p>	<p>Ben Stephens, Head of Parking</p>
<p>1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also</p>	<p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p>

<p>explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)</p>	<p>Local authorities are not permitted to use PCN parking charges solely to raise income. When setting charges, we must instead focus on how the charges will contribute to delivering the Council's traffic management and other policy objectives.</p> <p>This proposal supports the rationale of seeking to adjust driver behaviour and to ensure that we can provide a modern, efficient and environmentally sustainable transport policy for residents, visitors and businesses, now and in the future.</p>
<p>2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?</p> <p>Page 84</p>	<p>Parking and Traffic Management</p> <p>This proposal is part of the important role Parking and transport policy has in managing the roads and wider travel needs of the public. Merton's policy links closely with the local Implementation Plan and the Mayors Transport Strategy, which sets out objectives in detail.</p> <p>It contributes in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce congestion 2. Improve road safety 3. Improve air quality and meet EU quality standards 4. To meet the actions set out in the Merton Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 5. Adopt a healthy street approach 6. Promote healthier life styles and encourage more active travel 7. To ensure good parking management 8. To support the local economy 9. Providing funding for parking and wider transport scheme improvements
<p>3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.</p>	<p>The proposal will affect all residents, businesses, workers and visitors to the borough, across all socio-economic groups.</p>

<p>4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?</p>	<p>Yes. Responsibility is shared with the following departments, organisations and partners. Future Merton, Highways and Transportation, Planning, Mayor of London, TfL, transport operators, Parking Services.</p>
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Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

The Council acknowledges that road safety and traffic flow along with accessibility for residents and visitors to enable them to park near their homes and close to their desired destination as practicable.

A number of key factors will be considered included:

- (i) Areas of high congestion
- (ii) Road safety
- (iii) Enforcement requirements

Merton is committed to undertaking comprehensive consultation to gain the views of residents and stakeholders. This enables the Council to make informed decisions and to develop our policies.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age	X			X	<p>Positive Impact</p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and</p>

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Disability	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p>Including the provision of spaces for disabled motorists by increasing the charge of the PCN value as a deterrent to illegal parking.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Gender Reassignment	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton. In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Marriage and Civil Partnership	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p>

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Pregnancy and Maternity	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Race	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Religion/ belief	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management</p>

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Sex (Gender)	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Sexual orientation	X			X	<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p> <p>The proposals support the principle of effective traffic management for the whole population of and visitors to Merton.</p> <p>In setting out its measures of success, the proposed bandings and increase in PCN charges aims to deliver better compliance and driver behaviours in respect of parking regulations, which will reduce congestion, and lead to improved traffic flows and availability of spaces.</p> <p><u>Potential Negative Impact</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Socio-economic status	X		X		<p><u>Positive Impact</u></p>

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7. Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan template – Making adjustments for negative impact

This action plan should be completed after the analysis and should outline action(s) to be taken to mitigate the potential negative impact identified (expanding on information provided in Section 7 above).

Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? E.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
Socio-economic status	Consultation	An increase in the cost of a PCN may have a negative effect on the ability of individuals on low income to pay. Any changes to the current banding charges will involve further consultation with those groups affected	2020	Within existing resources.	Ben Stephens	Actions will be added once the consultation has been completed.

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Note that the full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented; therefore, it is important the effective monitoring is in place to assess the impact.

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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OUTCOME 1

OUTCOME 2

OUTCOME 3

OUTCOME 4

Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

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Assessment completed by	Ben Stephens – Head of Parking Services	Signature:	Date: 28th January 2020
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Chris Lee – Director of Environment and Regeneration	Signature:	Date: 28th January 2020

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