

Initial Equality Impact Assessment.**Reviewed by Policy Unit 16.11.15.**

Department	HCS
Decision	To decide whether to permit the Formula E event to continue to be held in Battersea Park in 2016 and 2017, subject to planning permission.
People involved	Paul McCue, Clare O'Connor

1. What is the decision?

Following the Council's in principle decision in Paper No. 14-651 to conclude a five-year Venue Use Agreement for the staging of a Formula E motor racing event in Battersea Park, planning permission was granted by the Planning Applications Committee of 18th February 2015 (application number 2014-6976). The event was successfully held, as scheduled, on 27th and 28th June 2015.

Members are now being asked to consider whether the event should continue.

2. What is the rationale behind the decision?

Following the Council's in principle decision to conclude a five-year Venue Use Agreement for the staging of a Formula E motor racing event in Battersea Park, planning permission was granted by the Planning Applications Committee of 18th February 2015 (application number 2014-6976).

The event was successfully held, as scheduled, on 27th and 28th June 2015. There was positive national and international coverage of the event and while there were elements of sustained and vociferous opposition, particularly from residents local to the park and from regular users of the park, this has to be considered in the light of the financial benefit to the Council and the promotion of the Borough as being supportive of new technology which, longer-term, will influence the development of road-going electric cars and inner-city air quality.

3. What information do you have on the policy and the potential impact of the decision in relation to the following?

	Data No data is collected on park usage. The data used in this EIA relates to Queenstown ward 2011 Census data.
Race	35.7% of Queenstown Ward residents are BME. This is above the borough average of 28.6%
Gender	51 % of Queenstown residents are female. This is the same as the borough average.
Disability	3.2% of Queenstown residents are long term sick or disabled. This is above the borough average of 2.9%
Age	7.8% of Queenstown residents are aged 65+ and 17.4% are aged 0-19. In both cases this is below the Borough averages of 8.8% and 19.9% respectively.
Faith	56.4% of residents are Christian which is above the borough average of 53%. 24.4% of residents stated they had no religion which is below the borough average of 27% and 8.1% of residents are Muslim which is the same as the borough average.
Sexual Orientation	Data is not collected via the Census.

4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the policy will have.

	<u>Positive</u> impacts of decision	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of decision
Race	<p>Funding raised by permitting Formula E to be held at Battersea Park will ensure that the infrastructure of the park can be maintained and improved. This will impact on all park users regardless of protected characteristic.</p> <p>No specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty or residents with a protected characteristic were made during this year's event or subsequently.</p>	<p>The closure of the park for the two-day period of the event will have impacted on all park users. Given that data is not collected on users of the park the impact on BME park users can not be quantified. However, in order to mitigate against the closure of the park, areas of the park were kept open including the Riverside Walk and another area adjacent to the eastern edge of the park These areas were well-used during the two days by the general public. If the event were held in the future planning for it would address similar or alternative provision.</p> <p>Complaints and feedback were received regarding the build phase and were also received relating tannoy noise/music and the intrusive</p>

		noise from a helicopter used for filming. This will have impacted on the 35.7% of residents who are BME. If the event were held in the future these elements would be reviewed, with the aim of reducing disturbance.
Age	<p>Preliminary discussions have been held between Council officers and Formula E's Director of Human Resources and indicate that Formula E would be willing to offer four or five three-month placements for Wandsworth care leavers/sixth formers/school leavers. The placements (with pay of £500 per month) would cover roles such as communications; marketing, finance, operations and administration. This would have a positive impact on the young people who engage in the programme.</p> <p>Areas of the park were kept open for park users to walk their dogs and also exercise during the event. If the event were held again in the future planning will address similar or alternative provision.</p> <p>No specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty or residents with a protected characteristic were made during this year's event or subsequently.</p>	<p>Go-Ape was not operational at the time of this year's event. However were the event to be held in future years it is likely it would be impacted by the build phase and closure during the event period. This will mean that young people are unable to access the facilities.</p> <p>The children's play area was closed during the event. If the event were to be held in future years this would mean children, their families and carers would be unable to access this facility over a period and would have to find alternative areas to play. There are ten other playground sites managed by Enable Leisure and Culture in the SW8/SW11 area which will be open for use.</p> <p>Children and elderly residents living near the park may have been disturbed by the noise of the build phase and during the event. If the event were held again in the future this would be mitigated by planning for any future event including more provision of audience earpieces (to reduce tannoy use) and alternatives to, or reduced use of, helicopters.</p> <p>School sports and activities were impacted during the 2015 event with just two school sports days unable to be relocated elsewhere, and one school booking of the athletics track. If the event were held in the future, more notice would be given in order to mitigate against this and identify suitable alternative facilities.</p>
Gender	Funding raised by permitting Formula E to be held at Battersea Park will ensure that the infrastructure of the park can be maintained and improved.. This will impact	The closure of the park for the two-day period of the event will have impacted on all park users. Given that data is not collected on users of the park the impact on female park users can not be quantified. However, in order to mitigate against the closure of the park areas of

	<p>on all park users regardless of protected characteristic.</p> <p>No specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty or residents with a protected characteristic were made during this year's event or subsequently.</p>	<p>the park were kept open including the Riverside Walk and another area adjacent to the eastern edge of the park These areas were well-used during the two days by the general public. If an event were held again in the future planning will address similar or alternative provision.</p> <p>Complaints and feedback were received regarding the build phase and were also received relating tannoy noise/music and the intrusive noise from a helicopter used for filming. This will have impacted on the female residents. If an event were held in the future planning for would include more provision of audience earpieces (to reduce tannoy use) and alternatives to, or reduced use of, helicopters.</p>
Disability	<p>Funding raised by permitting Formula E to be held at Battersea Park will ensure that the infrastructure of the park can be maintained and improved. This will impact on all park users regardless of protected characteristic.</p> <p>No specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty or residents with a protected characteristic were made during this year's event or subsequently.</p>	<p>Photos were published of a blind resident being guided during the build phase. If the event were held again to ensure the safety of residents during the build of any future events, consideration would be given to sequential closing of segments of the park on a 'rolling programme' basis and better briefing of stewards.</p> <p>The closure of the park for the two-day period of the event will have impacted on all park users. Given that data is not collected on users of the park the impact on disabled park users cannot be quantified. However, in order to mitigate against the closure of the park, areas of the park were kept open including the Riverside Walk and another area adjacent to the eastern edge of the park These areas were well-used during the two days by the general public. If the event were held in the future planning for it would address similar or alternative provision.</p> <p>Complaints and feedback were received regarding the build phase and were also received relating tannoy noise/music and the intrusive noise from a helicopter used for filming. This will have impacted on disabled residents. If an event were held in the future planning for</p>

		would include more provision of audience earpieces (to reduce tannoy use) and alternatives to, or reduced use of, helicopters.
Sexual orientation	As above	As above
Faith	As above	No specific complaints were made by local places of faith. Care was taken to design the event infrastructure around the Peace Pagoda and to inform the monk.

5. Is a full EIA required? No.

- Does the policy support a frontline service? It is not a frontline service but does impact on residents
- Is it clear what impact the decision will have on all the equality groups? The EIA has identified positive and negative impacts, but during this year's event no specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty were made.
- Overall will the decision have a negative impact on any of the equality groups? The EIA has identified positive and negative impacts, but during this year's event no specific complaints relating to the Equality Duty were made

6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access or monitoring of the policy? (please list)

Yes - if an event were held in the future planning for it include: more provision of audience earpieces (to reduce tannoy use) and consideration of alternatives to, or reduced use of, helicopters; additional measures to improve the safety of residents during the build period, by consideration of sequential closing of segments of the park on a 'rolling programme' basis and better briefing of stewards. More notice would be given in order to mitigate against any impact on planned school sports events by identifying suitable alternative facilities.

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Date: 16th November 2014

Approved by: C. O'Connor