



SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Equality Impact (Initial Analysis)

Intentional Release of Sky (Chinese) Lanterns and Balloons

Service Area: Environmental	Lead officer: Anne-Marie Coulthard	Date of Meeting 03/09/19
	Assessors: Anne-Marie Coulthard	
	Neutral Assessor: Carol Drury	

		Diwali (predominantly Hindu). The position statement would not prohibit their use (with permission) on Council land, only their release.
Sex	Not applicable	Not a determinant of this policy
Sexual Orientation	Not applicable	Not a determinant of this policy
Pregnancy and Maternity	Not applicable	Not a determinant of this policy
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not applicable	Not a determinant of this policy
Carers	Not applicable	Not a determinant of this policy
Other Groups (e.g. those from deprived (IMD*) communities; those from rural communities, those with an offending past) *(IMD = Indices of multiple deprivation)	None identified	
General comments	This position statement effects all users of Council owned public open spaces equally. However, there is the potential for it to have a negative impact on the use of sky lanterns at these locations during religious and cultural festivals. The statement does not apply to private land or council owned land which is not open to the public.	

3. **What equality data/information did you use to inform the outcomes of the proposed policy/service/function/strategy? (Note any relevant consultation who took part and key findings)**

The extent of the release of sky lanterns and balloons from Council owned public spaces is unknown. Requests have been very infrequent and, when received have been for the release of balloons. The main negative impact relates to the cultural celebrations and during religious festivals predominantly associated with Buddhism and Hinduism.

If there are any gaps in the consultation/monitoring data, how will this be addressed?

4. **Outcomes of analysis and recommendations (please note you will be required to provide evidence to support the recommendations made): Please check one of the options.**

a)	No major change needed: equality analysis has not identified any potential for discrimination or for negative impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you have checked option a) you can now send this form to the Lead Officer and your Neutral Assessor for sign off</i>		
b)	Adjust the proposal to remove barriers identified by equality analysis or to better promote equality.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you have checked option b) you will need to answer questions b.1 and b.2</i>		
c)	Adverse impact but continue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you have checked option c) you will need to answer questions c.1</i>		
d)	Stop and remove the policy/function/service/strategy as equality analysis has shown actual or potential unlawful	<input type="checkbox"/>

- b.1 In brief, what changes are you planning to make to your proposed policy/service/function/strategy to minimise or eliminate the negative equality impacts?**

- b.2** Please provide details of whom you will consult on the proposed changes and if you do not plan to consult, please provide the rationale behind that decision.

If you have checked option b) you will need to complete a Stage 2 equality analysis

- c.1** Please provide an explanation in the box below that clearly sets out your justification for continuing with the proposed policy/function/service/strategy.

If you have checked option c) you will need to complete a Stage 2 equality analysis. You should consider in stage 2 whether there are sufficient plans to reduce the negative impact and/or plans to monitor the actual impact.

Signed (Lead Officer):
(Name and title)

Anne-Marie Coulthard
Head of Environmental

Date completed:

04/09/19

Signed (Neutral Assessor):
(Name and title)

Carol Drury
Community Engagement and Policy Development Officer

Date signed off:

04/09/19