

Equalities Comprehensive Impact Assessment - Head of service review

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Executive summary

Title of policy / decision: Beaulieu Park Railway Station – Commissioning of Network Rail GRIP Stages 6 to 8

Policy / decision type: Cabinet Decision

Overview of policy / decision: Essex County Council (ECC) is in the process of working with Network Rail (NR) on the design and feasibility of the Beaulieu Park Railway Station in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding entered into in 2015. This report asks for the authority to enter into an agreement with Network Rail to undertake the construction, commission, hand back and closeout for the new railway station. This next phase of work is known as 'GRIP (Governance in Rail Investment Projects) stages 6 to 8'. To be clear, ECC are the sponsoring authority, this is being delivered by Network Rail, who will have their own EIA processes.

What outcome(s) are you hoping to achieve?: The construction, commission, and opening of a new railway station on the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML). To be delivered by Network Rail under their own Processes.

Executive Director responsible for policy / decision: Tom Walker (Economy, Investment and Public Health)

Cabinet Member responsible for policy / decision: Lesley Wagland (Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning)

Is this a new policy / decision or a change to an existing one?: New policy / decision

How will the impact of the policy / decision be monitored and evaluated?: The successful delivery of the new railway station by Network Rail as ECC are the sponsoring authority.

Will this policy / decision impact on:

Service users: No

Employees: No

Wider community or groups of people: No

What strategic priorities will this policy / decision support?: Strong, Inclusive and Sustainable Economy, High Quality Environment

Which strategic priorities does this support? - Economy?: Infrastructure, Future growth and investment

Which strategic priorities does this support? - Environment: Transport and built environment

What geographical areas of Essex will the policy / decision affect?: Chelmsford

Digital accessibility

Is the new or revised policy linked to a digital service (website, system or application)?: No

Equalities - Groups with protected characteristics

Age

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Disability - learning disability

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Disability - mental health issues

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Disability - physical impairment

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Disability - sensory impairment

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Sex

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Gender reassignment

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Marriage / civil partnership

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Pregnancy / maternity

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Race

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Religion / belief

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Sexual orientation

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Rationale for assessment, including data used to assess the impact: This station is being delivered by Network Rail and such will follow their own EIA processes, ECC are the sponsoring authority. But, as a whole, this station will have a positive impact across the wider population and not just protected characteristics.

What actions have already been taken to mitigate any negative impacts:

Levelling up - Priority areas & cohorts

Children and adults with SEND, learning disabilities or mental health conditions (taking an all-age approach)

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Children on Free School Meals

Nature of impact: None

Working families

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Young adults (16-25 who have not been in education, training or employment for around 6-12 months)

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Harlow

Nature of impact: None

Jaywick and Clacton

Nature of impact: None

Harwich

Nature of impact: None

Basildon (Town) housing estates

Nature of impact: None

Canvey Island

Nature of impact: None

Colchester (Town) - Housing Estates

Nature of impact: None

Rural North of the Braintree District

Nature of impact: None

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What actions have already been taken to mitigate any negative impacts:

Equalities - Inclusion health groups and other priority groups

Refugees / asylum seekers

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Homeless / rough sleepers

Nature of impact: None

Offenders / ex-offenders

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Carers

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Looked after children

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Veterans

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

People who are unemployed / economically inactive

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

People on low income

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Working families

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Extent of impact: Low

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What actions have already been taken to mitigate any negative impacts:

Equalities - Geographical Groups

People living in areas of high deprivation

Nature of impact: None

People living in rural or isolated areas

Nature of impact: None

People living in coastal areas

Nature of impact: None

People living in urban or over-populated areas

Nature of impact: None

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Families

Family formation (e.g. to become or live as a couple, the ability to live with or apart from children)

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Families going through key transitions e.g. becoming parents, getting married, fostering or

adopting, bereavement, redundancy, new caring responsibilities, onset of a long-term health condition

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Family members' ability to play a full role in family life, including with respect to parenting and other caring responsibilities

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Families before, during and after couple separation

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

Families most at risk of deterioration of relationship quality and breakdown

Nature of impact: Positive

Extent of impact: Low

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What actions have already been taken to mitigate any negative impacts:

Climate

Does your decision / policy involve elements connected to the built environment / energy?: Yes

Do you know what products, materials, and qualified built environment professionals you will be using?

Are you maximising the opportunity to source materials locally and maximise use of sustainable materials such as wood?: N/A

Are you using a qualified architect / design team / consultant with the experience and capability to design and secure planning permission to deliver to the highest carbon zero building standards?: N/A

Are you clear that the builder, sub-contractor is qualified and capable of delivering climate resilient buildings (noting risks including subsidence, flooding, overheating), to the highest net zero carbon build quality?: N/A

Is your proposed development / building using the best practice guidance and advice on design quality, climate change and health?

Are you using the design quality and advice provided by the Essex Design Guide?: N/A

Are you using the Climate Change guidance and advice provide by the Essex Design Guide?: N/A

Are you providing a policy compliant development which accords with the District Local Plan policies?:
N/A

Are using the Health and Wellbeing guidance provided by the Essex Design Guide?: N/A

Have you provided a costed net zero option for consideration?: N/A

Is your proposed development / building as efficient as possible?

Is the Energy performance Certificate (EPC) rating of the achieving and EPC A+ or net zero carbon standard?: N/A

Have opportunities to reduce energy use through the use of smart digital systems been considered?: N/A

Does your development by design avoid the need for air conditioning?: N/A

Does your new development have water efficiency measures in place?: N/A

Do you know where your energy is coming from and how much of it comes from renewable sources?

Are you maximising opportunities to use onsite renewable energy (e.g. roof top solar panels) to deliver this service?: N/A

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Is your new or extended development using a renewable heat source e.g. district heating or a form of heat pump?: N/A

Is your development resilient to climate risks including flooding, overheating and subsidence?

Is your site at risk of coastal erosion? Is there a plan in place to protect the coastline: if the coastline is being allowed to erode, this may impact the lifetime of your site.: No

Have you reviewed environment agency to ascertain your flood risk? Do you need to put in place mitigation such as sustainable drainage?: N/A

Water is scarce and needs to be absorbed into the land wherever possible. Are you prioritising nature based flood risk mitigations such as sustainable drainage, water butts, planting and ponds which protect against water scarcity?: N/A

Are you using external planting, green walls and green roofs to insulate the building and provide shading to cut risks of overheating?: N/A

Is your development supporting active travel and minimising pollution?

Does your site allow connection to key public transport and active travel routes?: Yes

Are you using Green Infrastructure to interrupt the pathway of carborne pollutants to the public e.g. use of hedges, shrubs and trees?: Yes

Have you provided space for secure cycle parking, showering, cycle and walking pathways on site etc?: Yes

Does the building have adequate space for recycling and waste separation?: Yes

Does your decision / policy involve designing service provision and procurement to minimise freight and staff travel and enable use of active and public transport options?: No

Does your decision / policy involve elements connected to waste?: No

Nature of impact

Built Environment / Energy: Positive

Extent of impact

Built Environment / Energy: Low

Rationale for assessment, including data used to assess the impact: The station building has been designed according to Network Rail standards and their own EIA processes and they have accommodated as many Essex policies where possible. But, as this is their asset on their land on their network, they are able to build to their own robust requirements, which may or may not align with ECC policies. ECC are the sponsoring authority, not delivering this scheme

What actions have already been taken to mitigate any negative impacts:

Action plan to address and monitor adverse impacts

Does your ECIA indicate that the policy or decision would have a medium or high adverse impact on one or more of the groups / areas identified?: No

Details of person completing the form

I confirm that this has been completed based on the best information available and in following ECC guidance: I confirm that this has been completed based on the best information available and in following ECC guidance

Date ECIA completed: 23/06/2022

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Your service area: Infrastructure Delivery

Your team: Infrastructure Delivery (Highways)

Are you submitting this ECIA on behalf of another function, service area or team?: No

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