

# Forestry Commission Equality Impact Assessment Publishing Template

## Step 10

<b>Name of policy, function or service</b>
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Forestry Commission NE(E) Forest District Business Plan 2010/11 – 2012/13 Partial Equality Impact Assessment
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<b>Purpose and aim(s) of the policy, function or service</b>
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This plan provides for the sustainable management of the FC estate within North East England Forest District.
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<b>Who will benefit mainly from this policy, function or service?</b>
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. The beneficiaries are the population of the UK. These are public forests being managed for public benefit. Our timber production from sustainably managed forests benefits the entire population economically and in terms of climate change mitigation. Economic benefit accrues to the people of the region and to local communities through timber production, the value of the forests as tourist destinations and the contribution they make to the environment of the region as a place to live and work. The forests are a regionally significant source of direct and indirect employment. The forests also provide a recreational service both to the people of the region and to local communities, providing opportunities for fresh air, exercise, mental well-being and opportunities for community engagement. The business plan also benefits the population locally, regionally, nationally and internationally (some of our sites are of global importance) in terms of our management of the biodiversity and cultural value of the public forest estate.
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<b>Information and Data (evidence) used</b>
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Population Census 2001, Public Opinion Survey 2009, local visitor surveys, staff records, customer feedback.
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<b>Summary of Impact</b>
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Positive impact across all groups with no significant differential or adverse impact.
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<b>Monitoring/Evaluation</b>
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Through visitor survey, staff survey, events feedback forms and other feedback from customers via staff, mail, email and website.
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<b>Further Information</b>
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