

Rural Needs Impact Assessment Template (RNIA)

Section 1 - Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Belfast City Council

1B. Please provide a short title, which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to the Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

The introduction of a "Wheelie Box" recycling scheme to households in Belfast.

This will involve:

Providing every individual household (not apartments or similar shared multi dwellings) with a uniformed 3 stacked box recycling collection system. This will also include a reduction in residual bin (black bin) capacity from the existing 240 litre to 180 litre every fortnight.

1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to.

Developing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Revising a	Policy <input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy <input type="checkbox"/>	Plan <input type="checkbox"/>
Designing a Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Delivering a Public Service	<input type="checkbox"/>		

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan for Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above.

Waste Framework 2017 - , in conjunction with the Belfast Agenda

1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

The aim of the changes in the kerbside collection scheme is to provide all residents with the new Stacked Wheelie box recycling scheme. This scheme will allow a greater number of materials to be recycled, with the aim of increasing the recycling rate across the city, helping to meet current recycling targets of 50% by 2020. In addition it will also help meet new targets as outlined in the new European Circular Economy package; 55% of municipal waste recycled by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035. The new "Wheelie box stand system will also operate a kerbside sort ultimately leading to collection of higher quality mixed dry recyclables.

Section 2 – Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **2E**.

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

In Belfast there are 3 rural locations; Hannahstown, Edenderry, Loughveiw. As of the last census in 2011 the rural population was 1699 or 0.5% of the population of Belfast.

Hannahstown: Located on the Upper Springfield Road approximately 4 KM away from Belfast City Centre. It sits in the Belfast Hills within the Belfast Basalt Escarpment Area of High Scenic Value.

Edenderry: Is a small settlement approximately 8 KM south of Belfast City Centre. It lies within the Lagan Valley Regional Park which is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is located just beside an Area of Special Archaeological Interest and State Care Monument.

Loughview: A small settlement located approximately 6.5 Km from Belfast City Centre. Located in an area of High scenic Value.

Each household located in the area above currently receive a recycling collection and residual waste collection. What we propose to do is offer an enhanced recycling collection leading to weekly recycling collections universally across the city and the continued provision of a fortnightly residual collection. Policies are already in place to accommodate rural needs in relation to lorry size and the increased risk of service disruption in severe weather. These changes offer an enhance service on what is already being supplied,

2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

Rural Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deprivation in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Crime or Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agri-Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

It is not envisaged that there are any differences in impact to those in rural areas. Currently these collections are managed in the same way as the rest of the city. Hannahstown is an elevated rural settlement which may experience harsher winter weather and access issues although this is no different to areas within the Belfast urban areas such as Cavehill which also frequently experiences disruption due to winter weather.

The new proposal is to have weekly collections, therefore, should any issues arise from the changes to the collection system then residents will only have to wait for one week for their next collection instead of a full fortnight.

Should the consultation qualitative analysis indicate any issue that had been overlooked we will redesign the service to accommodate the required changes.

Section 3 – Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes No If the response is **NO GO TO** Section **3E**.

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

Consultations.

Belfast Agenda:

Rural needs considerations were applied to the draft Belfast Agenda through a screening exercise. Whilst this screening was not published during the consultation period, views were sought from groups in rural communities including community groups in Edenderry and Hannahstown areas on potential impacts of the Belfast Agenda in their areas as part of the Belfast Agenda consultation.

It is anticipated that needs of people living in rural areas will be considered further as future action plans, policies and strategies emanating from the Belfast Agenda's priorities are developed, and that the rural proofing requirements of the Rural Needs Act 2016 (considering potentials for differential impacts) will be applied where appropriate.

Waste Consultation:

The proposed new Stacked Wheelie Box has been put out for public consultation. This aims to collect and collate the views of all of the residents in Belfast including those in rural areas. To get a response that incorporates the views of all residents a series of consultation workshops will be held across the city between 30/07/2018 and 7/10/2018. In addition to this the consultation is also available for all residents to complete online and will be regularly shared on social media during this time.

Roadshows;

Glen Road Community Centre – 1.2 miles from Hannstown

Belvior Activity Centre – 2.4 miles from Edenderry

Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh – 1.2 Loughview

3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

Not applicable in this instance

Section 4 – Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Again, only change to existing service provision is an enhanced recycling collection.

Section 5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **5C**.

5A. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified?

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.

Because there is no material change to the nature of services being provided, other than the change to weekly recycling collections.

SECTION 6 – Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance.

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

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