

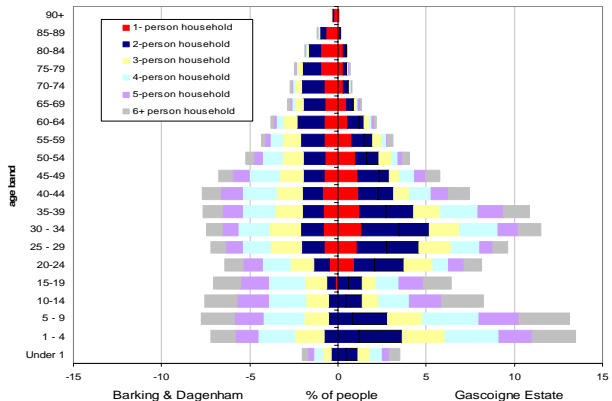


# NEIGHBOURHOOD KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

## Equality Impact Assessment for the Gascoigne Estate in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

### Aims

In preparation for the planned Gascoigne Estate redevelopment Barking & Dagenham council commissioned Mayhew Harper Associates (MHA) Ltd and ppre Ltd jointly to provide a profile of the estate in comparison with the rest of the council area so as to inform the regeneration plans for the estate. Once the basic analysis of the population was completed the Council asked MHA to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment which would look at the population of the Gascoigne Estate and Barking & Dagenham generally and analyse differences, if any, in socio-economic status, household status (including lone parents), ethnicity, age and disability, thereby indicating whether the regeneration plans would benefit all sections of the community proportionately to their needs.



Population pyramid showing the number of persons in households by age in Barking & Dagenham and on the Gascoigne Estate

### What we did

We linked data at an individual and household level from several existing local administrative databases from the council and NHS to form a single anonymised, up to date, accurate, and geo-referenced database of the total confirmed resident population of Barking & Dagenham from which it was straightforward to compare all the characteristics of those living on the Gascoigne Estate with those living in the rest of the borough. To make the Equality Impact Assessment simpler and less repetitious we took ethnicity and disability as the two primary dimensions of the analysis and then looked at socio-economic status, household status and housing tenure in relation to each one in turn.

### Outputs

The population of Barking & Dagenham was confirmed as 171,851 about 3% (nearly 5,000) greater than the 2007 ONS mid year estimate. The Gascoigne Estate, with nearly 7,000 residents is one of the most densely populated parts of the borough and has generally a much younger population and a higher proportion of households with 5+ persons and is more deprived. The analysis of ethnicity showed that the Estate has a far greater proportion of people with a Black (Other) background than Barking & Dagenham (30% compared with 12.7%). A breakdown by age group showed that ethnic groups on the Estate are unevenly distributed across age groups. An analysis of the number of people per bedroom on the Estate showed overcrowding is most common in Mixed, Asian, White Other and Black Other households all with occupancy of 1.5 or over. The analysis of the disabled population showed that there are proportionately fewer disabled people living on the Estate than in the borough as a whole—a reflection of the age structure.

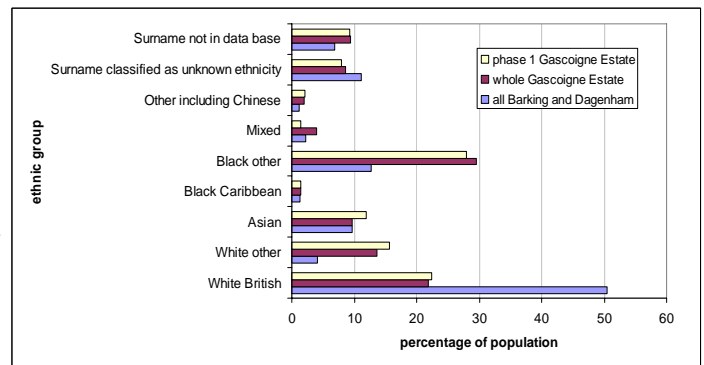


Chart showing percentage of population in each ethnic group on the Gascoigne Estate and borough wide

In conclusion, the Equality Impact Assessment of the regeneration plans for the Gascoigne Estate showed that they addressed an area of greater need compared to the rest of the borough and that they treat all sections of the community equally in relation to need.

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