



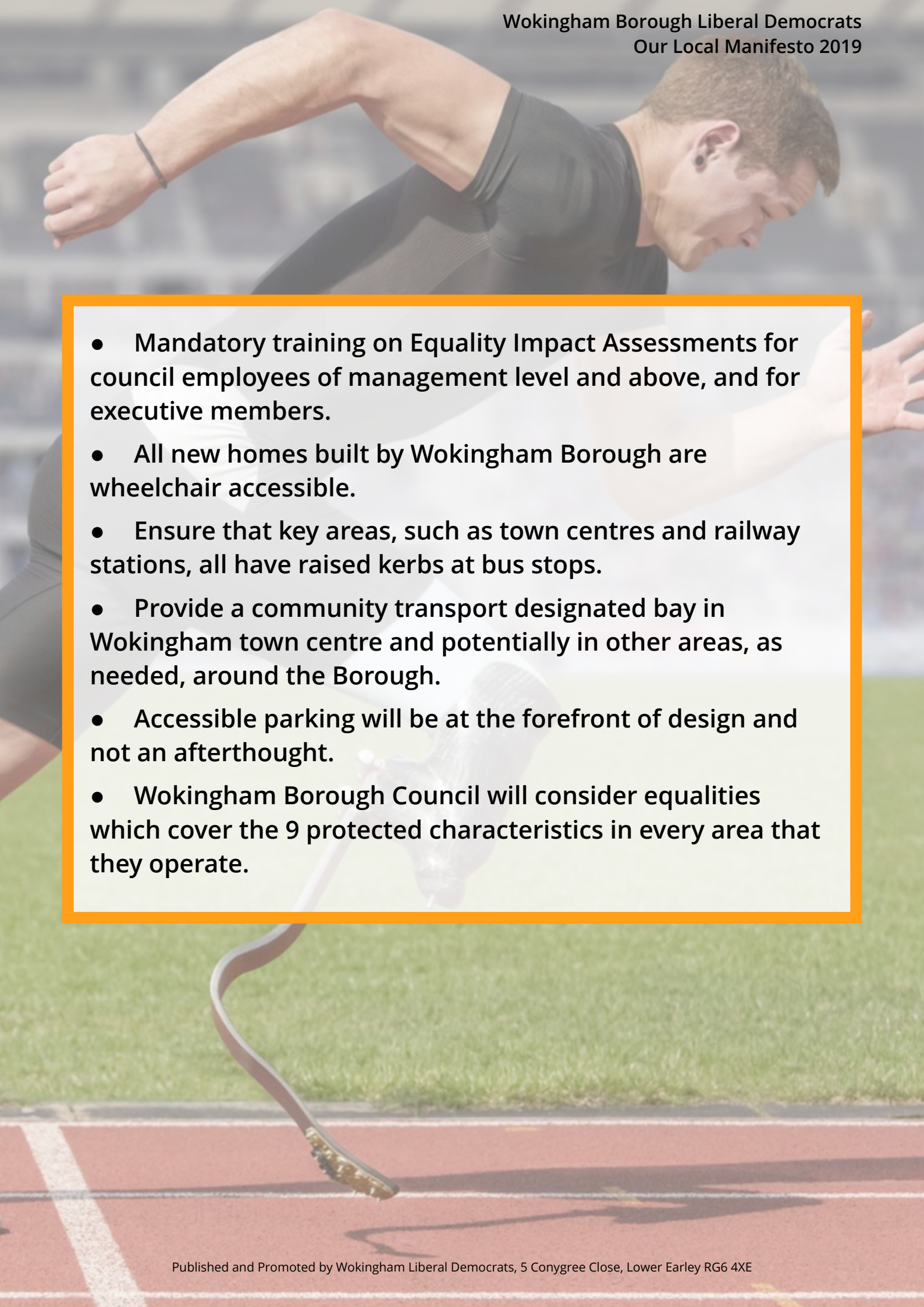
# EQUALITIES

## **THE ISSUES:**

- There are not enough school places within Wokingham Borough for children with special educational needs.
- Not enough consideration is given to access for residents with disabilities to public services.
- Most homes within Wokingham Borough are not wheelchair accessible.

## **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PROPOSALS:**

- Provide more school places within Wokingham Borough for children with special educational needs.
- Ensure more children with special educational needs are being educated in supported environments within mainstream schools.
- Ensure all WBC projects complete a mandatory Equality Impact Assessment and consult widely with appropriate or affected groups.
- Develop a comprehensive list of affected groups to enable wide consultation.

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- **Mandatory training on Equality Impact Assessments for council employees of management level and above, and for executive members.**
  - **All new homes built by Wokingham Borough are wheelchair accessible.**
  - **Ensure that key areas, such as town centres and railway stations, all have raised kerbs at bus stops.**
  - **Provide a community transport designated bay in Wokingham town centre and potentially in other areas, as needed, around the Borough.**
  - **Accessible parking will be at the forefront of design and not an afterthought.**
  - **Wokingham Borough Council will consider equalities which cover the 9 protected characteristics in every area that they operate.**