Equality Impact Assessment Form

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1. Document Control

1. Control Details

Title:	Extension to the following Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Nottingham City Council (Smedley Close, Aspley, Nottingham) Gating Order 2008 (GO5004)
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4. Glossary of Terms

Term	Description
Gating Order	A Gating Order was an order made under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 to address issues of anti-social behaviour identified in the Restricted Area. The purpose of a Gating Order was to restrict public access by placing appropriate physical measures such as gates or bollards at each end of a highway to help deal with crime and anti-social behaviour where the local authority was satisfied that this action was justified.
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	A Public Spaces Protection Order is an order that identifies a public place (a restricted area) and (a) Prohibits specified things being done in the restricted area, (b) requires specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified activities in that area, or (c) does both of those things.

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2. Assessment

1. Brief description of proposal / policy / service being assessed

The proposal is to extend for three years the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Nottingham City Council (Smedley Close, Aspley,Nottingham) Gating Order that was made in 2008.

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2. Information used to analyse the effects on equality:

There is no information or data available regarding the exact numbers of older people, disabled people and people with mobility problems who reside in the locality of Smedley Close.

3. **Impacts and Actions:**

screentip-sectionD	Could particularly benefit X	May adversely impact X
People from different ethnic groups.	☒	☐
Men	☐	☐
Women	☐	☐
Trans	☒	☐
Disabled people or carers.	☒	☒
Pregnancy/ Maternity	☒	☒
People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none.	☒	☐
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people.	☒	☐
Older	☒	☒
Younger	☐	☐
Other (e.g. marriage/ civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults). ***Please underline the group(s) /issue more adversely affected or which benefits.***	☐	☐

screentip-sectionE **How different groups could be affected** (Summary of impacts)	screentip-sectionF **Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact** (or why action isn't possible)

Extending the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will mean that the alleyway will remain closed and the gating that is fixed at either end will remain in place. Members of the public and residents will not be able to use the alleyway. This proposal may adversely impact on people who are disabled or people who have limited mobility and older people as they will have an additional distance to travel using an alternative route. However, there is no data available regarding the exact numbers of older people, disabled people and people with mobility problems who reside in the locality of Smedley Close. On the other hand, anti-social behaviour and the fear of such behaviour (including hate crime) is likely to disproportionately affect groups with protected characteristics. In continuing to prevent anti-social behaviour the Order will be of benefit to these groups. A Gating Order was put in place and the alleyway was gated off to address the long standing issues of anti-social behaviour by unknown youths. Concerns have been raised with Nottingham City Council's Community Protection Service that if the Order was to lapse, the anti-social behaviour may restart and the problems may reoccur once more in an area that has been provided respite as a result of the actions taken by the Council.	A public consultation commenced on 24th February 2020 and ended on 22nd March 2020. The Council has consulted with the Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police, and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Council has made the Neighbourhood Development Officer aware of the formal consultation and sought confirmation as to whether there were any relevant community representatives in the locality of the Order. The Council has written to the occupier of each of the properties which abut the Restricted Area making them aware of the formal consultation. The Council must also publicise the proposed extension proposal on the Council's website. The Council has published a copy of the Order on its website and explained that it proposed to extend the effect of the Order for a further three years. Formal consultation on the proposed extension of the Order commenced on 24 February 2020 and concluded on 22 March 2020. An additional two weeks was allowed to take account of any late responses. It is recognised that some time has passed since the formal consultation ended. I can confirm however that there have been no further comments received in relation to the proposal to extend the Order since the consultation ended and no other issues have been raised. As a result of evidence collated during the consultation period, there appears to be support for the proposed extension to the Order. No letters were received from residents. One e mail was received on

	behalf of an elderly resident. It stated that they wished to add that they supported the application for the extension of the PSPO as they feared the anti-social behaviour will return should it be allowed to run out this year. The alternative routes are along pavements which have street lights and no steep gradients or other disability access implications. The alternative routes are clearly marked on a plan that is attached to the original Order. There are no known complaints from residents of having to take the alternative routes. Should residents wish to raise issues they can do so through the Have Your Say on the Council's website or via their Ward Member. If the proposed extension is approved this area will be closely monitored by Community Protection Officers (CPO'S) carrying out regular patrols. These patrols can be used as a deterrent and they can be reviewed on a weekly basis. The extension of the current PSPO will help reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the local community and therefore the use of these powers will improve the quality of life for all residents including the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups within the community. The gating off of an alleyway is not a permanent measure. If extended the PSPO will last for three years, after which it may be reviewed to see if the restrictions are still required. If the PSPO is no longer required when it is reviewed, any barriers or gates installed under the authority of the proposed PSPO will need to be removed.

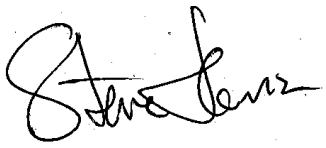
4. Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:

☒	No major change needed	☐	Adjust the policy/proposal
☐	Adverse impact but continue	☐	Stop and remove the policy/proposal

5. **Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this proposal / policy / service:**

The Smedley Close area will be closely monitored by Community Protection Officers (CPO's) carrying out regular patrols. These patrols can be used as a deterrent and they can be reviewed on a weekly basis. As part of their role Community Protection Officers engage with members of public and residents. Any concerns raised by members of the community regarding the continuous closure of the alleyway will be reported back to the Anti-social Behaviour Team.

6. **Approved by (manager signature) and Date sent to equality team for publishing:**

Approving Manager: The assessment must be approved by the manager responsible for the service/proposal. Include a contact tel & email to allow citizen/stakeholder feedback on proposals.	**Date sent for scrutiny:** Send document or Link to: equalityanddiversityteam@nottinghamcity.gov.uk **12.08.2020**
SRO Approval:  **Tel: 07568330456** **Email: steve.harrison@nottinghamcity.gov.uk**	**Date of final approval:** **26.08.2020**

Before you send your EIA to the Equality and Community Relations Team for scrutiny, have you:

1. Read the guidance and good practice EIA's

http://intranet.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/1924/simple-guide-to-eia.doc

2. Clearly summarised your proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed.
3. Hyperlinked to the appropriate documents.
4. Written in clear user-friendly language, free from all jargon (spelling out acronyms).
5. Included appropriate data.
6. Consulted the relevant groups or citizens or stated clearly, when this is going to happen.
7. Clearly cross-referenced your impacts with SMART actions.