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 (Candle Meadow, Colwick Park, Nottingham) Gating Order 2008 (GO 5003)
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4. Glossary of Terms

Term	Description
Gating Order	Gating Orders were made under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. The Order may be granted in relation to a relevant highway where: (a) Premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway are affected by crime or anti-social behaviour; (b) The existence of the highway is facilitating the persistent commission of criminal offences or anti-social behaviour; and (c) It is in all the circumstances expedient to make the order for the purposes of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)	A Public Spaces Protection Order is an order made under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.The Order 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 a further three years the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Nottingham City Council (Candle Meadow, Colwick Park, Nottingham) that was originally a Gating Order 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, pregnant or women on maternity leave and people with mobility problems who reside in the locality of Candle Meadow.

3. **Impacts and Actions:**

screentip-sectionD	Could particularly benefit X	May adversely impact X
People from different ethnic groups.	x	☐
Men	☐	☐
Women	☐	☐
Trans	x	☐
Disabled people or carers.	x	x
Pregnancy/ Maternity	x	x
People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none.	x	☐
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people.	x	☐
Older	x	x
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, pregnant or women on maternity leave 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, pregnant or women on maternity leave and people with mobility problems who reside in the locality of Candle Meadow. 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 all residents and members of the public. A Gating Order was put in place and the alleyway was gated off to address the long standing issues of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. 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	A public consultation commenced on 24th February 2020 and ended on 22nd March 2020. The consultation period was extended for two weeks for residents whose properties abut the alleyway on Candle Meadow. The Council has consulted with the Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police, and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Council has made Neighbourhood Development Officers aware of the formal consultation and sought confirmation as to whether there are any relevant community representatives in any of the three localities of the Orders. 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 during the period 24 February 2020 and concluded on 22 March 2020. An additional two weeks was allowed to take account of any late responses.

once more in an area that has been provided respite as a result of the actions taken by the Council.	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. There were no letters received in response to the consultation. Two e mails supporting the extension of the Candle Meadow order were received. One of the responses was from a Candle Meadow resident who stated “These gates have been a godsend and should never be removed”. 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. Residents may raise concerns via Have Your Say on the Council’s website. If the proposed extension is approved this area will be closely monitored by Community Protection Officers (CPOs) 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:

x	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 Candle Meadow area will be closely monitored by Community Protection Officers (CPOs) 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:** **25/08/2020**

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.