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 in the vicinity of Bentinck Primary school Restriction of Public Right of Way Public Spaces Protection Order 2017
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4. **Glossary of Terms**

Term	Description
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 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 in the vicinity of Bentinck Primary school Restriction of Public Right of Way Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 which was made in 2017. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) was carried out in relation to the application for the original Order. There are no known changes since the original EIA was done.

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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 the Bentinck Primary school.

3. **Impacts and Actions:**

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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, except for the specific times stated in the Order when it is open, and the gating that is fixed at either end will remain in place. Members of the public and	A public consultation commenced on 24th February 2020 and ended on 22nd March 2020.

residents will not be able to use the alleyway except during the times stated in the Order. 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 the Bentinck primary school. 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 Public Spaces Protection Order was put in place and the alleyway was gated off to address the long standing issues of anti-social behaviour by unknown people. 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.	The Council has consulted with the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner. However, the Council have not received a response. The Council has also consulted with the Bentick Primary school but has not received a response. The Council 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. The Neighbourhood Development Officer and Ward Members were made aware of the proposals. There has been no response during the consultation period to the proposed extension to the Order. The restricted area forms part of land that is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council but occupied by the school. The contributor who is a Principal Enforcement Officer to this EIA has spoken with a representative of the school prior to the start of the consultation who told him that there were still problems with dog fouling and litter on the alleyway and wished the PSPO to continue. There are no domestic premises abutting the restricted area with the school site on one side and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and grassed areas maintained by the school on the other. The consultation formally ended on 23 March 2020. During the period of the consultation there was mounting concern over the impact of the Covid-19 virus on the United Kingdom. On 18 March 2020 the UK government announced that schools would close on 20 March until further notice. On 17 March a Latest News item was posted on the Bentinck school website stating that they were already preparing for the possibility of the school closing. It is not known what impact the Covid-19 virus situation may have had on the lack of response, especially any towards the end of the consultation period. 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.

	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. 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 to anti-social behaviour 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
x	Adverse impact but continue	☐	Stop and remove the policy/proposal

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

The area around the Bentinck Primary school 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 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.