

Equality Impact Assessment Form

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1. Document Control

1. Control Details

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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 (c) does both of those things.
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.

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2. Assessment

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

The proposal is to extend the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) namely Nottingham City Council (Holland Street, Arboretum, Nottingham) Gating Order 2014 (GO 5012), for a further three years from 19th October 2020 to 18th October 2023 .

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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 this PSPO.

3. Impacts and Actions:

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

<p style="text-align: right;"><u>screeintip-sectionE</u></p> <p>How different groups could be affected (Summary of impacts)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>screeintip-sectionF</u></p> <p>Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact (or why action isn't possible)</p>
<p>Extending the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will mean that the alleyway will remain closed off and the gating that is fixed at either end of the alleyway will remain in place. Members of the public and residents will not be able to use the alleyway.</p> <p>This proposal may adversely impact on people who are disabled or people who have limited mobility, pregnant women 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 women or people with mobility problems who reside in the locality of Holland Street.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>A public consultation commenced on 24th February 2020 and ended on 22nd March 2020.</p> <p>The Council has consulted with the Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police, and the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>The Council has made the Neighbourhood Development Officer aware of the formal consultation and sought confirmation as to whether there are any relevant community representatives in the locality of the Order.</p> <p>The Council has written to the occupier of each of the properties which abut the Restricted Area making them aware of the formal consultation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

once more in an area that has been provided respite as a result of the actions taken by the Council.

The consultation ended on 22 March 2020 and 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.

In response to the consultation the Council received a lengthy e-mail from a resident who is very much in favour of extending the restrictions for a further three years. This resident wrote:-

Starts:

I am 100% proposing and supporting the extension of these current restriction orders even after October 2020. These gated areas have several benefits to the entire community especially with the continuation of a better, safer Hyson Green area and enhancement of the Community Cohesion.

My main reasons for supporting this extension are as follows:

- The crime incidences along Holland Street reduced drastically and the place is more peaceful to living in. The anti-social behaviors such as the :
 - Prostitution (Personally, I have seen people behind my house at around 9 pm in the act as I went to put my rubbish outside. I also heard people behind my house at night time who then left condoms in the alleyway. The following day, it was so disgusting as I walked with my children through the alleyway before it was closed).
 - Urination behind my house: (the urine stench was so strong to point of smelling it inside my sitting room,)
 - Wall graffiti
 - Selling and consumption of drugs along the alleyway where needles were previously left next to my sitting room window.
 - Fights that even happened on my front door.

1. I mentioned the enhancement of the Community Cohesion because the street alcohol consumption occurred within a particular group in the community. This issue caused a lot of attention and hatred in the area. Hence, the extension of the Gated area will completely stop all these anti-social behaviors.
2. On a personal level, I am a full time working and a single parent of two children. Before the closure of the alleyway, It was so difficult for my children to have good night sleeps especially when the anti-social behavior such the alcohol consumption occurred and those people used to make a lot of noise. Most of the time, fights would break out due to drunkenness.
3. Since the installation of this gated area, we have been able to sleep peacefully and the quality of our lives has improved positively because I feel safe and at a peace in my home. My children no longer suffer from anxiety too.
4. It is very true that if these gated areas were to be removed, there would be a creation even more problems plus the return of the previous crimes. The area would be very unsafe for everyone. In addition, how are we going to tackle such crimes especially the drugs which would lead to dangerous crimes such as the possession of weapons (knives, gums) in the street?
5. To make the matter worse, how are we going to tackle, report or solve such crimes with these current financial cuts in our Police forces? The removal of these gated areas will be a great risk to all the community and Hyson Green would be a dangerous place to live if such actions are taken.
6. Hence, I am supporting the extension of these gated areas including the one next to my property. I am very positive and hopeful that my contribution will make such a positive outcome with the extension of these gated areas.
Ends.

The alternative routes are along pavements which have street lights and no steep gradients or other disability access implications.

	<p>There are no known complaints from residents of having to take the alternative routes. If residents wish to raise issues they can do so via the Council's Have your Say on the Council's website or through their Ward Member.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 PSPOs 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.</p>
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4. Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No major change needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjust the policy/proposal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adverse impact but continue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stop and remove the policy/proposal

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

<p>The area around the PSPO 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</p>
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engage with members of the 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:

<p>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.</p>	<p>Date sent for scrutiny: Send document or Link to: equalityanddiversityteam@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 12.08.2020</p>
<p>SRO Approval:</p>  <p>Tel: 07568330456 Email: steve.harrison@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</p>	<p>Date of final approval: 26.08.2020</p>

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.