### Equality Impact Assessment

#### Validation Decision Notice

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**Consider:**

- Was discrimination or disadvantage identified? [No]
- Was the service promoting equality? [Yes]
- Could the service be improved in promoting equality? [Yes]
- Are the customers' needs understood and met? [Yes]
- Is there good evidence and/or reasoning to support the decisions on whether groups are/aren't affected? [Yes]
- Does the summary report properly reflect the key findings of the assessment? [Yes]
- Is the summary report clear and easy to understand? [Yes]
- If improvements have been identified, do they reflect and deal with the key findings? [Yes]

**The decision is to:**

- Validate [✓]
- Not validate [☐]

**The reason(s) for the decision are:**

- Validation given – information correct [☐]
- Not validated – decision not to proceed as EIA incorrect [☐]
- Not validated - screening error [☐]
- Not validated – research/consultation error [☐]
- Not validated – improvement error [☐]

**Signed**

**Designation**

Corporate Director

**Date**

9/11/11

**Name**

M. Gunner
Equality Impact Assessment – Summary Report

Department: Property & Facilities Management
Date: 01/12/2010

Completing Officer's Name: Peter Gunner/ Brian Barrett

Policy, Strategy, Service or Plan that was Impact assessed:
The Malls Refurbishment – Temporary closure of Old Basing Mall

The Malls shopping centre is currently under going a major refurbishment, as part of the
refurbishment some demolition of the existing concrete structure is required. The Contractor has
requested that for the benefit of the public, for health & safety reasons, that Old Basing Mall is
closed for the period of 5pm 5 December to 6am 6 December, to enable the concrete bridge link
over this mall to be removed.

Summary of Findings:

The proposals will allow the contractor to close Old Basing Mall for one evening after the
shops have closed and to work through the night so that all of the bridge link can be
removed in one go. This will allow for the mall to be re-opened the following morning for
public access.
The closure will ensure that no member of the public is put at risk during these works and
that all necessary measures are put in place to assist those members of the public to
navigate around the closure.
Notices are to be put up around The Malls prior to the closure informing the public of the
closure, an article in the local paper has also been arranged. Festival place are also
arranging their own public information for members of the public using their centre of the
closure. We have also requested that public announcements are made during the
afternoon on the 5 December, reminding shoppers of the closure.

We have also arranged for additional staff to be available during the closure to assist the
public in finding their way around the closure and to help those who may have difficulty
using the temporary route.

In summary it was considered with the arrangements that have been put in place no
individual group would be disadvantaged.

Summary of Recommendations:

No additional recommendations were made.