# Annex 9 - Response from Residents (4 alleyways between Millfield Road and Nunmill Street)

## Millfield Road / Thorpe Street

**89 properties (41 replies received)**

**35 Yes to gating** **6 No to gating**

**33 Yes to waste** **8 No to waste**

**Colour Key**

**Support both gates & changes in waste collecion**

**Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position**

**Object to gates & changes in waste collection**

| | | Alleygating? | | Refuse? | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Log No. | Owner (O) or Tenant (T) | Yes | No | Yes | No | Comments |
| 17 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 18 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 7 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 8 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Fantastic initiative, please implement ASAP. |
| 9 | O | 1 | | 1 | | I welcome the proposal and hope it will be done as soon as possible. |
| 41 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 20 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Just wish to express the fact that I think it is not appropriate to include the issue of refuse collection alongside the gate issue. It's clearly designed to put people off agreeing to the gate. That's why I think this consultation is a farce. |
| 10 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 11 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 12 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 21 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Occasionally vehicles need access to the alley - will the gates restrict this? Will there still be enough space (width) at the entance to the alley to drive a vehicle into it? |
| 14 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 15 | O | 1 | | 1 | | We fully support the scheme. Will the alleyway still be subject to regular cleaning by the council? |
| 22 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 16 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 23 | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 24 | O | 1 | | 1 | | I fully agree & support gating of said alleyway. Long overdue. |
| 25 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 26 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Alleygating would make the area more secure. |
| 28 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 29 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 30 | T | 1 | | 1 | | We recently had our house broken into via the rear of the property. Our house was not the only one in our street. I feel these new gates will increase the safety and also make it another safety/security deterant to prevent this happening again. |
| 33 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 34 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **35** | O | 1 | | 1 | | There is considerable subsidence caused by the installation of lighting in the alleyway between Millfield Road and Thorpe Street and the subsequent heavy refuse collection vehicles. This should be rectified as a matter of urgency. |
| **36** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **37** | O | 1 | | 1 | | Great idea! |
| **40** | | 1 | | 1 | | (No address given) |
| **19** | O | 1 | | | 1 | Having observed the poor maintenance of other gated alleyways (Scarcroft Hill), I would be more comfortable with a regular maintenance programme of the alleyway rather than it being done on a reactionary basis. Due to the lack of provision of wheely bins by the council, I would prefer NOT to have to lift wet and soiled binbags through the house for collection at the front. |
| **4** | O | 1 | | 1 | | I prefer putting rubbish in alley; could we have someone unlock the gate early on collection day rather than put rubbish at front? Or wheely bins in a subtle colour? (grey) |
| **6** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We support the alleygating scheme to prevent problems with graffiti, back alley drinking & flytipping. Re waste collection we would favour being able to leave refuse for collection outside the gates rather than having to bring it through the house to block up the pavement at the front, if possible. |
| **13** | O | 1 | | | 1 | We would strongly object to having to carry waste to the end of the road for collection and assume it will only have to be placed outside our house. That is the basis on which we have offered support to the proposed scheme. |
| **39** | O | 1 | | 1 | | The position of the gate should be at the very top end of the "back lane" next to 17 Southlands & 18. The top of this lane is a bad congregation point for teenagers. This will prevent this anti-social behaviour. Thankyou. (No.18 has had graffiti on wall). |
| **27** | O | 1 | | 1 | | Regarding the collection of refuse I am a pensioner. |
| **31** | O | 1 | | 1 | | I very much agree with the alleygating between Millfield Road & Thorpe Street as both my neighbours on either side have had their properties broken into & items stolen from their back yards. My only concern is that people will store bags of refuse at the front of their properties rather than carry it through the house in bad weather/winter. I'm also not sure how people will feel about carrying bags to cetral refuse point. Apart from these concerns I'm very much in favour of alleygating. |
| **1** | T | | 1 | | 1 | As a cyclist, it would be inconvenient to have to dismount to unlock the gates. Living in the centre of the road, it would be inconvenient to have to possibly carry our household waste to an agreed central collection point at the end of the alley, since there are 6 tenants in the house and we produce a lot of rubbish. We don't think that there is a problem with criminal and/or anti-social behaviour in the area. |
| **3** | O | | 1 | | 1 | This would feel like a gated community; our neighbourhood watch is good and even though there have been incidences of burglary they are few and can be tackled with alarm systems if necessary without closing ourselves in. I am strongly against them. |
| **32** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I am now in my 70s and have been using the back lanes of Scarcroft since I was old enough to walk. Despite having been burgled, I do NOT want to live in a gated community. I find the notion abhorrent in general, but in particular I object very strongly to the suggestion that dustbins - or black bags - would have to be kept in front of the premises. The forecourts are so small, they would be swamped by foul-smelling garbage. And I could NOT manage to carry bags to a point beyond gates. Would it not be cheaper/simpler to give contributions to anyone who wants a burglar alarm? I hope these proposals fail. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I feel such a scheme restricts freedom in a lovely area with a great community. When living in the Clifton area of York we had gates and yet had a burglary. They just presented a constant hassle when moving around with bikes etc. but saw no evidence of them reducing crime. Are they really necessary in a safe area like this? Surely the council's money could be better spent e.g. improving the roads. |
| **5** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I do not agree with this proposal. It will make bin collection harder than the switch to fortnightly collections has already made it. I see no justification for spending scarce council resources on a scheme that has no benefits. I have seen no detailed plans in order to establish what size of vehicles will be permitted through these gates. I assume that if refuse collection lorries cannot pass the gates to collect refuse then fire engines will be unable to pass. Don't waste my money on this scheme. If you must spend, then find more deserving projects. |
| **38** | O | | 1 | | 1 | We believe that gating is not the answer to anti-social behaviour and is likely to lead to a more divided society rather than a community working together. |

# Thorpe Street / Russell Street

**86 properties (50 replies received inc. 2 from 1 property, counted as 1 for Yes/No figures)**

**35 Yes to gating** **14 No to gating**

**35 Yes to waste** **14 No to waste**

**Colour Key**

**2 replies from 1 property**

**Support both gates & changes in waste collecion**

**Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position**

**Object to gates & changes in waste collection**

| | | Alleygating? | | Refuse? | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Log No. | Owner (O) or Tenant (T) | Yes | No | Yes | No | Comments |
| 37 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Although the loss of public access is a pity, I realise that alleygating may be necessary to prevent crime in the area. |
| 38 | O | 1 | | 1 | | We think the installation of alleygates would be very worthwhile for the security of the whole area. Lately, we have seen vans driving down the back lane with people stood on the van roofs lookiing into peoples backyards. That kind of activity, which is unnerving especially for elderly people, would obviously be stopped by alleygates. Any measure that increases the safety and security of local residents has got to be a good thing. |
| 46 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Although it looks as if my house won't be included in the gating scheme as it is at the end of the backlane, I think that it is important in increasing security for others on my street. I've also had a fair bit of concern about the refuse trucks backing down the lane - they have caused quite a lot of subidence towards the bottom end of the lane & as the household sewers run into the main sewer that runs down the middle of the lane, I expect it is likely that these have been damaged. Alternative refuse collection arrangements will be no problem at all. |
| 11 | O | 1 | | 1 | | We FULLY support this proposal to restrict public access to the alley behind our house. |
| 30 | O | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 31 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 32 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 33 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 26 | O | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 35 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 36 | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 39 | O? | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 40 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 41 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 42 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 43 | O | 1 | | 1 | | What about window cleaners? |
| 45 | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 47 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 48 | T | 1 | | 1 | | We live at the top so I am not inconvenienced. I will go along with what the neighbours want. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **7** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **8** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **9** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **2** | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **14** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **15** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **16** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **17** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **21** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **22** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **23** | T? | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **18** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **28** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **34** | O | 1 | | 1 | | Whilst in agreement in principle, there is no mention of costings to the taxpayer of York. This should be the start point of any consultation. |
| **27** | O | 1 | | 1 | | However, as we live next to the alleyway we do not want everyone to leave their rubbish next to our house. We are concerned that people will leave their rubbish next to our house for collection which isn't acceptable. |
| **44** | O | 1 | | 1 | | I would be interested to hear what is proposed regarding alternative refuse collection asap please. |
| **50** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I am unhappy about the proposed changes to the collection of refuse and household waste by the council. I do not like the idea of everone's rubbish bags and recycling piling up right next to my home in front of the alleygate. This might attract vermin and pests especially as refuse and recycling are only currently collected once a fortnight. This is the only objection I have to the alleygating plan. |
| **49** | O | | ? | | ? | Central refuse collection points could lead to nuisance and impaired access because of premature deposition of refuse sacks. |
| **4** | O | 1 | | 1 | | My property joins the alleyway & in consultation with my neighbour ..... we suggest that the gates are repositioned. On the current proposal we believe the gates are too far back to prevent some of the anti-social, usually alcohol fuelled behaviour we experience on weekends but particularly race evenings. On the current plan the gates are at the back of the houses where the yards start but we suggest setting them a metre or so back from the front walls of the houses, this would prevcent any sense of "privacy" felt by those who choose to use the alley as a toilet or for other purposes. It would also mean the garden walls couldn't be used to climb over the gates as they would be too far back but cars would still be able to use the entrance to turn. If gating goes ahead I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the position of the gates on site. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We agree to gate the alleyway between Thorpe Street & Russell Street as this addresses security issues which we have been aware of and experienced in the last 8 years that we have lived here, however we have objections to the cureent proposal for the following reasons: 1. Location of the alley gate - Being one of the houses for which the alley gate will be adjacent, we request that the gate is located closer to the front of the house rather than the cureent proposal of being set back. Although we understand this has been proposed to minimise noise, we feel that being set back will create a dead end that will continue to attract loitering, litter and race goer urinating and will still give access to household cables which we experienced were recently pulled off the wall by racegoers. However the brought forward positioning needs to take into account that the front walls/railings cannot be used as a way to climb over the gate, and also that climbing the gates themselves cannot be used to gain access to upstairs windows. 2. Refuse Collection - We agree to refuse collections from the front of the property. We do not agree to a central collection point and do not think this is a viable option as this will atract vermin for those properties next to the central collection point. Also, our experience is that people put out their refuse on the wrong day and that bags break and spill refuse that would be left next to the properties near the collection point. There is also a potential situation that older, disabled or other residents living far from the collection point may not be physically able to take their refuse to the collection point. Also if the collection point is in front of the alleygate, this will create an obstruction to access through the gate. We feel that each household should be able to treat their refuse collection as they currently do with their recycling collection. 3. Gate Maintenance - As the gate will be adjacent to our property we are keen to understand how the gate will be maintained and what style of gate can be used to minimise noise. |
| **6** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Although I agree with gating in principle, I think that it will be too hard to police it. If each household is given the gate's PIN number that means to start with at least 100-150 people will know the PIN number. This PIN number will be passed onto any tradesmen, i.e. window cleaners, builders etc before long too many people will know the PIN and in my view the security of the PIN will too easily be compromised. |
| **1** | T | | 1 | | 1 | I feel secure in my property. I enjoy the ease of access to the back alleys. |
| **10** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I feel if we get gated the lane will not be cleaned. |
| **29** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I disagree with the concept especiatlly if this will mean changes to the refuse collection. We do not have wheely bins & to have to carry rubbish to the end of the gated area would both be problematic & cause more litter problems with the splitting of bags, leading to vermin & pests. I have elderly neighbours to either side & believe it would be worse for them. I use my bike every day & having to go through another gate would be awkward. I believe that the gate would make the area seem more of a crime spot than it actually is. I have only ever seen these is high crime areas & they are not attractive. I also believe that the gate at the north end of the street is positioned in the wrong place. This is used as a cut through for pedestrians & bikers avoiding the busy main road. I would suggest it is better to have a north facing gate as opposed to two east and west facing gates. In times of reducing budgets I believe money could be spent better elsewhere, maybe on wheely bins! Sorry I'm not usually such a complaining neighbour. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **12** | O | | 1 | | 1 | My objection to this proposal of alleygating is practicality of usage in all weathers, all year round, and the fact Millthorpe School is so close by - a concern would also be that the access code could easily be obtained, making gating slightly pointless. Regarding safety from break-ins etc, yes, burglary does exist but Thorpe Street / Russell Street - a crime hotspot in York??? Obviously these are my own personal views/opinions and understand there will be a vast difference of opinions too, so interested to see how the views of other residents on the proposal. I just think the money could be put to better use eg roads/marking/paving etc, and would/could probably make easy alternative arrangements not to use anyway!! |
| **13** | T | | 1 | | ? | We believe the gates to be a complete waste of money at a time when council funding and cuts are under review and when council tax has just been increased. We are unhappy with proposed changes to refuse collections we feel the current set up works well. We completely question the purpose of these gates as the alleygates in other parts of the city which we presume will be installed here provide minimal security. They are low enough to climb and can in fact be forced open with a screw driver. |
| **19** | T | | 1 | | 1 | I see no benefit in enclosing the alley, other than for children to safely play, but it is not used in that way now, so I doubt it would be. The fact nothing can be stored there would imply that it could not be made into a pleasant patio garden area like in many ?. The gating would be a nuisance when on a bicycle & I have not seen a positive reason from you for this proposal. |
| **20** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Rubbish collection would be problematic. |
| **3** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I think gates would make the area feel LESS safe. It is a bad reflection on society and a real shame. It would take me a lot longer to get to work - using my bike out back. Rubbish would be a massive problem. An expense that it NOT needed. |
| **24** | O | | 1 | | 1 | A change in waste collection would be a major nause!! This is NOT a narrow, person only access. It is a wide, open access road used not only by the council dust carts, but by tradesmen working on properties. There is clear line of sight down to the very end, so security is less of a problem for the properties. I am strongly against access gates - it should remain open as a service road - the purpose it was built for. I certainly do NOT want to lug garbage out to the front of my house. In sum, leave it be. It is a SERVICE LANE for the houses. Putting up gates would just create problems and any security gain would be minimal. |
| **25** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I would wish to know the details for collection of rubbish should the alleys be gated. It is NOT acceptable for rubbish to be left at the front of the house or to be stored at the front of the house. This is both a health/environmental issue and very unsightly. |

# Russell Street / Scott Street

**89 properties (44 replies received)**

**33 Yes to gating** **10 No to gating**

**29 Yes to waste** **12 No to waste**

**(reply log no.16 did not say either way)**

**Colour Key**

**Support both gates & changes in waste collecion**

**Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position**

**Object to gates & changes in waste collection**

| | | Alleygating? | | Refuse? | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Log No. | Owner (O) or Tenant (T) | Yes | No | Yes | No | Comments |
| 11 | T | 1 | | 1 | | After being victims of a burglary in March, we would strongly support the Alleygating scheme. It would be a great deterrant and have a positive effect on crime in the area. |
| 8 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Myself & my housemates think the scheme is a very good idea and we are pleased that the council is taking measures to try to reduce crime in the area. |
| 4 | ? | 1 | | ? | | |
| 5 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 6 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 7 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 9 | ? | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 10 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 15 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Great proposal as may stop the graffiti which is sprayed on back gates and make area more secure. |
| 37 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 36 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 39 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 38 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 22 | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 41 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 27 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 29 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 31 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 33 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 34 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 21 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 42 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 28 | O | 1 | | 1 | | Please make the bar-spacing easy for cats to go through. Also - an easy lock - will it be punch numbers? I use the alleyways a lot as short cuts so am sad that this facility will go. But I can see from a security view point it would make the streets safer. Thanks you. |
| 44 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 24 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 25 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We agree to the proposed Gating Order. My mother and I have lived all our lives at Russell St. Fortunately for use we have never been burgled but have suffered an arsen attack on the property a few years ago. The Gating Order is a fabulous idea especially this year many properties in Scott and Russell St have been burgled all gaining entry from the back lane area. Also it would stop late night revellers cutting through kicking beer cans and making a disturbance (noise). In winter we very rarely use the back as it's very dark and quite scary if you're a female especially I always feel I have to check behind me all the time. Thank you for the proposed Gating Order, I'm sure many of us will rest and sleep more easily knowing that nobody can gain access to properties illegally, only residents, house owners and of course refuse collectors. |
| **14** | ? | 1 | | | 1? | Generally speaking, I would support this proposal but I do have one concern - refuse collection. If rubbish is no longer collected from the back alley, are the Council proposing a multi-wheelie bins solution via the front of our properties? These ghastly bins would completely undermine the appearance of the street and would I suspect cause residents to vote against erecting security gates. |
| **26** | O | 1 | | | 1 | Agree with the principle of gating, but want to raise concern about refuse collection - I would be happy to take refuse to a collection point outside the gates at the end of the alley but NOT to collect from the front of the property. Refuse that has been in an outside bin for 2 weeks is wet and smelly and particularly in bad weather having to carry this the length of your property inside results in mess and damage and is VERY unpleasant. Trying to carry/drag the bag results in marks ont he narrow hall walls and your clothes and damage to floor coverings. Also, refuse left in front of houses will be unsightly and more prone to disturbance from passers-by and cars. |
| **19** | O | 1 | | 1 | | Please see suggestion on plan for alternative siting of gates at corner of 7 Scott Street & 7 Russell Street. Two gates could leave the cut through open but limit access. Anti-social behaviour is a problem at back of 7-2 Scott Street. |
| **20** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We would like more information on: A - the position of the gates; B - more detail of how refuse would be collected. |
| **30** | T | | 1 | | 1 | I am not aware of any particular problems in the area. Would only support it if crime rates support the need for them. Otherwise money could be best spent on essential services. |
| **40** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We are in full agreement of this scheme as long as it includes the back access to our premises .... We have had several instances of vandalism and an attempted burglary at/through this access and would want it further protected by this gating. We hope this can be taken into consideration when installing these gates. |
| **43** | T | 1 | | | 1 | I would not be comfortable carrying my household rubbish through my house from back to front for a collection. As this is only collected bi-weekly & in the summer maggots do fester in the rubbish. Maybe a community bin in the alley would be an idea. I agree that the gates will increase security but I would not appriciate this to cause any increase in my council tax bill as this is high already and with the extra cost of having to pay the council to park outside of my rented property I only agree to the gates if costs remain low. |
| **3** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Alleygating instills fear and mistrust of others when incidents of crime are relatively rare. The alleys are public rights of way and the more people use them, the safer they remain/become. Council efforts should be directed to ensuring dog mess is cleared up and refuse sacks are not dumped in the alleys, rather than the "criminals" the gates are inteded to exclude. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **12** | T | | 1 | | 1 | I do not want to be shut in my own alleyway. If intruders want to get in they will jump over gate or through a front door I have lived round here all my life and do not want gates up. I have seen the gate in Millfield Road open all the time and we have lots of students round here changing houses all the time so everone will know the number LEAVE IT HOW IT IS PLEASE. |
| **13** | ? | | 1 | | 1 | I wish to register my objection to the proposal to gate the alley at the back of my house. I would be interested to know the number of incidents of anti-social or criminal behaviour occurring in the alleyaway in the last 12 months. I do not claim to have a comprehensive knowledge, but I am not aware of any incidents at all. The alleyway is not a busy thoroughfare. It is not a hotbed of crime or asb. It is just an alleyway; it is fine as it is. I currently store full refuse sacks in a bin in my back yard; I then take the sacks through my back gate into the alley for collection, once a fortnight. If this were proposed, the only solution for me would be to store all full refuse sacks at the front of my house over 14 days. I do not relish this prospect. Neither would I accept a proposal to carry my refuse sacks up the alleyway to a communal collection point; this is just asking for a trail of garbage as bags split at various points on the journey. Please do not proceed with this unnecessary (and bonkers) proposal. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | O | | 1 | | 1 | 1. The carriageways marked on the maps supplied are not pedestrian alleyways but are carriageways available as rights of way for the use of vehicular traffic and as such are used on a regular and frequent basis. This should be taken into account and those rights of way should be preserved. 2. The concept of requiring a driver to stop and open then close a gate to use these carriageways is unacceptable and represents an unnecessary hindrance to the right of way. This is particularly intolerable for the carriageway joining Scott Street & Nunmill Street which I use on a frequent and regular basis. I realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road but often need the use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street when vehicles are waiting at the end of Scott Street to use Scarcroft Road. 3. The implementation of the scheme takes the basic assumption that if you are not resident of the street in question then you have no business using the carriageway between houses those streets. This is a false assumption and a fundamental flaw in this particular scheme. In particular the carriageway joining streets are not private access areas solely used by the inhabitants of those streets, they are busy rights of wya used by the community as a whole. As mentioned in Comment 1 above, I regularly and frequently use the carriageway joining Scott Street & Nunmill Street as a pedestrian, cyclist and driver. As a resident on the opposite side of the road from this carriageway..... I assume that would not be given access to this route which I currently use. Even if I were given the PIN, I currently have the free and unhindered access to this right of way without the need to open a gate, I wish this to remain. A gate would be wholly inappropriate at this location and on this carriageway at any location. 4. I require pedestrain access to visit a friend who lives on Bishopthorpe Road and make use of the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street and then the carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street. I realsie that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road and Bishothorpe Road but this would more than double the distance of this journey which I make on a regular and very frequent basis. I currently have unhindered access for the existing right of way and wish this to remain. 5. I require free and unhindered vehicular access to the rear of a friend's guest house [on Bishopthorpe Road] to help with deliveries. The carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street is very narrow indeed. The positioning of the gate on this carriageway would necessarily narrow the carriageway. No narrowing of the carriageway would be acceptable as there is currently only just enough room for a vehicle to negotiate the corners at the ends of the carriageways and the gates are positioned at these corners as illustrated in the supplied map. This would prevent absolutely free access to this right of way by motor vehicles. The alternative would involve leaving a vehicle on double yellow lines ont he very busy approach to the traffic signals on the corner of Bishopthorpe Road and Scarcroft Road whilst deliveries are carried into the house and through the house to the rear. This would cause an obstruction to Bishopthorpe Road and introduce a systematic hindrance to the operation of this business. In summary, free and unhindered access for the use of these rights of way is fundamental to the nature of these streets where I have chosen to make my home. There may be benefits but they are considerably outweighed by the disadvantages. To change the nature of our community is such a way is unacceptable, I therefore reject all changes requested to the fullest extent possible by this consultation. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **18** | O | | 1 | ? | | It would be useful to have figures of how much would be spent in "Alleygating" these streets, so that this amount could be measured against the cost of, for instance, employing a community police officer (part-time/full-time) extending the duties of a parking warden to cover "policing" alleyways; better recycling facilities etc. Local people need to know costs! I don't lke the idea of "alleygating" as it seems to bring with it the dual conflicts of planting fear in peoples' minds about the area they live in (are we vulnerable etc) takes away community responsibility / looking after one's neighbour and the idea that our homes must become fortresses! |
| **17** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Why not only do gate the end of the back alleys and not the through alleys saving on gate cost. I do not wish to bring 2 week old bags through my house if you do 1 week collection I may be interested also I presume if we have to take it all the way to the bottom of the alley there will be reduction in council tax for doing it OURSELVES. |
| **32** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Rubbish will severely restrict access to the rear of properties if put out in the entrances. It is impractical to put it out to the front of properties as it obscure footpaths etc. The nature of the area will be affected to the detrement of all. |
| **35** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I think gates would spoil the feel of the Scarcroft estate. If security is a concern I believe CCTV would be more beneficial. |
| **1** | O | | 1 | | 1 | |
| **16** | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | (no indication on sheet of preference or comment made) |

# Scott Street / Nunmill Street

**79 properties (43 replies received inc. 2 from 1 property, counted as 1 for Yes/No figures)**

**34 Yes to gating** **8 No to gating**
**31 Yes to waste** **9 No to waste**

**Colour Key**

**2 replies from 1 property**
**Support both gates & changes in waste collecion**
**Supportive of gates but unhappy about change in waste collection or would like gates in different position**
**Object to gates & changes in waste collection**

| | | Alleygating? | | Refuse? | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Log No. | Owner (O) or Tenant (T) | Yes | No | Yes | No | Comments |
| 19 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 22 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 23 | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 29 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 31 | ? | 1 | | 1 | | Will there be a key / key-code for the lock given to all occupiers of the affected properties? Will we be given instructions of waste collection? Will vehicles be able to get through the gate still? |
| 32 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 33 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 34 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 35 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 36 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 38 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 20 | T | 1 | | 1 | | Alley gates would stop cars cutting through from Nunmill Street to Scott Street sometimes at quite a speed. This could be dangerous if we happened to open our back gate as it opens out onto the alley. Stop people urinating in the alley. Stop people getting into backyards. Would make it feel a safer area. Stop youths congregating, leaving rubbish. PLEASE NOTE: Some of the problems I have listed will probably not affect people living further up the street so they may feel differently and vote against the alleygates. Please take into consideration of the fact that we live with the alley running alongside of our house. |
| 21 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 42 | O | 1 | | 1 | | A great idea! |
| 4 | O | 1 | | 1 | | PLEASE PROCEED ASAP. Regularly find alcohol/cider cans & bottles outside the back gate. There are often people hanging around the alley late at night. We would be very keen to see gates ASAP. Thanks. |
| 8 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 1 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 9 | O | 1 | | 1 | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **10** | O | 1 | | 1 | | We would be delighted if you gated our back alley. However, why would we not be able to store things there? A community space / garden with the odd bench / plant pot would be lovely. |
| **12** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **2** | O | 1 | | 1 | | My alleyway is one of the narrow ones and is often filled with rubbish and is not easy to be cleaned. I really would welcome the gating and the restriction this would effect. |
| **13** | T | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **14** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **15** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **17** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **18** | O | 1 | | 1 | | At the moment residents continue to put black sacks out in the alley with total disregard for the correct day, as my house will be right next to the gate I have a slight concern they may continue to do this but out at the front by the alleygate. I hope the council will continue to be as responsive as they have been in removing these promptly whenever I have rung in. I am assuming we will still be able to continue using black sacks. If these are put out in front of residents houses the work of the bin men will be much easier as they will be able to pick up as they go driving up the street. |
| **39** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **24** | O | 1 | | 1 | | |
| **44** | O | 1 | | 1 | | What level of access will be allowed for window cleaners? |
| **25** | O | 1 | | 1 | | I am very pleased to hear this news. We get a lot of riff raff down the lane up to no good. Not only kids but grown ups as well. I will be glad to take our bags to the bottom of the lane the night or morning as requested. I do now. I think it helps our man when we have 2 bags. I will be glad from the security point of view as we can not raise the wall height. Thank you. (signed Pensioners) |
| **27** | O | 1 | | ? | | Only reasonable changes to waste collection - NO HOUSEHOLD WASTE TO FRONT OF HOUSE!!! The collection of household waste should NOT be moved to the front of the houses. |
| **37** | ? | 1 | | | 1 | |
| **11** | O | 1 | | ? | | We feel this is a good scheme BUT would also like assurance that it will not lead to rubbish being stored at front of residents houses. |
| **3** | T | 1 | | 1 | | Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide feedback on this proposal. While I agree to it in principle, I'd like to suggest an alternative placement of the gates which I have marked on the map. I feel that relocating the gates to these positions has several advantages over the original proposal: 1. The gates ar not visible from the street. 2. Anyone may continue to use the alleyway to cut through from one street to the next. I have observed that the alleyways connecting Nunmill, Scott and Russell streets are used continually for that purpose. 3. One resident has told me that they would object to the gate on noise grounds because their property is adjacent to the alleyway. Locating the gate towards the rear of the property may mitigate that concern to some extent. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **26** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Many people use the alleyways to avoid the noise & congestion of Scarcroft Road. Children ride bikes, rollerblade & skateboard safely in the back lanes. They are also safer for many household pets. "Tried & tested method" - very vague. What scientific objective evidence do you have. I know people in gated areas who dislike the system. "Received a request" - from whom? How many people? How much will this cost? The council must have other more urgent calls on our council tax. |
| **28** | T | | 1 | | 1 | I cannot see how this would be practical from a refuse collection perspective. If this was made clearer I might change my mind as it would be great from a security perspective. |
| **30** | O | | 1 | | 1 | If there was a proposed place for the fortnightly rubbish to be collected that doesn't include taking my rubbish which I have stored in my backyard through my house - a fortnights rubbish can be dirty / smelly after it has been left in my black bin - I would be happy with the proposal of the gates as I believe it is a deterent against burglary. |
| | | | | | | I would like to register my OBJECTION to this proposal to install alley gates in the South Bank are; specifically between Scott Street & Nunmill Street. Please note we live....immediately adjacent to the alley between Scott Street & Nunmill Street. York City Council state on the webstie: "Where the scheme has been initiated there has been a marked reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour previously linked with the now gated alleys." I have read the statement in paragraph 4 of York City Council's "Gating Order Policy, Procedure & Practice Document" to the effect: "In some parts of London and Liverpool, it has been demonstrated that such gates have brought down the number of rear access burglaries by up to 90% and 50% respectively". I am originally from Merseyside and when to school in Liverpool: my wife is originally from Essex and studied in London. We are familiar with the types of areas which require alley gates in those cities and they are not representative of the South Bank are of York. The statistic quoted for York: "some parts of York where gating has been implemented, this decrease has been up to 87%" is misleading.There is no reference to the average and standard deviation in reduction of crime – you have only quoted the maximum value for one location. Similarly you have not quoted the absolute values of crime in the area which achieved 87% reduction and have not compared this with absolute values of crime in the South Bank area. By not using and quoting the statistics correctly, York City Council risks damaging its reputation to make reasoned argument for alley gates. My wife originally bought the house around 10 years ago; we rented it to tenants for a number of years and have lived in it ourselves for more than 5 years. In that time we have not experienced crime or anti-social behaviour in or around the Scott St area which can be linked to the open alleyway. Furthermore our previous tenants, who still live on Scott St, did not complain to us at all about these issues. The alleyway is frequently used as a cut-through for people returning from town centre or Bishopthorpe Road area pubs: this causes no disturbance. There are no groups of people congregating in the alley causing antisocial behaviour. On the contrary, we strongly believe |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5** | O | | 1 | | 1 | that the open access and open lines of sight through the alley help to prevent anti-social behaviour. By gating the alleys it would give the impression that “there is something worth stealing”, or encourage some people to scale the gates and congregate illicitly. This will cause itself disturbance and menance. Some further points of objection: • People returning from pubs and clubs using the alley legitimately will tend to linger at the gate while they key in the code; conversations which were previously passing will tend to be held outside our house.<br>• Tradesmen will not be able to access the alley and there will be the presumption that we, as the nearest household, will be able to give them access.<br>• There will be inevitably be an increase in noise due to people slamming or closing the gates carelessly. I note that the council will try to address this by installing rubber bungs on the gates. This implies that the noise is an issue at other locations. York City Council have provided no information on the success or failure of rubber bungs to address this issue with the local property holders.<br>Thank you for taking the time to consider these objections. |
| **6** | O | | 1 | | 1 | Thank you for asking for public opinion about this issue and for taking time to read my views. Our house is adjacent to the snicket that leads to Nunmill Street.<br>Both ourselves and our neighbours at 14, on the other side of the snicket are opposed to the proposed alley gates between our properties.<br>I have owned this property for 10 years and in that time have had no problems with the open access for local people through the snicket. I am often at home as I have a young son and sometimes work from home so I really understand the issues here.<br>The snicket is used in the weekdays by people in the neighbouring streets, mainly mums and their toddlers or tradesmen and I have absolutely no objection to this.<br>I do not want the alley gates because of the following<br>concerns: 1) They will make noise at all times of day and night when opened and shut. Currently, people walking through are considerate but a large heavy gate will make noise, even with rubber buffers on it. Factor into this a Friday /Saturday night and what is currently an occasional loud group passing through and give them a heavy gate and a code they have to type in and this could create disturbance for us that wasn't there before. 2) I believe gates like this say to people 'keep out of our exclusive area' which may encourage crime and make potential criminals believe that there is something to be gained from getting in. 3) Real concern that tradesmen/others will knock on my door constantly asking for the code to park their vehicles in the snicket/get access. 4) People may congregate around the gate, creating a problem that wasn't there before. There is currently no problem with people using the snicket as a free flowing right of way, so I dont see the need for these gates. I see the snicket as a public right<br>of way and the vast majority of people respect this and my privacy as a neighbouring homeowner. I am not convinced that these gates cut crime. I do accept that they could potentially act as a rat run for criminals but I personally see no evidence that this is a big problem in this area. What I do object to is people driving through with cars to avoid turning their cars in the road. Have you considered bollards for this in the centre of the alleys? (a lot cheaper than gates and no disruption for us) and safer for children in the snickets/crossing snickets. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my views. I feel strongly about this and would be happy to come to the council offices to discuss it further if you so wish. I would really appreciate a reply just to let me know that you have received this email. Thanks. |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **7** | O | | 1 | | 1 | I am opposed to the gating order scheme for the following reasons: (Please note, my property.... adjoins the alley and therefore my property would be impacted more than most). 1. Noise created by gate opening and closing 24 hours a day (the single brick construction of my property amplifies noise in the alley - particularly vibrations). 2. Aesthetics of the area: the proposed gate construction is not suitable for the period of property in the area. 3. Potential to encourage loitering outside my property in the area before the gate by removing a natural flow of persons in the area. 4. Potential for area between road and gate to be use as unofficial parking or temporary storage of rubbish - to the detriment of the quality of life I have (e.g. w/ extra noise / smells). 5. There has been no communication of what the gating is trying to solve in terms of quantifiable numbers (e.g. no. of incidents per week/year) and therefore I struggle to comprehend the need or benefit for the scheme. |
| **16** | O | | 1 | | 1 | We commute to work by bicycle, and keep the bicycles at the back of the house. Adding gates will increase the time to get in and out. So we object to the fitting of the gates. We object to the likely changes to waste collection. We object to the cost for York Council tax payers. We occasionally need to drive a car round the back to collect bulky items (eg. of furniture). This is already quite a tight squeeze and we fear a gate would make it harder or impossible. |
| **40** | O | | 1 | | 1 | We have a deep commitment to the concept & practice of civic responsibility and do not believe that this is well served by fencing off area of York as if we were living in some sort of urban jungle. We are deeply opposed and will campaign vociferously against this proposal if it progresses. |
| **41** | O | | 1 | | 1 | We are concerned that a gate would be directly adjacent to our property & result in security problems plus the refuse collection point for whole street would be outside our house - causing smell / pest / access issues to rear of our property. We see no need to gate the alley - we do not have any security issues or street cleaning issues at the moment - so why fix something that isn't broken? We are particularly concerned that any gate & refuse collection point would blight our property & make it easier to climb over wall into our back garden. |