

Annex 14: Community Impact Assessment

SECTION 1: CIA SUMMARY



Community Impact Assessment: Summary

1. Name of service, policy, function or criteria being assessed:

Micklegate Ward Alley-gating Scheme 2014

2. What are the main objectives or aims of the service/policy/function/criteria?

Gating Orders allow alleyways to be closed to the public to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour associated with them. This recommendation proposes the closure of five specific alleyways in the Micklegate Ward.

3. Name and Job Title of person completing assessment:

Emily Tones, Assistant Rights of Way Officer

4. Have any impacts been Identified? (Yes/No)

Yes

Community of Identity affected:

Age; Disability, Carers

Summary of impact:

One positive and six negative impacts have been identified involving mobility and access issues. One of the negative issues is seen as critical (design of locks / handles etc). This is mitigated by design / installation and alternative access options. Alleygates are reviewed regularly and/or on demand which accommodates any change in circumstances.

The positive impact of additional security to residents, increasing peace of mind and providing a safe area to the rear of their properties justifies the negative impacts.

5. Date CIA completed: 15/05/2014

6. Signed off by: E Tones Assistant Rights of Way Officer

7. I am satisfied that this service/policy/function has been successfully impact assessed.

Name:

Position:

Date:		
8. Decision-making body:	Date:	Decision Details:

Send the completed signed off document to ciasubmission@york.gov.uk. It will be published on the intranet, as well as on the council website.
Actions arising from the Assessments will be logged on Verto and progress updates will be required

Community Impact Assessment (CIA)

Community Impact Assessment Title:
Micklegate Ward Alley-gating Scheme 2014

What evidence is available to suggest that the proposed service, policy, function or criteria could have a negative (N), positive (P) or no (None) effect on quality of life outcomes? (Refer to guidance for further details)

Can negative impacts be justified? **For example: improving community cohesion; complying with other legislation or enforcement duties; taking positive action to address imbalances or under-representation; needing to target a particular community or group e.g. older people.** NB. Lack of financial resources alone is NOT justification!

Community of Identity: Age

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)		Physical security; Standard of living Access to services; Individual, family and social life	Positive & Negative	None
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be justified?	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Positive: A Gating Order may be made in respect of a highway that is experiencing or	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim 		

<p>facilitating high and persistent levels of crime and/or anti-social behaviour which adversely affect local residents or businesses. There is a generally agreed perception that older people are more fearful of crime so the installation of gates to reduce crime and to deter groups of 'undesirables' gathering in alleyways would have a beneficial effect. People who live adjacent to the alleyways subject to a gating order will particularly benefit from reduced anti-social behaviour for example, drinking in the passages, graffiti, urination etc. A Gating Order gives additional security to residents, increasing peace of mind and providing a safe area to the rear of their properties.</p> <p>Negative: Restricting the use of the highway can have a negative impact on specific age groups.</p> <p>Older people/under 17s: Non-drivers are less likely use a car, therefore more likely to regularly use alleyways to access local shops, bus stops, schools etc. Older people and under 17s are likely to be non-drivers. People who have mobility</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of improving community cohesion • There are alternative pavement routes that can be safely used with only reasonable increases in walking distances. • Waste services offer additional assistance to customers meeting set criteria. • A small number of consultation responses indicated customers were of age and would have difficulty. We will proactively signpost these residents to this service. • The letter confirming the gating order will also signpost residents to this service. 	<p>E Tones</p> <p>E Tones</p>	<p>When gating orders confirmed</p> <p>When gating orders confirmed</p>
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<p>problems welcome short-cuts and walks that are away from busy traffic and may be hesitant or unable to use alternative routes to essential services.</p> <p>Children: Parents with young children use alleyway routes to take them to school. Older children going to school on their own may use alleyway routes to arrive at school safely</p> <p>When Gating Orders are made and gates installed, it is necessary for refuse to be collected from the front of properties instead of from the back lane. This means that in most cases, refuse bags will have to be carried through the home to present it on the public highway at the front. This could have a negative impact on older people who may be unable to lift and carry due to mobility issues/frailty.</p>				
Community of Identity: Carers of Older or Disabled People				
Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)	

Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)		Access to services; Standard of living; Individual, family and social life	Negative	None
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be justified?	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
Residents are able to provide independent access to carers once the alleygates are installed. Carers may wish to change working hours to facilitate refuse disposal (as detailed above) but this is optional and dependant on personal preference.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim Waste services offer additional assistance to customers meeting set criteria. Residents have the choice of using this service instead of changing carers' working patterns. 	E Tones	When gating orders confirmed

Community of Identity: Disability

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Informal and formal consultation has been undertaken with all affected residents and statutory bodies (Police, emergency services, utility companies, Ramblers Assn.)		Access to services; Standard of living; Individual, family and social life	Negative	None
Details of Impact	Can negative impacts be	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

	<i>justified?</i>			
<p>Some alleyways are used by drivers to access garages at the rear of properties. People with impaired mobility may rely on this access as their most convenient way to access their property. A gate may impede this access or impact on the ease with which access is currently enjoyed.</p> <p>Restrictions to the highway can have a negative impact on disabled people. Some properties have stepped access to their frontages. Wheelchair users and people with impaired mobility may rely on the back entrances to their properties and alleyways as the most convenient, or possibly their only, means of accessing their property.</p> <p>The design of the gates is critical. Width and height of locks and handles must provide ease of use for wheelchair users and people with dexterity issues e.g. people with arthritis.</p>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a proportionate means to achieve a legitimate aim • Only reasonable additional effort is involved in using the gates. • Results from the consultations to date show no current residents have indicated they have mobility issues. Legislation operational October 2014 requires alleygates to be reviewed at least every three years or earlier, on request, if necessary. Any changes in customer mobility would be considered in this review with gates removed if necessary. • Installation of gates does not impede access to the rear of the property as access codes are given to all residents. • Care is taken on the installation of individual gates to ensure ease of access to the locking mechanism. • All locks on this scheme will be 	E Tones	When gating orders confirmed and at subsequent reviews

		<p>fitted with a key override facility. This allows gates to be opened without the need to turn a handle. Keys are provided free of charge on request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letter confirming the gating order will also signpost residents to this service. 		
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Community of Identity: Gender

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Gender Reassignment

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
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Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Marriage & Civil Partnership

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Pregnancy / Maternity

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Race

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of				

identity group.				
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Community of Identity: Religion / Spirituality / Belief

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				

Community of Identity: Sexual Orientation

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Not applicable		Not applicable	None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

	<i>justified?</i>			
There is not expected to be either a positive or negative impact on this community of identity group.				