

## **Public Rights of Way Alleygating Closedown Report**

**March 2016**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents a summary of the work undertaken by Public Rights of Way (PROW) team from April 2014 to March 2016 using the capital funded allocation for the provision of new alley gated areas in the city.
2. Over the last 2 years £120k of capital funding has been used to deliver alley-gates at 11 locations across the city.

### **Background**

3. In 2014/15, a capital budget of £50,000 was allocated for Alleygating projects within the city, plus £20,000 from Safer York Partnership. In 2015/16 a further £50,000 was made available. In October 2014, the legislation governing Gating Orders was replaced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and Gating Orders themselves were replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). This necessitated a change in the procedures undertaken when considering the installation of alley gates, and all associated documentation had to be reviewed. Discussion has been undertaken with Legal Services at each step, to ensure that procedures and documents reflect the new legislation.

### **Schemes commenced**

4. As of end of February 2016, 7 Gating Orders have been made and 3 PSPOs, with another PSPO recommended to be made at the beginning of March 2016. The gates associated with each PSPO are expected to be installed mid March 2016.
5. In addition, 7 other schemes were consulted on and the decision was taken NOT to progress these.
6. With the exception of Brownlow/Eldon Street, all those schemes that were consulted on were taken forward as a result of them being considered a high priority according to crime and anti-social behaviour statistics provided by Safer York Partnership. The Brownlow Street/Eldon Street scheme was a request from a

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member of the public who subsequently raised a petition, and which was supported by the crime and ASB statistics.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Installation Date</b>	<b>Approximate Cost</b>
Micklegate Scheme; BishopthorpeRd/Nunmill St Nunmill St/Scott St Scott St/Russell St Russel St/Thorpe St Thorpe St/ Millfield Rd	Gating Order	February 2015	£20,000 (13 double gates and subsequent snagging works)
Fountayne/Scaife Street	Gating Order	February 2015	£2,000 (1 double and one single gate)
101452Walworth Street North	Gating Order	February 2015	£2,400 (2 double gates)
Stanley Mews	PSPO	April 2015	£3,500 (2 double and one single gate with railings)
Baile Hill Terrace/Kyme Street	PSPO	March 2016	£6,600 (3 double and 1 single gate)
Cornlands Road Park	PSPO	March 2016	£5,000 (2 double gates and railings)
Brownlow/Eldon Street	PSPO	March 2016	£6,000 (3 double gates)
St Pauls Square/Wilton Rise	PSPO	Not progressed (lack of resident support)	-
Fishergate Scheme; Barbican Rd/Willis St Willis St/ Gordon St Gordon St/Wolsey St	PSPO	Not progressed (lack of resident support)	-
Curzon Terrace Alleyways; Curzon Tce/Knavesmire Rd Curzon Tce/Albemarle Rd	PSPO	Decision Session 3 March 2016 (recommend to abandon due to lack of resident support)	-
Brunswick Street/South Bank Avenue	PSPO	Decision Session 3 March 2016 (recommend to abandon, due to lack of resident support)	-

## **Issues**

7. Of the 10 schemes which have been taken forward, 6 required changes to waste collections. Site visits were undertaken with Waste Services, Ward Councillors and residents to ensure that changes were implemented to the satisfaction of all parties. Of the 7 schemes that were not taken forward, all properties would have been subject to waste collection changes, and the basis of many of the objections was the potential change to waste collection.
8. Historically, the issue of the requirement to change waste collection at properties affected by proposed Alley-gating schemes has proven to be contentious. It has often been the case that residents have viewed the installation of alley gates and their potential benefits negatively, when changes to waste collection have been required. Waste Services are in receipt of PIN codes for gates, and operatives do enter gated alleyways in certain areas of the city. However, either front of property collection or central collection points are the preferred option.
9. Another barrier to taking schemes forward was the high proportion of rental and student properties in some areas, which resulted in a lack of response from occupiers. This was certainly the case in Fishergate, which was not progressed due to the poor response to consultation.

## **Budget spend**

10. Staff Costs  
Staff costs for 2014/15: £27,000.  
Staff costs for 2015/16: £31,000.
11. Procurement and Installation of Gates  
Engineering consultancy fees: £10,000.  
Cost of gates 2014 – 2016: approximately £45,500
12. It is anticipated that the £120k capital allocation will be fully utilised by the end of the financial year when miscellaneous items including the completion of minor works are added to the main costs.