

Annex 6: Formal Consultation Responses

Formal Consultation Responses Barbican Willis

Street	Yes	No	Comments
Barbican Road			Further to our recent conversation regarding the proposed alleygating between Barbican Road/Willis Street and Wellington Street, I am forwarding you the information you required regarding the position of Gate B. I understand from your comments that Gate B cannot be placed closer to the Barbican Road end of the alley, because of access being required to the front doors of Victoria Apartments, however, access will be required to the front doors of two other properties along that same alleyway, which will necessitate Gate B being moved further along the alleyway to accommodate these access points. Having checked your map of 17/07/15, Grid Ref 6053, it would appear to us that the gate would probably need to be placed across the alley on the boundary line between Nos 6 and 8 Heslington Road. If required, we can provide additional supporting evidence regarding littering/antisocial behaviour/crime etc, which hopefully your proposed scheme will alleviate or even put a stop to.
Wellington Street			I am writing with regards to the Barbican Road/Willis Street Public Spaces Protection Order. I am the freehold owner of 62 Wellington Street, which is directly affected by the Order, and I would like to register an objection to the Order. The Order is designed to prevent fly tipping, dog fouling, graffiti, urination, drug and alcohol use in the alleys between Barbican Road and Willis Street. My experience of living next to the alley in question leads me to understand the introduction of alleygates to restrict public access will not prevent much of this from taking place, and moreover, introduce an increase in antisocial noise. Flytipping - Living next to the alley, I see that much of the flytipping in the alley is carried out by the households whose properties back on to the alley, rather than people from surrounding streets. Many of these properties are student accommodations, and the student or their landlords often use the alley to get rid of items such as fridges and household items. The introduction of alley gates would not deter this flytipping as much of it is being done by people whose properties back onto the lane. Also, many people who currently use the alley to tip small household items may not be deterred by the presence of a gate and either throw them over or leave them in front of the gate, causing even more of an issue with regards to access to the lane. If the people who live in house backing on to the alley continue to leave rubbish, and do so against the gate, the alley could become impossible to access. Drug and alcohol use - As stated above, the alleygates are in the midst of an area populated by many students. Most drug and alcohol use goes on in the houses and gardens in the area, not the alley. This can lead to anti-social noise levels in the area. However, having lived next to the alley for the last 6 years, I have never been disturbed by drinkers in the alley. I have never seen drug or alcohol use in the alley, or found traces of this such as needles. Instead, it is people partying in their gardens at 4am who cause problems! Increase in antisocial noise - It is the increase in anti-social noise which primarily leads me to object to the alleygating of the Barbican Road/Willis Street alleys. The Schedule states that that the alleygate "commences at Point A (OS grid reference SE 61048 51221) on the Order map, between No 61 Wellington Street and No 62 Wellington Street", meaning that the gate would be attached to, or next to, my home. Most of the anti-social behaviour in the area comes from drunken students or young adults coming home after a night out. Objective i) of the General Policies (Chapter Two) of York's Local Plan states that development proposals should aim to ensure that residents living nearby are not unduly affected by noise or disturbance. My experience of living in the area is that a great deal of noise is created by drunken people who have forgotten their keys and are banging on the front doors of housemates or friends. The introduction of an alleygate will cause more potential for noise as they either try to climb over the gate, rattle it to get friends' attention, or bang on our door to be given access to the alley. The alleygate could be a cause of increased noise and therefore be in breach of the General Policies of the Local Plan. I hope you will give due attention to my objection, as the owner of one of the properties next to the proposed alleygate.
Gordon Street			See attached letter.

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Wellington Street	??	??	I write as owner of Flats 1&2, 59 Wellington St, YO10 5BB. I've just had forwarded to me - very late unfortunately - your letters regarding the alleygating adjacent to these properties. Could you please update me as to what is now proposed. I am not opposed to the principle of alleygating, however, I have concerns as to how this will be implemented. From the map you enclosed, it appears that the gate system will be attached to the brickwork and structure of the building containing Flats 1&2. My concern is that this will have several very negative effects. First, anything attached to the building structure will transmit noise and vibration directly into the property. The flats are small and the bed/bedsit area is exactly where the gate is proposed to be installed. The noise and vibration of a gate opening and closing, probably banging/slamming, probably at all hours, will have a very negative impact on the quiet enjoyment of the property, particularly sleeping. Second, the brickwork and structure is old so the operation of the gate system, if allowed to slam in any way, would damage not only this but also the interior plasterwork. Third, beyond the transmission of noise and vibration, anything physically attached to the brickwork can and probably will be a source of
Gordon Street			See attached letters

Willis Street			I would confirm I am in agreement for gates to be attached to the walls for Willis St/Gordon St back lane due to antisocial behaviour. I do not want to put my name and address as I do not want this to be put on the computer for everyone to see (this did happen about a year ago). I am an owner/occupier of quite longstanding. PS a lot of students and landlords will be away during the summer vacation. The students (or some) are not good at putting out all their rubbish. Just to point out that rats have been seen in the back lanes and main street in daylight yet I hear that we do not know have a pest control department in York.
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Gordon Street			See attached letters

Barbican - Willis

Consultee	Comment
City Fibre	We have no comments or objections
BT Openreach	I enclose a plan showing the approximate position of Openreach apparatus within your area of interest.
Vodafone	Please accept this email as confirmation that Vodafone: Fixed <u>does not</u> have apparatus within the vicinity of your proposed works detailed below.
KCOM	With regards to your request for details of existing services in the search area supplied, we can confirm that based on the details provided to us, we have no buried plant or equipment in the identified area.
David Nunns (Ramblers)	Our previous request for the footway to Barbican Road be kept open still stands, but have no objection to closure of most of the back alley.
Northern Gas Networks	No Objection.
Harrogate Bridleways Association	Sorry for the delay in replying, have just been so busy and away from home a lot lately.

Willis - Gordon

Consultee	Comment
City Fibre	We have no comments or objections
KCOM	With regards to your request for details of existing services in the search area supplied, we can confirm that based on the details provided to us, we have no buried plant or equipment in the identified area.
Atkins Vodaphone	No Objection
David Nunns (Ramblers)	We have no objection to this Order, although we did not see much evidence of the activities referred to in the Order.
BT Openreach	Plans sent.- apparatus nearby.
Northern Gas Networks	No Objection
Harrogate Bridleways Association	We are happy with the proposals and have no other thoughts to offer.

Gordon - Wolsley

Consultee	Comments
Atkins/Vodaphone	No Objection
CityFibre	We have received the notices Gordon Street/Wolsley Street. We have no comments or objections at this time.
	With regards to your request for details of existing services in the search area supplied, we can confirm that based on the details provided to us, we have no buried plant or equipment in the identified area.
Northern Powergrid	Plans sent apparatus nearby.
Northern Gas Networks	No Objection
Harrogate Bridleways Association	Happy with this also.