

Annex 2: Statutory Objections

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From: Dawn Clarkson [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2014 12:37
To: alleygating@york.gov.uk
Subject: Ref: ET/PROW/Alleygating/RSt-SSt

Emily

I understand you are the correct person with regard to this matter. I am writing with respect to the letter we have received in respect of the proposed alley gating on Russell Street / Scott Street.

I would like to formally object to the proposed gating.

The proposal will spoil the character of the neighbourhood – isn't it preferable to have an open and friendly community, rather than an area where in order to make people safe we have to "lock down" streets? In order to reduce crime should the Council not be looking at better ways to prevent crime at the source, rather than locking away certain streets. Ultimately this leads to gated communities – is this really the way we want to live? And I cannot see that it reduces crime – it does not prevent crime, just moves it elsewhere.

The alleyways are also sometimes less icy than the pavements. The Council does not grit the pavements of either Russell Street or Scott Street and sometimes it is safer to walk through the alleyways. On the basis that we would only have the passcode for the alley behind our own house, we would not be able to do this through the "estate".

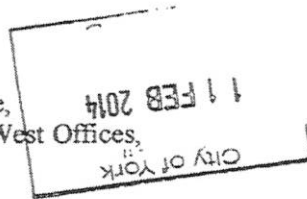
I would urge the Council to consider if this is really what they want the city to become.

Regards,
Dawn Clarkson

Reply dated 20th - sent 21st .

Millfield Rd / Thorpe St

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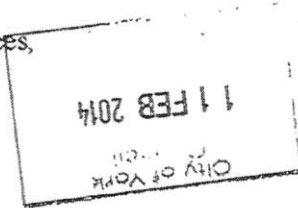
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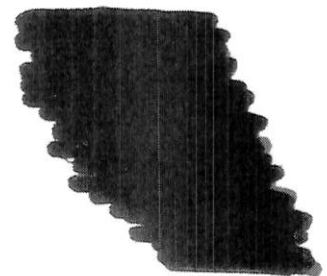
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7. The gates will INEVITABLY BE NOISY and intrude on my life if they are situated next to my outside wall as planned. I SUFFER FROM EPILEPSY any sudden loud noise at night might wake me suddenly and trigger a seizure.
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Finally, I was sent a form to fill in by York Council some months ago. I duly filled in the form and understood I would get a reply I never did. Why was this?

Charlotte Allen

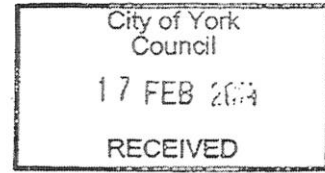


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12 February 2014

Ref: ET/PROW/Alleygating/MRd-TSt

Dear Sirs

Re: Millfield Road/Thorpe Street Gating Order 2014 & Thorpe Street/Russell Street Gating Order 2014


We would like to formally register our objections to the above proposed Gating Order.

The reasons for our objection are:-

1. we do not believe that gating the alleyways will have any significant effect on the very low crime and anti-social behaviour levels in our area, levels that are so low that we believe any such action is unwarranted;
2. by having seven foot walls bordering each property, we believe that the addition of gates will have no additional effect on properties' security - if anything the reduced footfall will provide a secluded environment promoting criminal activity;
3. there has been no need for gating in the past 120 years of the properties' existence and there is no such need now;
4. the effect on facilities for refuse removal as a result of gating the alleyways will cause such inconvenience and annoyance to many residents that they may not put their refuse out for collection as often as necessary which may cause environmental and health problems in the area;

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5. it is likely that some residents will store their rubbish at the front of their houses instead of their backyards to prevent them from having to struggle to carry wet rubbish bags through their houses and damaging their carpets - this will make the streets both unsightly and unsanitary;
6. the fact that the Council will only clean the alleyways on request is likely to exacerbate the environmental and health problems caused by the changes to refuse collection;
7. pin code access locks are notoriously unreliable and often jam so access to the alleyway may not always be available to residents/emergency services etc when required;
8. because there is a high turnover of residents in these streets in particular in York, the pin code to the gates is likely to be known by a significant number of non-residents within a relatively short period of time, thus reducing any security the gates did provide;
9. the use of the alleyways to gain access to other streets is a useful shortcut and keeps toddlers and young children safe from traffic hazards;
10. at a time when Council finances are severely stretched and increasingly cut, the cost of gating the alleyways seems unnecessary, unwarranted, a nuisance to many residents, a waste of the Council's very limited resources and the money would be better spent on social care or education.

We sincerely hope that our objections will be given due consideration. If you would like to consult us further, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above telephone number/email address.

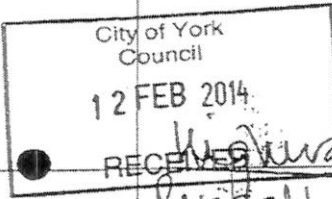
Yours faithfully



Phil & Rachel Robinson

Reply dated 19th - see + 20th

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Russell Street / Scott Street Gating Order 2014
 Notice of Intention to make a gating order.

Object to the proposed order for the following reasons: -

① The alleyways need regular council cleaning, which will not take place once gates are in place ("~~the~~ on a reactionary basis" is vague and confusing). Cleaning is required to deal with: -

- 1) dog mess
- 2) ^{rubbish} litter put out by residents in the form of escaping litter from bin bags put outside in the alleys

Both of the above problems are caused by the residents themselves, NOT outsiders - whom this order seeks to exclude. You'll be aware that the council recently had to write to the residents to remind them not to dump bin bags in the alley.

The dog mess is also caused by local residents, not outsiders.

In conclusion, alleygating will not reduce anti-social littering and dog mess - and we will be left to clear it up.

② Alleygates instil an atmosphere of fear and mistrust in ~~an~~ of other people, which is unnecessary. I do not want to

exist in a semi-gated community
when I have, in reality, nothing to fear.

3. You claim alleygating will reduce burglaries.
You'll be aware that the most recent
case of burglary - 21 Russell Street, on
2nd February 2014 - was from the front window
not the back. Alleygates would obviously
not have avoided this.

4. Alleygating will have no impact on
the number of cases of auto-crime, as
people park on the streets, not in the alleys!

Elizabeth Morris
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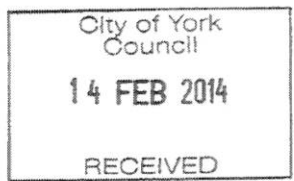
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Russell / Scott

Scott Street / Nunmill Street Gating Order 2014



Comments

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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 and 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 a 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 carriageways joining streets are not private access areas solely used by the inhabitants of those streets, they are busy rights of way used by the community as a whole.

As mentioned in Comment 1 above, I regularly and frequently use the carriageway joining Scott Street and Nunmill Street as a pedestrian, cyclist and driver.

As a resident on the opposite side of the road from this carriageway (i.e. number 17) 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 pedestrian 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 realise that an alternative route is available via Scarcroft Road and Bishopthorpe Road but this would more than double the distance of this journey which I make on a regularly 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 at 61 Bishopthorpe Road to help with deliveries.

The carriageway between Bishopthorpe Road and Nunmill Street is very narrow indeed. The positioning of any 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.

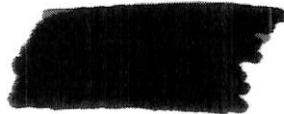
The alternative would involve leaving a vehicle on double yellow lines on the very busy approach to the traffic signals on the corner of Bishopthorpe Road and Scarcroft Road whilst deliveries are carried into the house and through the house to the rear. This would cause an obstruction to Bishopthorpe 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.

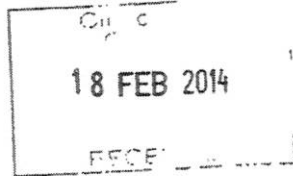
I fully understand that benefits may exist which have been claimed for these changes but feel it necessary to point out that these have not been presented to the citizens whom this will affect the most.

There has not been the opportunity for a free and honest debate about the full balanced proposal; instead I feel that I must justify the preservation of the status against what appears to be a fait accompli.

To change the nature of our community in such a way is unacceptable, I therefore reject all changes requested to the fullest extent possible.



Reply sent 21/02/14



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16 February 2014

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Alley gating of Scott Street - Nunmill Street



We live at 12, Scott Street which is a property adjacent to a current right of way to from Scott Street to Nunmill Street (a snicket). We emailed your team as soon as the proposed gating order was publicized, raising our objections to the scheme.

This letter is a formal objection to the scheme and an outline of our reasons is given below.

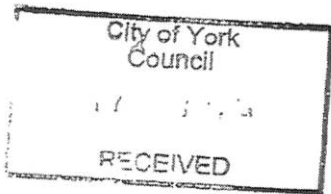
- 1) We have owned and lived in this property for 11 years and have never been the victims of crime or seen evidence of people using the snicketway as 'escape routes' from crime. Similarly there is no anti-social behavior evident in the snicket.
- 2) The council has not presented proper evidence of crime reduction. The evidence presented had vague statistics and was not for comparable communities.
- 3) We have no objection to members of the public using these rights of way- they are safe places for local people to use for access and for getting to shops - we see daily evidence of mums/children/old people using this route.
- 4) We do not want to live in a 'gated community'- we object to the message of exclusivity these gates give out-we feel they may in fact encourage people to 'climb in'.
- 5) We are concerned about the noise that may be created by the gate shutting loudly day and night and the potential disturbance to our peace from people wanting to obtain the access code.
- 6) Tradesmen frequently use the snickets to access properties and the gates will make this more difficult.

We believe a simple, low cost bollard at either end of the snicket to prevent car drivers from using the snicket as a short cut would improve safety for people, particularly children, using the snicket.

Yours sincerely,


Dr Elizabeth Fathers
Dr Chris Robinson CEng 

Thorpe St / Russell St



Graham Meiklejohn
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125355

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to Thorpe Street/Russell Street Gating Order 2014

I wish to formally object to the notice of intention to install alleygates at Thorpe Street and Russell Street. My reasons for making this objection are as follows:

1. Crime

Over the course of the last year I have spent a lot of time at home. This has given me the opportunity to observe behaviour. Any issues of a criminal or anti-social behaviour nature have not taken place in the back alleys. They have instead taken place in the main street.

The figures provided to residents on the level of crime and anti-social behaviour at the Micklegate areas show that crime has fallen without the gates being there. This undermines the use of the figures as a reason for installing the gates.

Furthermore, the figures include automotive crime. Given that no vehicles are parked in alleys, instead being on the main street, the inclusion of these figures undermines the case being made and appear to have been included to raise the overall figure.

This therefore discredits the numbers being used for this consultation. As a result the figures sent to residents are flawed.

Taking this further figures are listed for criminal damage and thefts. Based upon the inclusion of automotive crime I can only assume that criminal damage as listed has occurred on the main street rather than the back alleys. Also the theft figures do not indicate if they are from the front or the rear of properties.

For a proper and effective consultation to have taken place only figures that relate to alleys should have been used. Residents have been presented with a false representation of crime in back alleys through these figures.

As such, given that crime has fallen without the gates, and that as residents we have been supplied with misleading statistics I object to the installation of alleygates under the presumption of prevention of crime.

2. Right of way

The current open nature of the back alleys presents an open feeling to the community living in these streets off Scarcroft road. Installing the gates removes a right of way that I enjoy using. I do not want that right of way to be removed.

The continuous route through the alleys provides a quieter and safer alternative to Scarcroft road.

Furthermore, the alleygates close down a community giving the impression of a fortress and an area with problems.

In addition, residents have not yet been advised on where the gates would be positioned as it is dependent on a scan for utilities. A proper consultation requires the exact location of the gates to be known. Not providing residents with this information is a serious flaw in the consultation. How can people support or object to the placing of gates if they do not know where they will be?

As there is no real crime or nuisance problem from the backalleys I object to the erection of the gates as they remove a right of way I frequently use and that they will harm the current sense of community in the area by closing it down.

3. Waste collection

The information provided to residents' states that household waste would be collected from the front of properties. I contacted the Council to ask for further information on how this would be collected. I received the following reply on 04 February 2014 from Emily Tones, Assistant Rights of Way Officer:

"As with all other areas added to the gating scheme we would require all refuse to be presented to the front doors of any included properties, in accordance with our existing policies around not presenting waste before 19:00 the evening before and to be out no later than 07:00 on the day of collection. This will allow us to clear the streets within our day's work and this will occur only one day in every two weeks.

"This method is used in other gated areas and once the initial settling in period has passed, seems to work relatively well. Where issues arise from residents presenting waste outside these times we will monitor the situation and where appropriate contact them to address the issue.

"They [Waste Services] have also confirmed that refuse would be required to be presented on collection day outside any forecourts (on the footway) and in bin bags. This method of waste collection takes place in other areas of the city where alleygates have been installed and as far as I am aware, it is not considered to present a hazard to pedestrians.

"Whether refuse is stored at the front (within the forecourt area) or the back of properties between collections would be for residents to decide."

Based upon this reply I formally object to alleygates due to the disruption, littering and hazard the change in waste collection will have on the community.

All residents currently store their waste at the rear of their properties pending placing this in the back alley for collection on the appropriate refuse day. We will move to a situation where residents

will store refuse at the front of properties creating a littering hazard as bags are opened by cats or burst, a health hazard as they begin to smell in hot weather and the impact of this will be to downgrade the current tidy, clean and well-presented street with bin bags stored at the rear of properties.

Furthermore, residents will place their bin bags on the pavement for collection presenting a mobility issue for those with prams and the elderly. This also increases the risk that these bin bags will burst spilling waste onto the streets.

The collection of waste from the front of properties also increases the likelihood that cars will be damaged during the collection process. Waste is also currently collected just after 0700 as people are getting ready to go to work. Collecting at this time from the front of properties will not work as the street is very busy at that time of day. A later collection time increases the risk of litter and people tripping over bags left on the pavement.

None of these points appear to have been considered by the City of York Council given their reply to me. This lack of thought into how waste would be collected and the impact on mobility and litter needs to be properly assessed. Again, as with the crime, this is flawed element of the proposal to install alleygates that has not been consulted with residents adequately.

The collection of waste (non-recycling) from the rear of properties is also my preferred way of having this collected.

Given the proposed change in how waste would be collected I object to the proposal to install alleygates.

4. Council cutbacks

I repeatedly read remarks from Cllr James Alexander about the difficult choices the Council has to make to ensure they can protect frontline services while absorbing central Government funding cuts.

While I recognise the work the Council has done in this area, as a Council Tax payer the money spent on installing these alleygates would be better spent on frontline services rather than on something this community does not want or need.

In all the correspondence from the Council on this matter the cost of the alleygates have not been revealed. How can residents make an informed decision if this information is withheld? This further demonstrates the process to consult on the alleygating scheme is flawed.

Given the cost to install these gates I formally object to their erection and ask that this money be spent elsewhere to protect frontline services delivered by the Council.

5. Councillor conflict of interest?

I have received a flyer from the York Labour Party showing Cllr Sandy Fraser promoting the alleygate plan. As far as I am aware Cllr Fraser lives in Millfield Street, a location that is planned to have alleygates installed.

This appears to be a conflict of interest between him as a resident and a Labour Party Councillor in representing the proposals. His position as someone who would benefit from the gates should have

been made clear as it currently appears that a personal desire to have gates in the area he lives is being railroaded through the Council.

In the leaflet (enclosed with this letter) Cllr Fraser is quoted as saying: *"This is great news. There have been too many instances of people using back alleys to get up to no good. Alleygating is a good way of putting a stop to this behaviour."*

I disagree with his comments as this is not the experience I have had as a resident in Thorpe Street. Also the crime and anti-social behaviour figures provided by the Council do not reveal any rising rate of concern. As detailed above, in most cases crime has fallen without the gates being present. Cllr Fraser clearly has a personal desire to see the gates installed.

But again, by not making this potential conflict of interest clear to residents the transparency of the consultation is flawed undermining the proposals.

6. Resolve the problem

Although I have not seen any evidence of a crime of anti-social behaviour problem for arguments sake if there was one, all the gates would do is move the problem onto the main streets. This is not the solution.

Rather than closing down communities, creating barriers and ruining life in what is a vibrant and friendly part of York, if this problem exists that target the money planned to be spent on these alleygate barriers on solving the problems people have.

This is a core example of a frontline service that the Council should be working on rather than wasting the hard earned money of Council Tax Payers on gates that are not wanted and will ruin a community.

In conclusion I have outlined six main areas where I object to the erection of alleygates. At the time of writing I am still blind with regards to the true level of crime in alleys, how my waste will be collected, how the resulting litter will be collected from the street or where the gates will be placed.

These points have not been considered by the Council. As detailed through this letter any attempts to have a meaningful consultation have been flawed and the nature of the consultation would not be upheld under proper legal scrutiny. There is also the outstanding issue of a Councillor and whether he has a conflict of interest over the proposal to install alleygates exists.

For these reasons above I formally object to the proposal to install alleygates and strongly urge you not to install them in this community.

Yours sincerely,

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Graham Meiklejohn

Enc: Leaflet delivered by hand by the Labour Party

Micklegate Rose

Your local Labour councillors:

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Cllr Sandy Fraser 651443

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New alleygates plan update

Following a recent survey of residents, gates could soon be installed in local alleyways in Micklegate to combat crime and anti-social behaviour. Four streets (see below) will have alleygates installed after most residents gave the scheme a green light. Plans for a centralised rubbish collection scheme have also been dropped in favour of a front of house collection system, following intervention by local Labour councillors. **A further, legal consultation is currently underway when any objections can be lodged.**



Micklegate Councillors Sandy Fraser, Julie Gunnell and Dave Merrett at the existing Millfield Road/Nunthorpe Avenue alleygate

The alleys involved are:

Millfield Road / Thorpe Street

Thorpe Street / Russell Street

Russell Street / Scott Street

Scott Street / Nunmill Street

The move follows a campaign by Micklegate Labour councillors who lobbied City of York Council after being contacted by residents worried about burglaries, graffiti and rubbish dumping. Cllr Sandy Fraser, who has been backing the alleygate scheme, said "This is great news. There have been too many instances of people using the back alleys to get up to no good. Alleygating is a good way of putting a stop to this behaviour."

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1. Crime

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In addition, the figures include car crime. Cars do not park in the alley. They park on the main street. Your inclusion of car crime figures badly undermines the case for alley gating. You have either deliberately included misleading figures or you have failed to properly research your case.

Whichever it is, your consultation is discredited and based upon falsehoods. You have no case for your gates and I reject your plans.

Taking this further, the figures are listed for criminal damage and thefts. Based upon the inclusion of car crime I can only assume that criminal damage as listed has occurred on the main street rather than the back alleys. The theft figures do not indicate if they are from the front or the rear of properties.

For a proper and effective consultation to have taken place you should only have used figures that relate to alleys.

Given that crime has fallen without the gates, and your supplying misleading statistics, I object to the installation of alleygates under the presumption of prevention of crime.

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Subject: A public meeting please
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Hello,

I am a resident on Scott Street. I understand there is a proposal to erect alleygates inbetween the streets leading off Scarcroft Road. I am against having the gates for several reasons. I have been talking to other residents and it is not a simple picture. I would say at least half of the houses on my street are rented so the occupants don't have an opinion either way. Then the permanent residents are divided in opinion some want them, some are strongly against them. I strongly feel the best way forward is to have a public meeting held at Clements Hall - our local community centre. WE need to slow the process down so that residents fully understand the pros and cons. There needs to be much more open consultation. It is not good enough to just do a head count as so many of the residents along these streets are transient and will not have to put up with the long term effects. I hope very much you will not make a decision until there is a full debate.

I will also be writing to Hugh Bailey.

Thank you very much,

Best wishes,

Dorothy Marlen

45 Scott St. (voted for gates initially).

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Russell St / Scott St

Tones, Emily

From: Steve Savage [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2014 13:45
To: alleygating@york.gov.uk
Cc: Cllr. S. Fraser
Subject: Alleygating Russell Street/Scott Street

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Hi

I am writing in reply to the letter received in respect of the proposed alley gating on Russell Street / Scott Street.

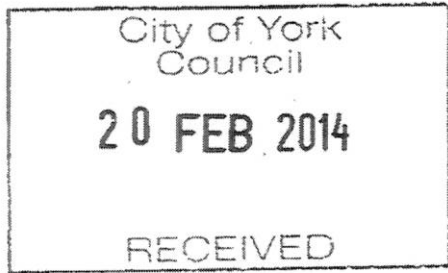
I would like to formally object to the proposed gating.
The proposal will spoil the character of the neighbourhood. We live in an open and friendly community and I do not want it become like a gated community. If the primary reason is to reduce crime then I would prefer to see measures such as CCTV or more uniformed patrols and the Council should be looking at better ways to prevent crime at the source, rather than locking away certain streets. I cannot see that it reduces crime – it does not prevent crime - it will just move it elsewhere.

I frequently use the alleyways as a shortcut around the neighbourhood and when I cycle it helps to avoid the busy Scarcroft road. The alleyways are also usually less icy than the pavements. The Council does not grit the pavements of either Russell Street or Scott Street and usually it is safer to walk through the alleyways.

I strongly urge the Council to reconsider this proposal.

Regards
Steve Savage

Spoke w/ Mr. Beorth on 14th
18th Feb.



32 Russell St.
York.
YO23-1NW.

Dear Sir, madam,

I am writing to
express, my wife and I, would
strongly in support of Ally Cating.
which we feel would be a det
erant to Burglars, and anti social
behaviour, ie cycles, rubbish, left in
the back lane, also anti social
behaviour, on rare days.

yours. Sincerely

