

Annex 6: Informal Consultation Responses Curzon Albemarle

Street Yes No Comments

?	Yes		What will the cost of this be and how will it be charged?
?	Yes		
Albemarle Road	Yes		
Albemarle Road			I would like the alleygating to go ahead BUT only if I am included within the gated area. At present the proposed gate is set far back from the end of the alley and does not include my property. Therefore, I feel excluded and feel strongly that it's not fair for the council to commit to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour for some residents but not all. I have met with Claire Robinson on site today to discuss my concerns and to identify other places where the gate could be sited.
Albemarle Road		No	We feel the back alleyways provide safe, traffic free thoroughfares for children, dog walkers and cyclists. The alleyways are well used and we believe this public access probably deters crime more than does gating. To us gating is an expensive and unnecessary move of public space into private. The money could be put to much better use - more street bins in Southbank for example.
Albemarle Road		No	We think the alley should not have a gate. We enjoy the open, non-snobby local community we live in. We leave our bikes in the back yard (locked up) and have experienced no thefts of anti-social behaviour. Cycling home from work/school means it would be a pain to unlock the gate and a pain for any friends calling round the back. The rubbish collection would also be a pain. No thank you! We come home from school/work everyday and it would be hard because we are used to cycling NOT having a gate! No gate please. We also go out the back alley to school/work.
Albemarle Road	Yes		
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Albemarle Road	Yes		About time!!
Albemarle Road	Yes		If alleygating is voted in, then refuse dumping at the front has to be controlled ie not cluttering the pavement so that it is impossible (there are several people with mobility scooters and they will have difficulty getting by). The rubbish should be on the property not the pavement. It is not difficult to collect from there. Also refuse bins to be the same (not on the pavement) and refuse men to put back on the property concerned NOT dumped on the pavement.

Albemarle Road			I think more details are required. Cost to us? Why? Do not agree on this principal. How do you propose the refuse collection to be arranged?
Albemarle Road		No	We have not been aware/affected by any crime or anti social behaviour as yet as a result of the alleyways being open to the public. We like the convenience of being able to put our rubbish out for collection in the alley and for deliveries/work vans to be able to access the alley with no need for a code.
Albemarle Road	Yes		I have previously not been in favour of the gating of the alley at the back of my house, but I have now become aware of an increasing number of criminal and behavioural issues and feel that the added security of alleygates as proposed would outweigh any disadvantages. I understand that it is proposed to move all refuse collection to the front of properties (I have spoken to Sara Goodhead at Waste Strategy on this matter); if this should take place, there would be no repercussions from alleygating. I have spoken with Claire Robinson about the need for individuals such as the local window cleaner to have legitimate access to the PIN number. A formal system of registration would be preferable in order to minimise breaches of security.
Albemarle Road		No	Refuse collection changes unclear
Albemarle Road	Yes		There are many elderly residents most of the alley is cobbled. The alley is long. Expecting residents to wheel bins or carry black bags to end of alley is unreasonable and unrealistic for many. At present our recycling is collected from front of property but rubbish in black bags is collected from alley at rear. If the rubbish was collected in black bags from the front, it would then be reasonable and practicable to gate the alley
Albemarle Road	Yes		Although we are in favour of having alley gates, there are some issues that concern us. You state that you will assist elderly people who are unable to carry refuse out - we wonder what form this assistance will take? Albemarle Road is a long road and it is a worry that some people may not be able to carry their refuse to the gates. If the refuse goes to the front of the houses, will the council provide wheelie bins? Hundreds of refuse sacks would look terrible and if torn would leave refuse all over the pavement. It would be great if you could let us know the arrangements in more detail.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace			Whereas we agree in principal, we would object if the gating started from no 16! Firstly we do not want half the streets rubbish outside our gate as one of the problems it would cause is getting bikes out of our gate, then there is the left over mess which isn't always efficiently cleared away! The main problem is anti-social behaviour mainly during race meetings. On many occasions we have had to complain to the police because when we are sitting out in our garden we have individuals urinating against our fence, mainly between nos 10 and 18 as its not too far up the lane but far enough, and as the police aren't always around we have to stop them ourselves. When we found out that gating was possible, we thought "great" it will bring an end to the problem, then we found out that it may start 2 doors up when having looked at the lane we cannot understand why. The other problem would be burglaries, ourselves and nos 8 & 10 have over the years been burgled (no 8 four times) with them gaining access from the back! if were the only ones not gated it means were the only oness with easier access. It would be great if you could reassess where the gate would be places, as we don't have any obstructions ie garage doors, telegraph poles or lamp post as mentioned during a phone call with yourself.
Curzon Terrace	No		If the alley was gated then all the bin bags from half of the houses within the gated area would be dumped in the area just outside our back gate. This gets very messy now and would be intolerable if an extra 100+ bags were to be left in the small area outside the proposed gates. There would be problems of access for people trying to get by with their bikes or pushchairs. Even just trying to walk past all the bags would be difficult. The recent proposal to make the collection every 4 weeks instead of 2 weeks would make this an even bigger problem. The idea that people would be willing to put bin bags outside the front of their house is ludicrous. No one would want to take bin bags through their house. Nor would they be willing to walk the length of the alleyway and then back up the street to their house carrying 2 weeks or 4 weeks worth of rubbish. We live just outside the proposed gated area and the letter did not make it clear if people in our position would be given the access code to the gate. If the gates are intended to stop criminal behaviour within that area then anyone living outside the gates such as us would be more liable to be the target of that behaviour. The proposed site of one of the gates is just outside our back gate. The noise of people closing the gate at all hours of the day and more especially the night would be intrusive.

Curzon Terrace		No	At present the refuse lorry can reverse the length of the alley to collect refuse, however they cannot access the front of properties to Curzon Terrace as the street is too narrow. This will mean that refuse would have to be placed at either end of the gated section and would block access to non gated properties at the rear which are frequently used for bike access. There are a number of elderly residents who would struggle to carry their rubbish to access points, and at a time when there are council cuts, I do not believe that the council has the money to offer a door to door collection service. The high rate of property turnover and number of rented properties would mean/does mean that work men regularly need access to the back of properties during the day when residents are working. This would result in the PIN code having to be given to them and therefore render it useless/pointless as this can easily be passed on either intentionally or by accident. This seems to me to be a complete waste of money which could be better spent elsewhere in the area. The police do an excellent job of restricting access on race days and I feel that having gates would not alter anything in race days because of this. It would be another set of gates to push bikes through and would be an inconvenience. The length of the street is too long to be gated.
Curzon Terrace		No	One of the main reasons I purchased this house just over 6 months ago was for the potential vehicular access to the rear and the considerably large rear garden to park in. I therefore fear this plan would at least considerably hinder, if not prevent, my future plans for a kit car to park in my garden.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace		No	I am a single lady, a pensioner with partial sight. I do not know how I will get my rubbish to the designated areas without help. I already struggle to put my recycling rubbish on the front pavement. Struggling with boxes through my house is one thing but to have to somehow get my household rubbish to its proper place will be almost impossible for me. I am not the only old person in this street who will have the same problem. Some will have a really long walk, dragging their refuse - much longer than I would. I wonder if the younger owners/tenants with children want to make this back lane into a more safe area for their children to play?? I am still against gating this back lane.
Curzon Terrace		No	I wish the alley to remain open. It is heavily used by bicycle users who would be much inconvenienced by gates. It is used by tradesmen to access rear of houses. It is used occasionally by householders with cars to access/make deliveries to the rear of the properties. Gates would present or make this more difficult. I see little benefit to gating and much loss of amenity. It is also depressing to see gates - it diminishes the community spirit.
Curzon Terrace		No	I currently find it easy to access my back gate on my bike and would find it awkward if gated. I think the alley needs to be kept as is for refuse collection. I am able bodied but my elderly neighbour is not and would struggle.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		I am in favour of gating the alleyway but don't want peoples rubbish piled up outside my house down the alleyway. (My mother is the owner of the property and she is in agreement with this). Piled up rubbish is unsightly and will affect the look of the area where I live, plus it will attract vermin.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		Would rather rubbish be taken from front of house.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		How will this affect OAPs moving own refuse further?
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace		No	For residents living furthest from the ends of the street it is a significant distance to have to carry black bin bags of refuse. The back alley consists of an uneven 'cobbled' type surface is poorly lit and likely to be slippery during wet and wintry weather. If you wish to alleygate why can't the refuse lorry still come down the back alley - yes the driver would need to know the code but surely easier than having the palaver of residents having to cart bags of rubbish down to the end. I would also like to comment on the timing of the issue of this survey noting its receipt and response being over the Christmas and New Year period when it is likely not high on most peoples 'to do' list. As this has been sent after the closing date you may well disregard it but please note that I do not agree - with your proposals due to the impact on refuse collection.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		

Curzon Terrace		No	I don't feel there is any need for this to be done and I would not be happy about having to go out in the dark and carry heavy rubbish bags up the alley every other week. At night, in the winter the cobbles get very icy and slippy and the surface is quite uneven. I would perhaps agree if there were significant evidence of the open alley being a security risk or evidence of an increase in burglaries in the area etc ...
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace	Yes		We support this proposal and would be pleased to see the alley gated.

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?	Yes		Although perhaps not relevant the 'Knavesmire Crescent' sign has been on a corner of Knavesmire Road and Knavesmire Avenue for about three years now, has this not been reported to your relevent department before. I hope you can make them aware.
Curzon Terrace	YES		Would stop people walking behind houses on race days which would lead to less anti-social behaviour ie peeing in alleyways. There are lots of children that play in the alleyways, so it would make it much safer and more reassuring for parents/carers.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
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Curzon Terrace		No	I think it would make the street look really untidy having everyone's bin bags at the front. I can't see why a gate would mean we had to put rubbish at the front. Could the bin collectors not have the code for the gate? If it weren't for the rubbish I wouldn't really mind.
Curzon Terrace		No	Where I have lived before and this has been done the alley becomes unmaintained and a dumping ground. Also homes that back onto the closed alleys get broke into more often. The gates get left open and become havens for drug use and sex trades so please leave things alone. Its part of the history of York.
Curzon Terrace		No	
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace		No	Don't fence me in! A pain getting in and out on bikes, the kids won't be able to roam free between alleys and get fat because they won't be able to go very far. Think of our NHS! It will break and take the council ages to fix - like everything. The council has better things to be spending OUR money on this is not a priority. We haven't been victim to any anti social behaviour (apart from the woman opposite our yard who shouts and swears - but this won't stop her). This letter only arrived on 5 January so hope you get it in time! Fail! This is a rubbish idea and not appropriate for our street.
Curzon Terrace		No	
Curzon Terrace		No	I am not aware of any problems caused by the current state of open access. I like to use the back gate for loading garden rubbish etc and don't want barriers and PIN numbers (not another PIN number ..). Inconvenient for workmen, window cleaners etc who use the rear access. The psychological background to gates and barriers is one of fear and suspicion. This is an unattractive local trend. I do not wish to have it imposed on me.

Curzon Terrace		No	I am not completely happy with this consultation as it mixes up the issues of access and waste. I would be happy for the alley to be gated, but I would like the waste collection to proceed as currently. This doesn't appear to be an option. I would like a gate that can be opened up to allow entry to the alley by waste collection vehicles. I believe this should be possible. Occasionally vehicular access is required for the alley - eg trade vehicles for building/delivery/other works. I believe this access should continue also. Gating the alley would otherwise be helpful for race day etc.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
Curzon Terrace		No	Most of the houses are now rented properties on short term leases. Past experiences indicate that this category of tenant does not have the same respect for their surroundings as an owner occupier has, and a gated area would become a dumping ground for rubbish and litter. The narrow street full of parked cars would not allow a full sized refuse lorry access to collect bin bags from the front of the premises and these would need to be collected from outside the gated area at the end of the terrace.
Curzon Terrace		No	As owners and residents on Curzon Terrace, we believe the measures are an unnecessary expenditure at this moment in time. We have never witnessed or experienced any anti social behaviour, vandalism or theft in the rear (or front) of the property, nor have we had any issues with race goers due to the policing arrangements in place for the events. We would be wary of agreeing to any change to the rear access prior to understanding fully the implications on waste collection (which is already not ideal). Even in such an event that refuse collection could be resolved we would be likely to object anyway as the grounds that we do not believe a change is required.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		Gating should minimise fly tipping and prevent racegoers using the alleyway as a toilet. Excellent idea.
Curzon Terrace	YES		
Curzon Terrace	Yes		I am writing on the above matter having already returned my form supporting the proposal to alley gate. My property is close to the side alley in Curzon Terrace (83), and whilst I only bought it and moved in in mid October 2014 there have already been a number of larger items dumped there including a bike without wheels. I have yet to experience a race day but it sounds as though a physical barrier that would prevent racegoers entering the alleyway is a good idea. The police could then concentrate on other areas where residents property needs protecting. I do have some concerns about the collection of the black bags. The Terrace gets dirty enough with overspilled recycling boxed in bad weather, today being a good example. It would seem to be much better to continue collecting the black bags from the rear of the houses where there is more protection from the wind. The gate posts should not be an issue as the refuse lorry manages to negotiate the telegraph poles at various intervals down the alleyway without problem. I would also be very concerned about a very large pile of black bags at the end of the alleyway on the at present attractive verges.
Curzon Terrace	Yes		
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Knavesmire Crescent		No	Refuse collection would be highly inconvenient. Believe strongly alleyways should be publicly accessible. This form was received on 01/05/2015 that does not give much time for the average busy schedule to give it time and attention and return by 7/1/15 - I suggest another enquiry!
Knavesmire Crescent	Yes		Your letter refers to "alleyway behind Nos 38-132 Knavesmire Crescent". We live at No 36, which is the last but one house on the short section of Knavesmire Crescent at the top of your plan. Your plan seems to show a gate between 34 Knavesmire Crescent and the first house on Curzon Terrace. We support the siting of a gate at that location provided we can still use the up and over door at the rear of our house to park our car. The car is a very small Smart car, but still requires the full width of the alleyway to complete this manoeuvre. (Please note that we are now in Italy until early May but can be contacted by email or on our Italian phone.
Knavesmire Crescent	Yes		My house is near the end of the row and is the first point of call for trespassers. We have been burgled four times, each time through burglars accessing the rear of the property.
Knavesmire Crescent		No	We do not require this

Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		
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Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		There is no lighting in the alleyway which is currently a safety and security risk (low level lighting would be preferable as high street lamps would affect some neighbours)
Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		
Knivesmire Crescent		No	I have been quite happy with the present arrangements regarding the alleyways. Since I have lived in the property for the past five years carrying my waste up the the end of the back lane would be more difficult for me. I realise people who live at the end of the back lane where waste would be left would not like the arrangement. I have not suffered any disorderly conduct in the lane but I live in the middle and perhaps others have suffered. I prefer it the way it is, and am not sure whether the cost of installing gates etc would be justified. I also do not like the feeling of being "locked in" even though we would have keys on whatever to access the lane. I am 82 but manage to place my waste at both front and back lane at the appropriate time.
Knivesmire Crescent		No	We have had not problems in the alleyway, and we would prefer open access. It is very convenient for elderly access.
Knivesmire Crescent		No	
Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		None
Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		I have spoken with my landlord, and he is happy to have the alleyway gated.
Knivesmire Crescent	YES		
Knivesmire Crescent	?	?	I would not be able to carry bin bags to end of lane.
Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		
Knivesmire Crescent	Yes		
Knivesmire Crescent		NO	It is not practical and unsafe given the environmental health issues in the area eg rats, foxes and cats. Cross contamination. Therefore I agree there is no reason to change refuse collection for health and safety reasons.
Knivesmire Crescent		No	I consider this project a waste of money as I can not see any reason why gates to the back lane would be needed here. If anything not particularly nice was going on, I would certainly prefer it be to in the back lane and not my front of house where it would be moved on to! I would also find having to manage a huge metal gate very difficult and hauling bin bags etc most irritating and increasingly difficult with age, not to mention memorising yet another PIN code.

Knavesmire Crescent	Yes		<p>We are new to the area and are not aware of any specific issues relating to the lane at the back of our house. We assume there have been problems with anti social behaviour and are therefore happy for the gating scheme to go ahead. 1. I would not be able to carry the bags to the end of the alley, not because I am too old or registered disabled but because I have problems with my back that make it difficult for me to lift heavy or awkward objects.</p> <p>2. In the winter when it is dark, icy or wet there is a greater physical risk to me and other residents who may slip and fall whilst trying to get to the collection point. In this event would we be compensated by York council for any injuries incurred?</p> <p>3. leaving black bags at the front of the house (as an alternative) is both unsightly and unhygienic especially when collections are only done fortnightly.</p>
Knavesmire Crescent	Yes		
Knavesmire Crescent		No	<p>In principle we would have no object to the top end of the lane opening onto Curzon Terrace being gated. We believe that the wishes of the people at that end should be taken into consideration as we never use that part of the lane. We would support the gating of the footpath from between 79 and 83 Curzon Terrace to our back lane as this is a nuisance to us especially on race days. However, we do not believe that the area is of high risk for criminal behaviour, so the development must be assessed in relation to the effect of the changes to the refuse service. We would not support the gating of the Campleshon Road end of the lane for this reason. WE are not happy with the alternative arrangements for black bin bag collection set out in your FAQs information sheet. If the rubbish can no longer be collected from the back this well be a real problem. It will nto be practical for people to take their rubbish to a central collection point - it is too long a back lane and rubbish is heavy especially for older people to take any distance. From the centre of Knavesmire Crescent Curzon Street to the ends it is at least 200 yards to wher the collection points would be located. It would be a huge amount of rubbish to be left overnight in one place and would be a health hazard if collection was delayed for any reason. It would probably also affect access to the back of all of our properties and the garages. Taking rubbish through the house for collection at the front would be awkward and heavy for the elderley. What would the street look like to visitors to the racecourse? You give no reasons why the current arrangements for rubbish collection cannot remain in place. The drivers would obviously need the code for the gate. As a sub-contracted company of YCC, they will have the same obligation about security as other council workers who will have access to the code. It is unlikely that the gates will restrict the width of the lane anymore than the existing telegraph poles do, so the same vehicles and cleaning vehicles should be able to be used. WE would be interested in the rational for the change in arrangements. Consequently, we would only be supportive of the alleygating proposals for the Campleshon Road end of the lane if the current existing arrangements for black bin bag collection can be maintained.</p>
Knavesmire Cresenct	Yes		<p>Placing an alley gate on this alley is a good thing especially on race days. However the alley is long and there are a lot of properties on it. I am not convinced the alley will be tidy after a large pick up of rubbish. I am also not understanding why they are not simply alley gating but still allowing the refuse trucks down the alley. There are already a large number of telegraph poles and other obstacles on the alley so the truck will still fit down?</p>

Knavesmire Crescent			<p>We have no objection to the alleygating of this joint rear lane, North, East, South. On race days 16 no plus, this action will relieve our stretched police force/community police officers of extra duties to prevent our lane being used as a public toilet throughout each meeting, the racing public are the worst offenders at any time of day. Regarding security, gating will prevent flat bed trucks, men standing on board with ladders entering and surveying the rear yards/properties. This we have witnessed and reported vehicle registration numbers as requested by the police. We strongly object to household black bin bags being carried up the rear lane by residents to end collection point, ie south end, Campleshon Road, through the locked gates. I understand after 7pm the night before or by the latest 7am the morning of the refuse collection. In winter, a very dark situation pm/am in all weathers. Were the bags to be positioned outside the gates at the lane mouth this would block access to the garages/rear car parking areas of the new houses on Curzon Terrace etc. Or is the collection to be on the grass verge outside our home? we hope for a hot spring/summer as all do, what then? Particularly if the collection is delayed by whatever means. I appreciate you are to consider the elderley and disabled in your decision and note this will be assessed on an individual basis for those concerned? For they will not be able to carry their refuse to the collection points. We believe our lane end collection point would involve a minimum of 1 no bag per household = half of Knavesmire Crescent plus half of Curzon Terrace = 39 single bags to be deposited. The terraced houses in this area are not occupied by 1 person only but 1, 2 persons possibly a family of 3,4,5. At the present situation of a 2 wekk household refuse bag collection from the lane I would estimate a 2 bag per household at 78 bgs minimum but this excludes houses being occupied by more than 2 people, these dwellings may have more than 2 bags? RE front of house pavement collection, this suggestion, we strongly object to, the residents usually store their rubbish in their rear yards, placing same in rear lane for collection on the day. It is unbelievable that you should consider residents of any age to carry their refuse bags through their pristine homes, possibly dripping wet etc and deposit same on the pavement, outside their front wall boundary. What a site to this pristine area, health and safety? who will collect this bag rubbish and when? We believe further consultation/clarifications of your plans are necessary! We see no reason why the existing rear lane black bag collection cannot continue. Refuse lorry drivers have carefully negotiated the numerous large telegraph poles down the lane for many years and we do not envisage a further obstruction by the gates. Obviously they would require the security code as other council/sub contracted operatives, we do not envisage a problem. We support the rear lane collections to continue as usual and await your reply.</p>
Knavesmire Crescent		No	<p>We believe that before any restriction should be made to the rear of our property, we should be made aware of any evidence of crime in the area. Particularly that pertaining to the alleyways. In a climate of severe public spending cuts this seems essential. Additionally we have lived on Balmoral Terrace for three years, where there were gates. The problems we encountered were as follows: The gates were left open, the code was shared, the code was written up, they are particularly awkward for cyclists, at night you have to juggle a bike and a torch to see they keys, I felt more vulnerable at night having to take time getting through the gate. The races have not been an additional difficulty to us in Knavesmire Crescent, as the Community Police are excellent.</p>