

Annex 2 Informal Consultation Responses

Street	Yes	No	Comments	
Barbican Road	Yes		I don't think that the gates will be locked all the time as a large section of the rear of the houses are student rents and they do not respect the neighbourhood as it is and I believe (wrongly or rightly) they would leave them open! I just think it would be a waste of money. I believe it would be useful but not practical.	Scheme 2
Barbican Road	Yes			
Barbican Road	Yes		Scheme 2 would not be suitable as the installation of the gates behind number 36 would cause a problem by producing a pinch point making manoeuvring cars out of the alley via Willis Street quite difficult. There are already 2 obstacles - one on either side of the alley - a lamp post and a telegraph post - adding the gates here would reduce the width of the alley significantly. In addition, placing gates at this point would produce a 'walk through' and intensify the unsavoury activity into the alley between Willis Street and Barbican Road. We would also like to point out that a large number of properties on Willis Street and Barbican Road are not owner occupied and are let to students. We are concerned that landlords will not support the proposal as they often use and advise maintenance crews to use the alley for parking during the frenzy of property maintenance at the end of each academic year. These short term lets are often not concerned with the level of anti social activity that takes place in the alley - including drinking, graffiti on garage doors, dog fouling, trash trawling (especially at end of academic year), fly tipping (especially at end of academic year - by both students and landlords), dumping of used hypodermic needles (one currently in the alley next to the telegraph post behind number 36, reported but not moved) and passers by using the alley to vomit and as a personal toilet.	Scheme 1
Barbican Road	Yes		I would imagine that the response to the Scheme is going to be very limited, due to the high number of rental properties within the area. What are the chances of this going ahead if the majority of the respondents are in favour of the scheme although they would not represent the majority of property owners? There have been many instances of anti social behaviour in these back alleys and evidence of drug and alcohol abuse, as we discussed.	Scheme 1
Victoria Apps, Heslington Road	Yes			Scheme 1
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Heslington Road	Yes		We agree on the proviso that refuse will be collected adjacent to the gates and cars can gain access through gates (Willis St & Wellington St ends). We do not agree should we have to bring refuse to the front of the property and access for car is not made available. Since recycling was introduced into the area and not collected from the rear lanes the area looks extremely untidy. Refuse bags on the main road and down the side streets will give further opportunities for people returning to the lanes at 4am to kick them/empty them into the road etc.	Scheme 1
Willis Street		No	I am unaware of any issues with break-ins and the alleyways are not littered with rubbish. I feel the money could be spent elsewhere. I do not particularly like areas 'gated' and in my previous home in York, which had these gates, I did not see any benefit.	

Informal Consultation Gordon Willis

No	Street	Yes	No	Comments
6	Gordon Street	Yes		We accept that changes to refuse collection arrangements may be necessary, however we would prefer there to be a central collection point for refuse rather than taking waste through the house as it would be unsanitary
20	Gordon Street	Yes		
24	Gordon Street	Yes		I would be extremely relieved if there were any additional security measures in this neighbourhood. A lot of anti-social behaviour (petty theft from yards, banging on the door in the middle of the night, attempted but unsuccessful breakins) occur frequently and you may not have stats to account for this as it goes unreported. Street lighting and other measures would be extremely welcome. You may not get responses from student houses as they can't be bothered to fill out a form, but they are only here for a few years anyway so it doesn't affect them. I'm certain all permanent residents will be in agreement.
28	Gordon Street	Yes		
31	Gordon Street		No	Straightforward and unimpeded access to the rear of the property is a positive amenity - for collection/delivery of bulky household items, including solid fuel, for builders and decorators, cycle access/storage, and refuse collection. The back lane is lit and is visible to passersby from Wellington Street. This lane, along with others in the neighbourhood and the city generally, are part of a network of pedestrian access that should be maintained. It is important that public space and access is not eroded unless there are strong other considerations. I am not personally aware of any significant levels of problem - eg crime, assaults - currently or recently in the back lanes; and the neighbourhood forum report from the police did not appear to indicate otherwise. It would likely to be detrimental to Gordon Street if black bin bags were put out at the front of the houses - there is already a certain amount of litter generated by recycling bins at the front of the house. Also it is preferable not to have to bring refuse through the house. There is also the question of additional obstructions to footpaths in a street that is also subject to heavy levels of parking.
16	Heslington Road	Yes		
13	Willis Street	Yes		
21	Willis Street	Yes		
23	Willis Street	Yes		
25	Willis Street	Yes		We have had lots of burglaries and people trying to get in (back and front door too). I hear people in the back lane at all hours day and night. I fully agree with alleygating the back lane area. How would it affect vehicle access to rear of property for repairs? The parking is dreadful in the street 7 days a week by people free parking to work in the city centre and for people shopping in the city centre. This needs changing too! There are many students/rented properties in this area, some students stockpile their rubbish! They also put it out anytime of the week! It often is a scruffy area now. Comments about dog mess.
37	Willis Street	Yes		
41	Willis Street	Yes		

12 replies from 56 letters sent, 11 in favour, 1 objection, 2 comments about waste collection arrangements.

Informal Consultation Gordon Wolsley

No	Street	Yes	No	Comments	
2	Gordon Street	Yes			
9	Gordon Street	?	?	I make these comments assuming my address and telephone number will be confidential. We can see arguments for and against this scheme, and are prepared to go with the majority view. Three observations 1 collecting refuse from the front of the house will mean carrying kitchen waste through the lounge: can this therefore be in black plastic bags, not another bin? 2 vans etc. just manage to back up for repairs to roof/walls etc. Therefore any uprights or fixings for a gate will have to be as slim as possible to allow them to get through. 3 letters from the police imply that access is gained by burglars via this alleyway; the added security would be a huge bonus.	Provisionally in favour, though form was unclear
10	Gordon Street		No	Without adequate information, it is impossible to decide if the scheme will give the proposed benefits.	
14	Gordon Street	Yes			
32	Heslington Road	Yes		I am happy with this proposal, provided there will still be car access to the rear of number 36 and 32	
34a	Heslington Road		No	Is the is largely rented student area for housing each property has several people resident and the change over of people moving in out is large therefore so many people would have the code in these gates it would serve no purpose in restricting access unless codes were changes when property are re occupied. The noise of the gates opening closing all hours of day night. Increase the number of people using alley outside my property again noise/security. Why is the alley outside my property not being gated? Restricted access to workmen who park down alley again this would impact outside my property. Are all alleys in area being gated? If not your just moving the so called problem. I have not seen any anti-social behaviour or had a problem with security. Better education for students about locking doors shutting windows etc be helpful. I feel the money for fitting gates could be much better used as it will not help with the issues in your letter.	dwelling in alleyway prevents gating
16	Wolsley Street	Yes		Refuse collection will be difficult	

7 replies from 46 letters sent

5 in favour

2 objections

1 comment about waste collection arrangements

Consultee	Comments
Chief Officer of Police	Thank you for your correspondence with regards to the proposed Alleygating in Fishergate, York. I have studied the proposals and offer the following observations on behalf of the Chief Officer of North Yorkshire Police; No Comment. Regards, Steve Burrell, Traffic Management Officer
	Thank you for your correspondence with regards to the proposed alleygating at Barbican Road, York. I have studied the proposals and on behalf of the Chief Officer of North Yorkshire Police offer the following observations: No comment.
Northern Powergrid	Documentation received
Harrogate Bridleways Association	I can advise that we have no objections or observations to make to these proposals.
Atkins/Vodaphone	Please accept this email as confirmation that Vodafone: Fixed does not have apparatus within the vicinity of your proposed works detailed below.
Yorkshire Water	Yorkshire Water have no clean water apparatus which is likely to be affected by the proposed gating of the alleys bounded by Wolsley Street, Gordon Street and Willis Street.
Harrogate Bridleways Association	I can advise that we have no objections or observations to make.
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	Please accept this email as confirmation that Vodafone: Fixed does not have apparatus within the vicinity of your proposed works detailed below.
Yorkshire Water	I have received your notification regarding proposals for gating the alleyway in Fishergate Ward, York. Apologies for the delay in the response; the information was only passed to me today. Yorkshire Water have no clean water apparatus which is likely to be affected by the proposed gating in Barbican Road/Willis Street
Virgin Media	The Plant Enquiries Team has now completed your search, and the results are attached. Please note that we try to provide maps where ever available. On occasions where our records show the area is not affected, you may receive a map showing apparatus in the close proximity. However where a plan is not attached, we have no record of apparatus being close by and therefore a map is not available.
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
Ramblers (David Nunns)	For Barbican Road/Willis Street, the preference is for Scheme 2. For the other streets, we have no comments other than refuse collection should continue from the back as the pavements are very narrow and black bags would cause an obstruction.
Virgin Media	Barbican Willis. Virgin Media and Viatel plant should not be affected by your proposed work and no strategic additions to our existing network are envisaged in the immediate future.