

Annex 5 Holgate (Leeman Road Area) Summary of Residents Responses

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Received from Ramblers	Generally we cannot support Gating Orders without sight of the statistics purporting to satisfy the legislative requirements.
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Bismarck Street/Garnet Terrace

1 response received

1)	I strongly object to plans to gate. The reasons are to prevent crime – this does not reflect the level of crime or ASB on Garnet Terrace alleyway. I am also very unhappy about the refuse collection. At the moment it works well. Chaos will ensue if bags are left in central collection point, with cats and vermin and the stench. As a taxpayer I feel the money would be better spent on leisure facilities. It would cause inconvenience to access at rear of property if gates were fitted.
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Bright Street/Kingsland Terrace

5 responses received

2)	My objections are set out below; I am not convinced that alleygating is the solution to security. I recognised that it is my responsibility to improve the security of my property. I wish the council would stop using the gating at Clifton as a reason to gate here. At the Jubilee Pub meeting certain residents and the police officer expressed strongly their views in favour of gating. They seem to see it as an answer to all their problems, and were not prepared to listen to any others. The meeting was not conducted in an orderly fashion, there was no more than 30 residents there. Cllr Alexander made no effort to ensure all views were heard. The Council has not, in my opinion, maintained a neutral stance on this matter. News of the alleygating scheme has been eclipsed by waste collection changes. No one will be able to keep track of who has PIN code making it insecure. Advice on home security from a PC or PCSO would help. Why wasn't actual crime figures given on letter? In my opinion money spent on gates would be better used on street lighting, Neighbourhood Watch, window/shed locks.
3)	Concern over position of gates. Site visit conducted and position agreed.
4)	Object to having gates attached to my boundary wall. I also object to gates situated near to rear of my property for security ie climbing onto gates and over the wall. I also object to bins/bags placed at front.
5)	I write to object to the proposed Gating Order for Bright Street, Leeman Road, I do not want to have to take my wheelie bin and put it outside/near the gates on a dark/cold winters evening especially when the alleyway is so badly lit. I am a dog owner/cyclist so the back of my property is used frequently, so I feel the gating would be a nuisance. The gating could be off putting to property owners whether selling/buying as they could imply that this is not a desirable neighbourhood to live in, and that we have problems with security/burglaries. Have been advised wheelie bins are actually going to be bin bags which is even worse.

6)	<p>The gating order has come to my attention as a shared freeholder of a property in Bright Street. Whilst the gating order itself is probably a fair idea, the issue of rubbish collection is beyond comprehension. Is your duty of care to residents or employees? Once refuse is disposed of outside a property it would be a reasonable expectation not to have to bring it through the house/living room again in order for collection to be made from the pavement. Bright Street pavements are very narrow and residents would then be required to wade through bags of rubbish to get to work. In addition parents with pushchairs will be required to push their young families up against these smelly bags, which more than likely will have been torn open by the numerous cats, rats and foxes living in the area.</p> <p>Around 150 years or so ago the Victorians provided a back alley for utility purposes eg removal of waste (in all forms). It seems to be a retrograde step to expect residents particularly the elderly and the infirm to transfer rubbish to the pavement when rear access to the properties has served them well for so long. The issue of key holding/gate code security is apparent, but in view of the fact that several hundred people will have the number anyway, are you telling us that these employees are not considered responsible enough to have access. If so why are they being employed to do a job at your ratepayers expense?</p> <p>I humbly suggest that your plan regarding the collection of refuse is irresponsible, third rate and third world.</p>
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Carnot Street/Rosebery Street

2 responses received

7)	<p>I very much object to the gating order. Not happy with bins at the front, obstructing wheelchairs, prams, we will have to walk on road. Don't want to wheel bins down alleyway and then wheel them back. No bin is going to pass through my house. Make all houses as secure as mine. Fed up with this happening, with no voting for it, say a dozen at the pub meeting it is undemocratic.</p>
8)	<p>I write to register my concern at this proposition. Having read your letter I am still unclear at to why this proposition has been made – I was not aware that our area is a high crime area at all – I have lived at this property since 1992 and have heard of no incidents specifically – the nature of the area has changed in that a lot of properties have been bought by people who now rent out the properties without much discrimination! Having said that our street is quiet and the new tenants soon fit in. Psychologically I am unhappy at what will be “being locked in” to my property from the rear access – a gate with a code locks in as well as locks out! It will not deter burglars. Our properties have minimum 6ft walls over which they presumably scale – the gate will be the same? Also, as you point out, it will create problems re bin collection – bags have been suggested – is this not going back to “before (inappropriate*) wheelie bins? (from the point of view of recycling). Front door collection is a possible good idea if the appropriate containers are provided (preferably for recycling purposes) but more importantly if the containers are returned to the appropriate house – I have had 3 blue bags for paper collection and have given up, taking my recycling myself – more wasted tax money! I personally have difficulty seeing the advantage of this scheme – also, in times of the river in flood, would these gates be removed? An important point I feel – I really am not happy about restricted access.</p>

Hanover Street East/Stamford Street East

	No comments received
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Hanover Street West/Stamford Street East

No comments received

Rosebery Street/Swinerton Avenue

1 response received

9) Concerned about access for bike.

Salisbury Terrace/Bromley Street

1 response received

10) It appears Council has not taken on board concerns about waste proposals. Collection from front of properties is not practical for this style of property in this area. Rubbish some of which will be 14 days old will have to be taken through the house. Rubbish left at front is unsightly and dangerous given width of pavements. Letter is unclear about type of receptacles for recyclables and other waste. These will be left lying around all day after bin collections. I ask that the Council give this matter their urgent attention and offer a solution which takes on board residents concerns rather than imposing a policy which will have a significantly detrimental impact on this residential community.

Stamford Street East/Garfield Terrace East

2 responses received

11) A number of my neighbours including me refused to attend meeting at Leeman Pub as venue unsuitable for public meeting. Lack of sense regarding waste collection. Met Cllr Alexander who suggested I bring wheelie bin through house over carpets. Rented properties means PIN code given to many – not secure. I need access for bikes, so how would I get through piles of rubbish at ends of gates? I have discussed proposals with neighbours and ask we are consulted on any future actions.

12) Would you please let me know the actual voting numbers for Stamford Street East.

Stamford Street East/Garfield Terrace West

1 response received

13) Objects to gate.

Stamford Street West/Garfield Terrace

1 response received

14) I would like to object to the Alleygating near Stamford St West. I am not convinced I can still get my car in my backyard. Also I would need some proof that the whole would not devalue my flat.