

Review of (Gating) Public Space Protection Orders July 2020

There are six former Gating Orders within Peterborough which were implemented prior to the ASB, Crime & Policy Act 2014. This act replaced Gating Orders with Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and made provisions for existing Gating Orders to convert to PSPOs in October 2017. PSPOs have a duration of 3 years, therefore for any order to continue it must be reviewed and re-implemented prior to the expiry date which is 20th October 2020.

The gating PSPOs requiring review are:

- Welland Close/Crocus Grove – North Ward
- Crabtree, Paston - Patson & Walton Ward
- Larch Grove - Dogsthorpe Ward
- Welland Road, Furze Ride Laburnum Grove – Dogsthorpe Ward
- Coneygree Road/Scott Close - Stanground South
- Goodacre - Orton Longueville Ward

A review has been conducted for each of the gating PSPOs by consulting directly with relevant partners, taking into consideration calls to the Police, Local Authority and Cross Keys Homes. Key partners who were previously represented on the Gating Order Review Group have been consulted and are:

- Peterborough City Council's Highways Service
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Neighbourhood Policing Teams for Eastern, Northern and Southern sectors
- Cross Keys Homes

Welland Close and Crocus Grove - North Ward

Background information:

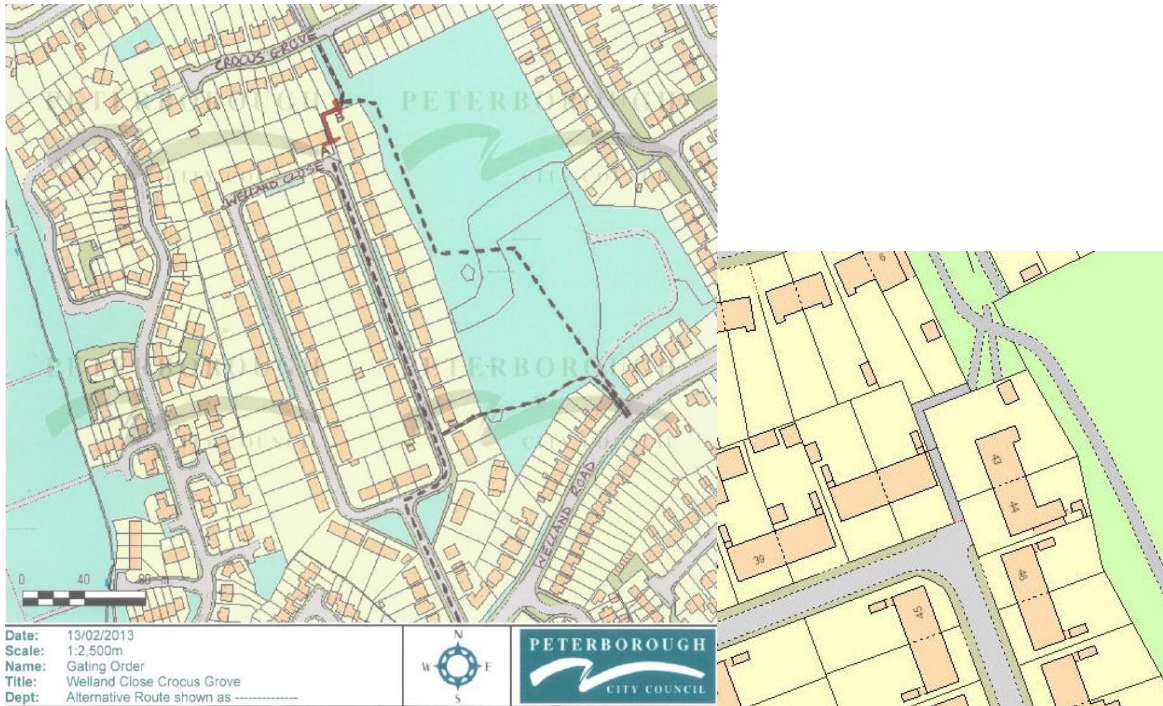
The Gating of the alleyway between Welland Close and Crocus Grove was the final phase of the re-direction of the cycle path at Dodds Lane. The aim of gating the alleyway between Welland Close and Crocus Grove was to reduce antisocial behaviour in Welland Close and Welland Recreation Ground and its impact on the residents of Welland Close, improving the quality of life of the vulnerable residents living in the area.

For years the residents experienced high levels of vandalism and antisocial behaviour taking place in the alleyway – due to poor lighting and lack of natural surveillance it became a magnet for such activities. The redirection of Dodds cycle path that took place last in 2012 and the improvements to Welland Recreation Ground led to the creation of much safer route between Crocus Grove and Welland Road. A reasonable alternative route was identified for residents of Welland Close to access facilities on Welland Road via another alleyway between Welland Close and the Recreation Ground to access facilities on Welland Road if necessary.

For reasons out of our control there was a delay in obtaining a Gating Order which was causing distress for residents who were continuing to experience persistent anti-social behaviour. Gates were implemented in the alleyway in 2014, prior to this there was continuing ASB which included motorcycles in the alleyway, vandalism and damage to residents' fences after a deliberate fire was set in February 2014. In the interest of public safety gates were installed in March 2014 on a temporary basis to protect residents and the public between 42 and 43 Welland Close and between 9 and 11 Crocus Grove.

In 2015 the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for the area commented:

“Before the closure of the gate, there were issues with fires being set, youths and motorbikes using the alleyway. There were a number of residents who called the Police highlighting these issues. Since the gates were installed the resident calls stopped and no further issues have been reported. If the gates were reopened, then it is feared that these issues will erupt, especially in relation to motorbike usage. There is a vulnerable adult living in the area and the ASB had a significant impact on their life and those of their carers.”



Map showing location of gates and alternative routes and map showing a closer view of the gated alleyway between Welland Close and Crocus Grove

Consultation with partners in 2020:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer has advised that in the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there have been 120 incidents in Welland Close and 76 calls for Crocus Grove. None of which mentioned the alleyway gating as an issue. A very low number of these reports related to anti-social behaviour, with an elderly population in Crocus Grove there are a lot of concern calls relating to missing people and care in the home. Welland Close relate mainly to domestic calls and issues with parking.

Peterborough City Council's Highways Service had no comments or concerns regarding the proposal to re-implement a gating PSPO.

Local Neighbourhood Policing Team consider that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.

Cross Keys Homes made no comments or concerns regarding the proposal to implement a gating PSPO

Assessment and recommendations:

Since the installation of gates at this location, there have been no reports to the council from residents in Welland Close and Crocus Grove concerning anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the gated alleyway. The data supplied by the Police Architectural Liaison Officer would indicate that the gates have proved effective in preventing anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to the neighbouring properties and surrounding area. The views of the Neighbourhood Policing Team for this area has been sought and they consider that the gates are proving effective at preventing ASB and should remain. It is therefore considered that gates should therefore remain at the location and the necessary consultation should be carried out to implement a gating PSPO.

Crabtree - Patson & Walton Ward

Background information:

Gates were installed at alleyways within Crabtree in 2012 following a partnership between Peterborough City Council and Cross Keys Homes. Issues related to ASB, arson, criminal damage, vehicle damage and environmental crime. In a six month period from July 2011 to January 2012 there were 47 calls to the Police relating to ASB, 7 for violence, 8 for Vehicle Crime, 7 for Criminal Damage, 2 arsons, 4 burglaries and 35 incidents which resulted in criminal investigations. Peterborough City Council also received a significant number of calls to service for anti social behaviour during the time period.

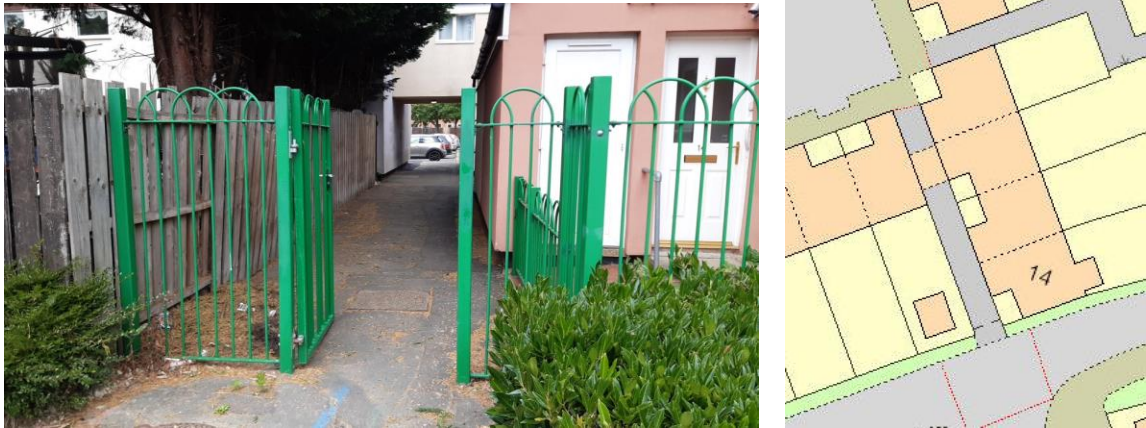
Gates were installed at the following alleyways:

- Highway adjacent to 16 and 14 Crabtree Paston
- Highway adjacent to 41 Crabtree Paston
- Highway adjacent to 49 and 50 Crabtree Paston
- Highway adjacent to 51, 53 and 54 Crabtree Paston
- Highway adjacent to 85 and 87 Crabtree



Map showing location of the 5 gates at various points in Crabtree, Paton

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Highway adjacent to 16 and 14 Crabtree Paston - Photos taken July 2020 – gate insecure



Highway adjacent 41 Crabtree Paston Photos July 2020 – gate insecure



Highway adjacent to 49 and 50 Crabtree Paston photo taken July 2020 – gate found to be locked



Highway adjacent to 50 - 54 Crabtree Paston photo taken July 2020 – gate insecure



Highway adjacent to 83 to 87 Crabtree photo taken July 2020 – gate insecure

Four out of the five gates were found to be insecure at the time of the officer's visit on 6th July 2020 and the same gates were also insecure when officers visited previously in 2017. The gates have in the past required repairs and maintenance due to regular damage caused by residents which would appear to be the cause of the gates being left open.

Consultation with partners

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer has advised on 20th May 2020:
 - **Gating Order - Highway adjacent to 14 and 16 Crabtree, Paston** - In the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 – there have been 70 incidents reported to the post code PE4 7EG. These are mainly domestic in nature, repeat calls at some addresses. There is no mention of the alley gating as an issue. It should also be noted that the whole of Crabtree in the same period had 685 incidents reported. No calls regarding anti-social behaviour in the above area.
 - **Gating Order - Highway adjacent to 29, 36, 37 and 41 Crabtree, Paston** - In the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 – there were 9 incidents recorded against one property all domestic related. No mention that alley gating was an issue.
 - **Gating Order - Highway adjacent to 49 and 50 Crabtree, Paston** - In the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 – there were 116 incidents in this area – only 2 were

related to one of the properties – two rowdy incidents that were not related to the alley gating – reports from out of control house party.

- **Gating Order - Highway adjacent to 50-54 Crabtree, Paston** - In the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there were 17 incidents recorded which were neighbour disputes and no mention of gating or the alleyway being an issue.
- **Gating Order - Highway adjacent to 83 – 87 Crabtree, Paston** - In the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 – there were 19 domestic related incidents reported which are unrelated to the alleyway.
- Peter Tebb, Highways – no comments
- Local Neighbourhood Policing Team – no comments
- Cross Keys Homes – Cross Keys Homes is aware of the anti-social behaviour in the Paston area, however does not have records relating to ASB occurring within the vicinity of the gated areas of Crabtree. The issues appear to be occurring elsewhere in the community.

Assessment and recommendations: From previous officer visits to the location in 2017 and more recently on 6th July 2020, 4 out of 5 gates have been left insecure for a considerable period. According to the data supplied by Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer and the lack of reports concerning the alleyways to the council and Cross Keys Homes, the open access to the alleyways are not contributing to the ASB in the area. The majority of calls to the Police have related to neighbour disputes and domestics. It is therefore considered that there is not the evidence to justify re-implementing a PSPO for gating in the area of Crabtree. However if evidence becomes available which demonstrates an increase of anti-social behaviour and crime in the alleyways in Crabtree in the future, a Public Spaces Protection Order for gating can be reconsidered for the area if/when the need arises.

Larch Grove - Dogsthorpe Ward

Background information:

Gating of Larch Grove in Dogsthorpe ward was implemented in September 2011. This is a Cross Keys Homes sheltered accommodation scheme. Gating was installed at either end of the highway which runs between 39 and 45 Larch Grove in a north east direction and all the interconnecting highway that runs there in a south east direction from the aforementioned locations terminating at the rear of 21 Larch Grove and to the side of 17 Larch Grove.



Consultation with partners:

- The Architectural Liaison Officer at Cambridgeshire Constabulary reported that in the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there were 54 incidents recorded on Police systems – 8 of which referred to rowdy behaviour such as young people playing football in the local vicinity.
- Cross Keys Homes have stated that Larch Grove is a retirement housing scheme, with elderly and vulnerable people residing there. There is complete support for the gates to remain in situ as they have had a positive impact on creating safer neighbourhoods.
- The local Neighbourhood Policing Team have advised that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.
- Peterborough City Council’s Highways service had no comments or concerns regarding the current gating of Larch Grove.

Assessment and recommendations: Since implementation on 2011 the gates have proved successful in preventing ASB in this area due to lack of calls to the Police and Peterborough City Council concerning anti-social behaviour. Both the local policing team and Cross Keys Homes are supportive of gating to continue. It is therefore considered that there is justification to re-consult for a gating PSPO at this location for a further 3 years.

Furze Ride - Welland Road – Dogsthorpe Ward

The Furze Ride - Welland Road Gating Order was implemented in February 2008.



Map showing the alleyways running between Welland Road, Furze Ride Laburnum Grove



Alleyway between 207/209 Welland Road - PE1 3SY

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Alleyway between 59/60 Furze Ride - PE1 3UA



Alleyway between 4/6 Laburnam Grove – PE1 3UQ

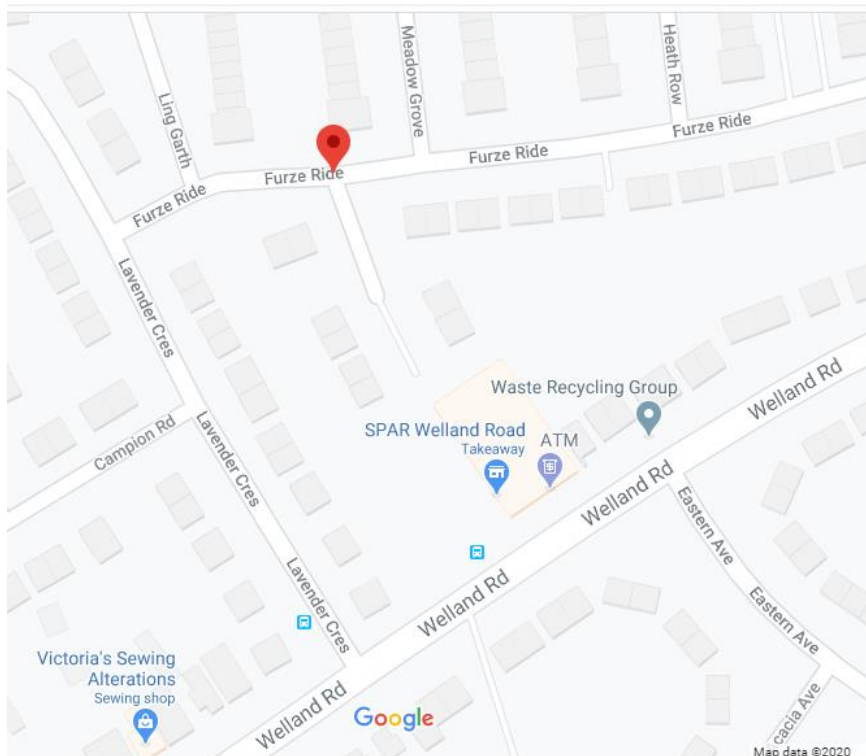
Consultation with partners:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer advised that from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there was a large amount of Police incidents for Welland Road (804 incidents) but these were sited at Tesco and Spar stores and relate to rowdy behaviour and shop lifting. Furze Ride had 131 incidents over this period however only 2 incidents related to rowdy behaviour. Laburnum Grove had 7 incidents. The majority of these incidents relate to inconsiderate parking by local residents and domestic incidents. No comments have been made in the reports concerning the gated area.

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- Peterborough City Council's Highways Service had no comments or concerns regarding this alley gating.
- The local Neighbourhood Policing Team considers that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.
- Cross Keys Homes had no concerns or comments concerning the gated alleyways.

Assessment and recommendations: From 1 June 2019 to 1 July 2020 there have been two reports to the council concerning anti-social behaviour, however these related to problems with neighbours rather than nuisance or rowdy behaviour within the local vicinity. Given the high number of crime and ASB incidents in the nearby vicinity (local shops, etc) and the comparatively lower levels of incidents/calls to the Police regarding crime and ASB in the vicinity of the gated areas; it would be our assessment that the gates are effectively reducing crime and ASB in the gated areas. It is therefore proposed that the gating PSPO is re-implemented.



Coneygree Road/Scott Close - Stanground South

Background information

Residents bordering the alleyway reported a catalogue of crimes and incidents going back over several years, but the intensity appeared to increase significantly over the 18 months to 2 years prior to gating in November 2011. Incidents included burglaries, rowdy nuisance, suspicious incidents, a robbery and a sexual assault in the alley. The cumulative impact of these incidents resulted in one resident becoming too intimidated to leave their home. There were some objections to the gating of the alleyway during the initial consultation due to the path being a popular route. However given the seriousness of some of the crimes, the persistent ASB and the detrimental impact this was having on residents living in close proximity to the alleyway the Gating Order was granted.



- GATING ORDER A — B (IN RED) CONEYGREE ROAD | SCOTT CLOSE,
- ALTERNATIVE ROUTE - - - - STANGROUND, PETERBOROUGH

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12/14 Scott Close



217/219 Coneygree Road

Consultation with partners:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer, advised that in the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there were no incidents recorded in Scott Close. There were 11 rowdy behaviour incidents reported for Coneygree Road, none of them were related to the gating alleyway and one call from a resident close to gates was regarding a suspicious caller. This would appear to show a considerable reduction in anti-social behaviour and burglaries as a result of the gating order.
- Cross Keys Homes had no comments or concerns regarding the gating of the alleyway
- It is the view of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.
- Peterborough City Council's Highways service had no comments or concerns regarding the gating of the alleyway.

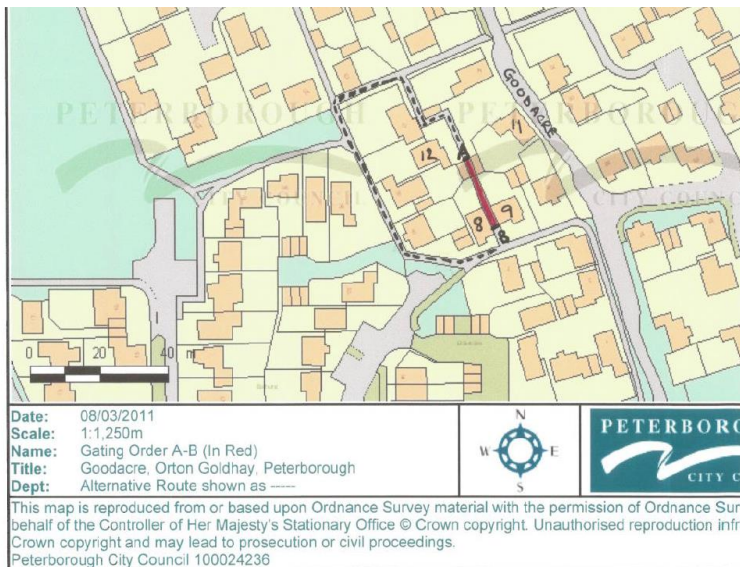
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Assessment and recommendations: evidence would indicate that the gates have been effective in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour at the location. Therefore it is proposed that gates remain for a further 3 years and the necessary consultation for a re-implemented PSPO is conducted.

Goodacre - Orton Longueville Ward

Background information:

Gating was implemented in September 2011. This is a lateral footpath between two privately owned residential properties at one end and two detached garages belonging to another two properties at the other. The issues raised by the residents prior to gating related to groups of young people gathering beneath the canopy between the garages. Issues included criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, including drug taking. Patrols made of the area prior to gating continually showed evidence of damage to the garage canopy, graffiti on the garage walls and debris related to cannabis usage. The issues of crime and anti-social behaviour were long standing, going back over 4 years prior to gating. There was significant data to suggest that ASB directly related to the footpaths was affecting the lives of residents and the neighbouring residents were all in favour of closure or gating of the alleyway.



- GATING ORDER A - GARAGES OF NO'S 11 & 12 GOODACRE
B - NO'S 8 & 9 GOODACRE (IN RED)
- ALL ALTERNATIVE ROUTES ARE VIA FOOTPATHS ----

Consultation with partners:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer advised that in the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020 there were 14 incidents reported in Goodacre – none of which mention the gated alleyway. Reviewing comments made in 2017 would suggest that this gating order has been successful.
- Cross Keys Homes had no comments or concerns relating to the alley gating.
- The local Neighbourhood Policing Team consider that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.
- Peterborough City Council's Highways service also had no comments or concerns relating to the gated alleyway.

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Assessment and recommendations: the evidence would indicate that the gates have been effective in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour at the location. It is therefore proposed that gates should remain for a further 3 years and the necessary consultation for re-implementing the gating PSPO is conducted.