

DRAFT Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Larch Grove

Peterborough City Council ("the Council") in exercise of the power under section 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met make the following order:

1. The land described by the map attached and shown in red being land in the area of the Council is land to which the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 applies and will be protected by the making of this Order listed in the First Schedule.
2. The Order may be cited as the Larch Grove Public Spaces Protection Order and shall come into force on XX October 2020 for duration of three years.
3. This Order supersedes the previous Larch Grove Gating Order which converted to a Public Spaces Protection Order on 20th October 2017.

4. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:

(a) activities carried on in the designated area as stated below, have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and that they will have such an effect.

The said activities are: anti-social behaviour and criminal damage which is likely to cause harassment, alarm and distress.

(b) that the effect, or likely effect of the activities described above, is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

5. The effect of the Order is to impose the following conditions on the use of the land:

- (a) To restrict (prohibit) the public right of way at all times 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 (hereinafter referred to as the 'restricted area' and indicated on the map) by all persons except for occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent thereto and owners of such premises, council officers and those authorised by the council, the emergency services and other service providers listed in the Second Schedule.
- (b) To authorise the erection and maintenance of gates at both ends of the restricted area in order to enforce the restriction.
- (c) The alternative route available for vehicular and pedestrian access is via other highway footpaths along Rowan Avenue, Newark Avenue, Sycamore avenue and Eastern Avenue.
- (d) In this area any person who fails to comply with any of these conditions commits an offence.

6. A person guilty of an offence under conditions (a) or (d) above, under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or fixed penalty notice of a maximum £100.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Lengths of Highway: All that highway that runs between 39 and 45 Larch Grove, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough in a North East direction and all interconnecting highway that runs there in a South East direction from the aforementioned locations terminating at the rear of number 21 Larch Grove, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough and to the side of 17 Larch Grove, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Persons

1. All owners and all occupiers of premises adjoining the highway
2. Police, Fire and Rescue Service and NHS Trust/Foundation Trust staff when in exercise of their duties
3. Persons using the Highway in connection with the laying, erection, inspection, maintenance, alteration, repair, renewal or removal in or near the said length of highway of any sewer, main, pipe, conduit, wire, cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003.
4. Council staff and its authorised contractors when in exercise of their duties
5. Persons using the Highway with the permission or at the direction of a duly authorised council officer in this regard

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council of the City of Peterborough on the XX day of October 2020

The Common Seal of
Peterborough City Council was
affixed in the presence of:

Appendix 5 – Larch Grove PSPO Documents



Review of (Gating) Public Space Protection Orders July 2020 – Larch Grove

The Larch Grove Gating Order was implemented in September 2011 which was 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.

A review has been conducted of the Larch Grove gating PSPO by consulting directly with relevant partners, taking into consideration calls to the Police, Local Authority and Cross Keys Homes. Key partners who have been consulted 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

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.