

# Review of Public Space Protection Orders (Gating) – July 2023

There are five Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for Gating within Peterborough which were re-implemented on 12th October 2020 for a 3 year period. For the orders to continue and the alleyways to remain gated, the Local Authority is required to review each order, carry out the necessary consultation and re-implement by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The gating PSPOs requiring review are:

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

## Public Space Protection Order – Gating of Welland Close and Crocus Grove

### **Background information:**

Located in North Ward, 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. Gates were installed in the alleyway between Welland Close and Crocus Grove in 2014 to reduce antisocial behaviour in Welland Close and Welland Recreation Ground and its impact on the residents of Welland Close, several of whom are elderly and vulnerable. For years the residents experienced high levels of vandalism and antisocial behaviour taking place in the alleyway.

Following consultation with statutory consultees, key interested parties and the public, the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Welland Close and Crocus Grove was implemented on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for 3 years.



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

**Review in June 2023:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Police received 6 calls for service within Welland Close, Crocus Grove and the immediate area which indicates that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.

The Council’s Highway Maintenance and Schemes Commissioning Manager, Public Rights of Way Officer and Newtork and Traffic Manager have confirmed that they support the proposal to extend the order for a further 3 years.

**Assessment and recommendations:**

There have been no reports to the council concerning issues in the area of Welland Close and Crocus Grove in the 12 months since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and incidents reported to the Police remain low, which would support the view that the gates have proved effective in preventing anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to the neighbouring properties and surrounding area. It is therefore considered that gates should therefore remain at the location and the necessary consultation should be carried out to extend the PublicSpace Protection Order – Gating of Welland Close and Crocus Grove for a further 3 years.

## Public Space Protection Order – Gating of Larch Grove

### Background information:

Located in Dogsthorpe Ward, the gating of Larch Grove 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.

Following consultation with statutory consultees, key interested parties and the public, the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Larch Grove was extended on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for 3 years.



Map showing location of fences (number in blue) and gates (numbers in red) for Larch Grove

### Review in June 2023:

The council received one report in March 2023 from a resident concerning vandalism to one of the gates and requesting it's repair which was referred to Cross Keys Homes for maintenance. From 1<sup>st</sup> June 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Police received 9 calls for service within the area of Larch Grove which indicates that the gates continue to serve the purpose of preventing crime and ASB.

The Council's Highway Maintenance and Schemes Commissioning Manager, Public Rights of Way Officer and Network and Traffic Manager have confirmed that they support the proposal to extend the order for a further 3 years.

**Assessment and recommendations:**

Since implementation on 2011 the gates have proved successful in reducing ASB in this area due to the low level of reports to the Police and Peterborough City Council. It is therefore considered that there is justification to re-consult for the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Larch Grove to be extended for a further 3 years.

## Public Space Protection Order – Gating of Furze Ride and Welland Road

Located in Dogsthorpe Ward, the Furze Ride and Welland Road Gating Order was originally implemented in February 2008 and following consultation with statutory consultees, key interested parties and the public, the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Furze Ride and Welland Road was extended on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for 3 years.



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

### **Review in June 2023:**

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Police received 16 calls for service within Furze Ride and Welland Road. The council has not received any reports of anti-social behaviour for this area in the 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

The Council's Highway Maintenance and Schemes Commissioning Manager, Public Rights of Way Officer and Network and Traffic Manager have confirmed that they support the proposal to extend the order for a further 3 years.

### **Assessment and recommendations:**

Given the low 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 proposed that the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Furze Ride and Welland Road is extended for a further 3 years.

# Public Space Protection Order – Gating of Coneygree Road and Scott Close

## Background information

Located in Stanground South ward, 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. Following consultation with statutory consultees, key interested parties and the public, the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Coneygree Road and Scott Close was extended on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for 3 years.



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

## Map showing the Coneygree Road and Scott Close gated alleyway

### Review in June 2023:

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Police received 12 calls for service within Coneygree Road and Scott Close. The council has not received reports of anti-social behaviour for this location over the 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

The Council's Highway Maintenance and Schemes Commissioning Manager, Public Rights of Way Officer and Newtork and Traffic Manager have confirmed that they support the proposal to extend the order for a further 3 years.

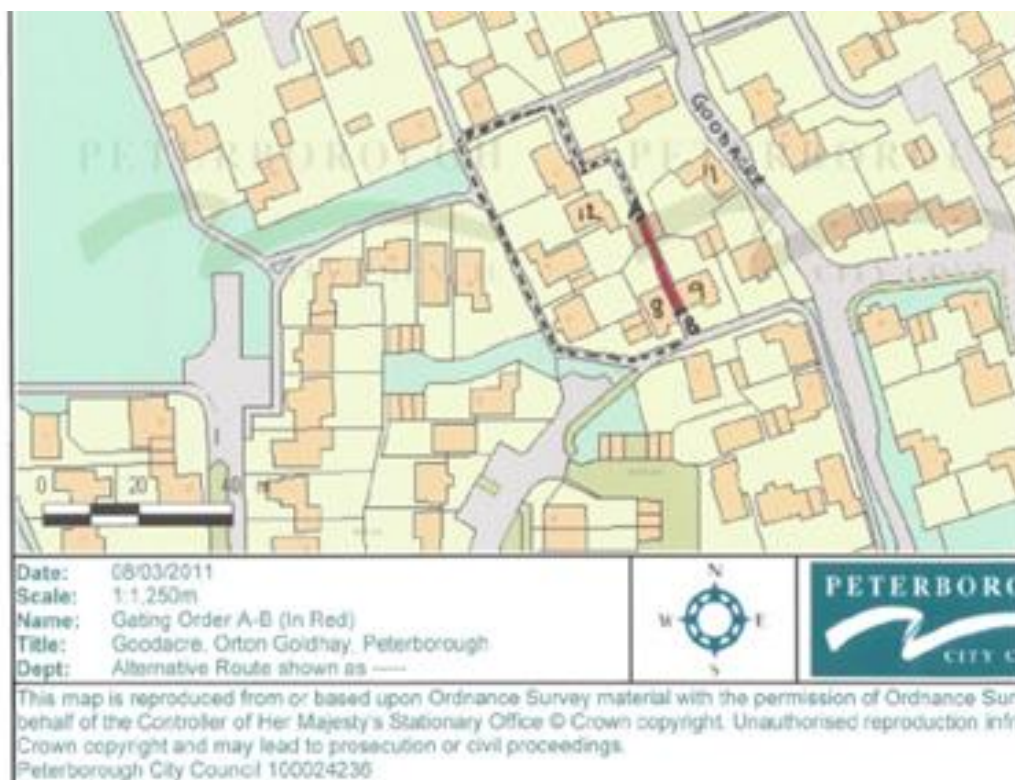
**Assessment and recommendations:**

Evidence would indicate that the gates have been effective in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour at the location. It is therefore proposed that the Public Spaces Protection Order – Gating of Coneygree Road and Scott Close is extended for a further 3 years.

## Public Space Protection Order – Gating of Goodacre

### Background information:

Located in Orton Longueville ward, 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.



Map showing the gated alleyway in Goodacre (shown in red) and the alternative route (black dotted line)

### Review in June 2023:

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 Police received 8 calls for service within Goodacre. The council has not received reports of anti-social behaviour for this area in the 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.



The Council's Highway Maintenance and Schemes Commissioning Manager, Public Rights of Way Officer and Network and Traffic Manager have confirmed that they support the proposal to extend the order for a further 3 years.

**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 extending this Public Spaces Protection Order is conducted.