

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	All Saints	12 th April 2017	
Title	GATING ORDER MADE UNDER THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER LEGISLATION		

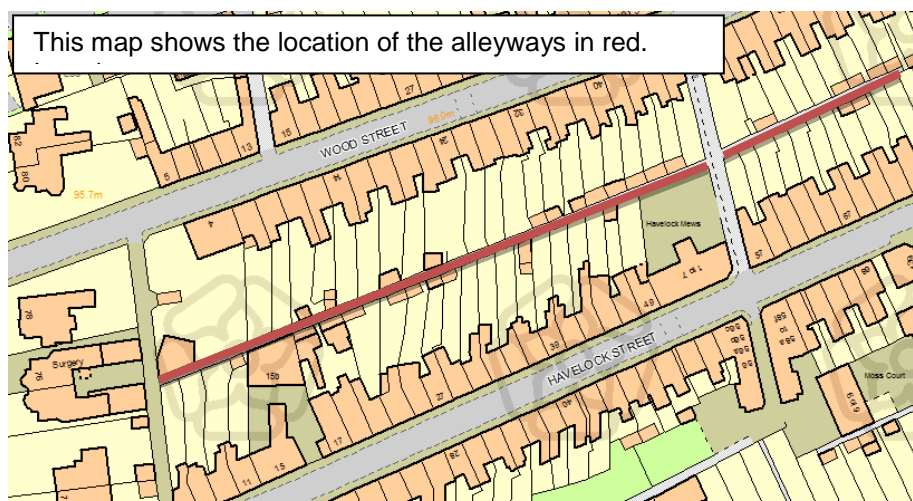
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Jan Smith

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the consent of the Executive Committee to the implementation of a Gating Order made under the Public Spaces Protection Order legislation

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The alleyway between Wood Street and Havelock Street is a fly tipping hotspot and is regularly visited by the street cleaning team to remove sofas, washing machines, and even an old motorcycle. The alley is also used persistently as street drinking location and is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the residents, who are frightened by this activity and don't use the alley at all.
- 2.2 In the past, Gating Orders have been used to close access to certain areas where the behaviour has been an issue. The mechanism for this is now a Public Spaces Protection Order, under the Police, Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Act 2014.
- 2.3. It is proposed that there will be a gate installed at the top and bottom of the main alleyway between the properties on Wood Street / Havelock Street, with a single gate to the other side of the vehicular access road, as this is a cul de sac but still a potential site for fly tipping to continue.



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3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1 Every household adjoining the alleyway had been approached; firstly by hand delivered letter drop, and a follow up visit was made to each property to explain the process and to answer any questions about the project.
- 3.2 None of 64 residents raised concerns: about the gating project. Only one person, a landowner rather than a resident felt there were no problems to address.
- 3.3 The gates will be locked; only residents and authorised partners e.g. BT Openreach, Anglian Water, Police, Western Power will have a key. Each household will be issued with one key, and if a replacement is needed this will be logged by the Community Safety Officer to prevent the unauthorised copying of keys.
- 3.4 We have discussed the proposal with Northamptonshire Highways who have no concerns about the gating project as described. The utility companies have also been involved with the project and fully support it.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In line with the council's commitments, one of the authority's priorities is a commitment to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime.

5. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This will be funded through the Community Safety Partnership fund for allygating.

6. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The wardens and PCSOs will periodically check and walk the alleyways.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Police Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Act 2014 has replaced a pre-existing process and requires the use of Public Space Protection Orders to implement alley gating projects. These projects are the same as those carried out under previous legislation. In view of this, and to reduce delays in implementing such projects, delegated authority to the Head of Public Services to complete the legal process for future projects is sought from the Executive Committee.

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the proposed gating of the alley way between Wood Street and Havelock Street, as set out in the draft Order attached at **Appendix A** and shown on the map at paragraph 2.3 , be approved.
- 8.2 That delegated authority for the making of future gating orders under the provision of a Public Space Protection Order be granted to the Head of Public Services.

Background Papers:

Previous /Reports: Executive
Report

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