THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON-ON-TEES

BOWESFIELD LANE AREA AND NORTON AND SOUTH MOUNT PLEASANT STREETS, NORTON, STOCKTON-ON TEES GATING ORDER 2010

Highways Act 1980 (incorporating the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 Section 2)

This Order is made by the Council of The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees ("the Council") under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because the Council is satisfied that premises adjoining or adjacent to the highway are affected by crime or anti-social behaviour, the existence of the highway is facilitating that crime or anti-social behaviour and that it is expedient to make the Order for the purposes of reducing that crime or anti-social behaviour.

BY THIS ORDER

- 1. The public right of way along the highways (being back alleys) that run behind the full extent of the properties described in Schedule 1, and more particularly delineated in red on the plans attached to this Order, shall be restricted at all times commencing on the date of the making of this Order.
- 2. The restriction will continue for a minimum of 2 years and the continued need for the restricted access will be reviewed by the Council on an annual basis.
- 3. Alternative routes can be accessed via the footpaths and roads described in Schedule 2.
- 4. Those persons and groups described in Schedule 3 shall be exempt from the provisions of this Order.
- 5. The installation, operation and maintenance of the gates at either or both ends of the highways for the enforcement of the restriction is hereby authorised.

SCHEDULE 1

Properties to the rear of which rights of way are restricted:

Numbers 1-11 (odds and evens) Lightfoot Grove, 1-22 (odds and evens) Trinity Street, 1-21 (odds and evens) Highway to the side of no.1 Trinity Street and no.1 Lightfoot Grove, Westcott Street, 1-17 (odds only) Parliament Street, 1-13 (odds and evens) Bowesfield Lane, 27-37 and 43-45 (odds only) Yarm Lane, 2-12 (evens) Westbourne Street, all of Parkfield, Stockton-on-Tees. Numbers 250-278 (evens only) Norton Road, 1-10 (odds and evens) North Mount Pleasant Street and 1-7 (odds and evens) South Mount Pleasant Street, all of Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

SCHEDULE 2

In respect of Parkfield via Lawrence Street, Yarm Lane, Bowesfield Lane, Lightfoot Grove, Trinity Street, Westcott Street and Westbourne Street, and in respect of Norton via Grove Terrace, Norton Road, Mount Pleasant Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

SCHEDULE 3

Emergency Services, Statutory Undertakers, Utility Service providers, persons acting in their capacity as Officers of the Council, persons and/or vehicles required in connection with essential maintenance work, residents of properties adjacent to or affected by the restrictions on the highways described in Schedule 1.

The barriers to be erected to give effect to this Order shall be maintained by the Council. If you need to contact the Council regarding the condition of the gates please telephone Care For Your Area on 01642 391959.

Dated 19 January 2011

Executed as a Deed by affixing the Common Seal of The Council of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees in the presence of:-

Authorised Officer of the Council

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Statement of Reasons

Parkfield

Lightfoot Grove (1 – 11 Odds & Evens)
Trinity Street (1 - 22 Odds & Evens)
Highway to the side of no.1 Trinity Street and no.1 Lightfoot Grove
Westcott Street (1 - 21 Odds & Evens)
Parliament Street (1 - 17 Odds only)
Bowesfield Lane (1 - 13 Odds & Evens)
Yarm Lane (27 – 37 & 43 - 45 Odds only)
Westbourne Street (2 –12 Evens)

Norton

Norton Road (250 – 278 Evens only) North Mount Pleasant Street (1 – 10 Odds & Evens) South Mount Pleasant Street (1 – 7 Odds & Evens)

- "Alleygating is a situational crime prevention measure, which attempts to reduce crime by removing opportunities for offenders to commit crimes." (Bowers, K., Johnson, S and Hirschfiled, A. 2003)
- Requests have been received by Stockton Borough Council officers from residents and Ward Councillors to install alleygates at the entrances to the alleyways of the above streets. Many of the requests received for gates are as a direct result of crime/anti social behaviour taking place in the alleyway.
- Statistics have been provided by the Police & Fire Brigade for these streets (see attached) to justify the need for alleygates in this location.
- Consultation has been carried out with all residents living on the streets to gauge their support for the installation of alleygates in their alleyway.
- Norton 13 responses were received back from the consultation with 13 respondents in favour of having gates installed.
- Parkfield 41 responses were received back from the consultation with 38 respondents in favour of having gates installed.
- It has been assumed that those residents who have not responded to the initial consultation have no objections to the installation of alleygates. Further opportunities for objection are given during the Planning & Legal Order processes.
- Since 2002 many areas across the Borough have benefited from having Alleygates installed, particularly the four main priority areas. Statistics have shown that there has been a 43% reduction in domestic burglaries, 64% reduction in fires and 58% reduction in anti social behaviour in alleygated areas.





