

## **Ealing Council**

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Dear Owner/Occupier,

### **RE: ALLEY-GATING SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

Please find enclosed a copy of the application form and information pack including a checklist explaining the Safer Communities Alley Gating Scheme.

Under this scheme the council gifts lockable gates to private alleyways which serve more than one property and are vulnerable to criminal activity and Antisocial Behaviour such as graffiti, fly-tipping and burglary.

The Council's Gating Scheme is resident led and therefore requires a lead resident to coordinate the project and consult with neighbours who will be affected by the scheme and, get their consent to proceed. This will all need to be evidenced in support of the application. This application should be completed by the lead resident.

On receipt of your application we will check the status of the alleyway, i.e. "Private Right of Way" or "Public Highway". If the alleyway is a Public Highway, it cannot be gated under this scheme.

Successful applications which are in Conservation Areas will require Planning permission. It is your responsibility to contact the Planning Department on 0208 825 6600. You may be charged for this service.

**Please remember that when submitting the application, you will need to provide the completed consent forms from ALL property owners with access rights to the alleyway. If we do not receive all the completed consent forms, the application will not be accepted.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the team if you have any further questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,  
Gating Team

## **Gating Protocol**

**If full consent is not received, we will not consider your application.**

There are four submission periods during the year where we will accept new applications. The deadline for each period is as below:

1. 31<sup>st</sup> January
2. 30<sup>th</sup> April
3. 31<sup>st</sup> July
4. 31<sup>st</sup> October

Once the deadline passes we will not accept any further applications for that period and applications received will be assessed. The application will be evaluated using crime statistics from the Police and Council records and an assessment of value for money to see whether the application fits the criteria of the Alley Gating Scheme.

For successful applicants, there will be a 21 day window for residents to raise concerns/objections. If no concerns are raised, then the gates will be instructed for manufacture. Should any unresolvable concerns arise the scheme will not proceed and residents will be informed of the reasons why.

**Once the Council has installed the gates and the lead resident has distributed the keys, the gates become the resident's responsibility for maintenance and ensuring that copies of keys are kept amongst themselves.**

**THE COUNCIL WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST KEYS OR DAMAGED GATES.**

The lead resident will be provided with details of the Council's gating contractor who you may use to organise any repairs or maintenance of the gates once installed.

It is advised that residence discuss amongst themselves how they will cover the cost of any future maintenance or repairs to the gate.

The cleanliness of the alleyway is the responsibility of the residents. Ealing Council will not remove fly tips or accumulations of waste prior to or after the successful installation of gates. This also applies to overgrown vegetation.

If you choose to use a contractor to clear waste from the land please ensure that they hold a current waste carriers licence issued by the Environment Agency

