

Cheshire West and Chester Council renewal of a borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for alley gating.

Consultation Summary

Background to consultation

In October 2014 the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) introduced new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), including the power to make Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). The Act also required local authorities to review any relevant existing Orders made under previous legislation and ensure their transfer to PSPOs.

These existing PSPOs for alley gating are due to expire in October 2023, as all PSPOs must be renewed every three years. We would like to hear your views on these Orders so that we can consider your feedback as part of the review process.

What do the PSPOs for alleygating do?

PSPOs can be used to regulate activities in public places that can have a detrimental effect on the local community. They can help by giving local councils and local police additional powers to tackle anti-social behaviour in specified locations. These Orders allow the Council to restrict public rights of way over a highway through the installation of gates at entrance points to alleyways to prevent crime and ASB.

Our local multiagency problem-solving groups (PSGs) lead on local problem-solving activity and gating PSPOs are only created when all other means to prevent ASB in affected areas have been exhausted. Where these gates are installed local residents who require access are offered keys to the gates.

There are currently 14 individual PSPOs for alley gating across Cheshire West and Chester at the following locations:

1. [Hazel Road](#), Chester (Alleyways between Hazel Road to Downfield Road and Hazel Road to Poplar Road)
2. [Thurston Road](#), Chester (Alleyway between Thurston Road and Green Lane)
3. [Westminster Road](#), Chester (Alleyway between Westminster Road and Hamilton Street)
4. [Alexandra Street](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyway between Alexandra Street and Edward Street and Grace Road)
5. [Beechfield Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyways between Enfield Road, Beechfield Road, Briarfield Road and Priestfield Road)
6. [Crossley Avenue](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyway between Crossley Avenue and the service area of Himalayan Birch Close)



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7. Heathfield Road, Ellesmere Port - New in July 2023 (Alleyway between Heathfield Road, Flatt Lane and School Road)
8. [Holly Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyways between Holly Road, Kingsley Road, Cromwell Road and Cambridge Road)
9. [King Street](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyway between King Street and garage area of Westminster Road)
10. [Livingstone Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyways between Grafton Road, Livingstone Road and Grace Road)
11. [Romiley Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyway between Overpool Road and Christleton Drive)
12. [Victoria Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyways between Victoria Road, Enfield Road, Highfield Road, Ashfield Road and Woodfield Road)
13. [Woodfield Road](#), Ellesmere Port (Alleyway between Woodfield Road and the service area of Victoria Road)
14. [Pinewood Grove](#), Winsford (Alleyway between Pinewood Road and Whitby's Lane)

These Orders must be reviewed every three years and are due to expire in October 2023. In order for the Council to consider renewal of these Orders for another three years, the Council is required to consult and carry out a review of each individual order.

Please note that in any areas where these Orders are not renewed, the Council will have to remove any alley gates.

How to share your views

Completing the survey is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

You can submit your response:

- Online: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3M1H54/



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- Email: Community.Safety@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Telephone: 01244 973708, quoting Alley Gating PSPO consultation
- Write to: Cheshire West and Chester Council, Alley Gating PSPO consultation, Public Protection Service - Community Safety, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA.
- Request a copy of our consultation in alternative formats, including paper and easy read, using the contact details at the bottom of the page.

Please submit your response by Thursday 31 August 2023.

If you would like to know more about how we use and store the information you give us in this survey, you can find out by visiting <https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/system-pages/privacy-notice/consultations-privacy-notice.aspx>

How your views will be used

We will be consulting on these options until Thursday 31 August 2023. The outcome of the public consultation will be considered by officers in October 2023 as part of the review process and a summary of the consultation findings will be uploaded to the consultation web page and published on the Cheshire West and Chester Community Safety Partnership website.

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