

Appendix 3

BRIEFING NOTE – ALLEY GATES

Purpose

To request funding from the District Executive for the following Crime Reduction Project:

- Alleygate scheme in Thomas Street and Leesway, Lees, Oldham

The Borough of Oldham has a very high proportion of terraced properties and as a result also has a lot of alleyways that provide access for residents to the rear of their properties. Unfortunately alleyways also provide access for criminals providing burglars with the means to break in from the rear of the house. Residents with rear alleyways also often experience anti social behaviour and other forms of criminal activity.

Gates have been widely used throughout the Borough, to reduce burglary, damage, anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, littering etc. Gates have been very successful in reducing these sorts of crimes and incidents and also improved quality of life for residents and in some locations improved cohesion and community spirit.

CSS 545: This scheme covers the following properties: 10 to 36 Thomas Street and 30 to 40 Leesway a total of 19 properties.

This scheme is unadopted and would not require a Gating Order in order to proceed. With a Gating Order part of the process requires the council to prove that there is evidence of high levels of criminal activity by way of analysis from the police. However with this location being unadopted if the quality of life of residents is being affected it would meet the criteria.

All the residents affected by the scheme have submitted a petition to Councillor Sedgwick supporting the installation of alley gates. All these residents have now been consulted and it is anticipated that it will reach the required level of support to approve the installation of the gates. There have been a number of attempted burglaries some of which have gone unreported including garden sheds and garages. Fly tipping has also been a problem with a number of complaints being made to the Environment section. This application is supported by anecdotal evidence from the residents.

Costing

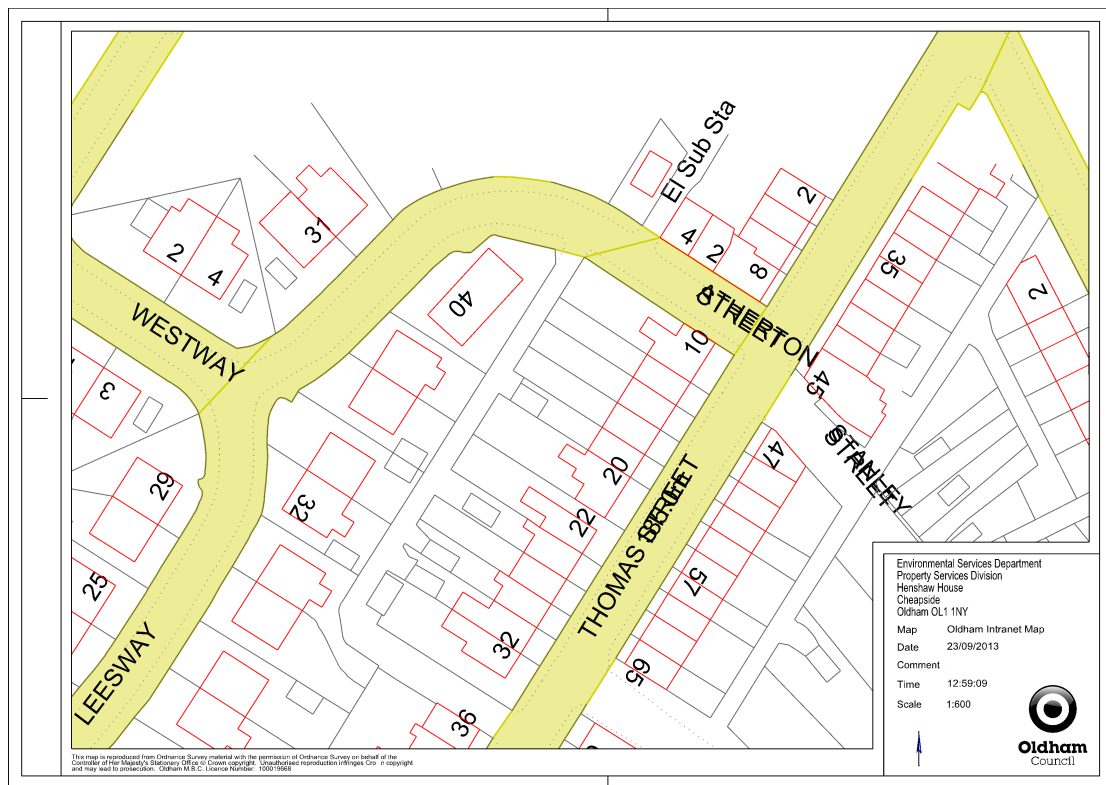
This scheme will require 2 double leaf gates with side panels and additional posts, at a cost of £2,202.50 this includes installation, some pruning to facilitate installation rear of 40 Leesway and keys to all residents. It will be the responsibility of the residents to clean and maintain the rear alley.

Recommendations

The proposals will improve the security of residential properties in the area, reducing the opportunity for crime and removing the fear of crime for residents.

The improved security of the area will enhance the feeling of well being and quality of life, positively affecting the liveability aspect of the community.

Map of Area



Aerial Photograph

