

## **SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS**

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# **SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS**

## **BACKGROUND**

### **About this document**

Slough Borough Council has a decision making process involving an Executive (Cabinet) and a Scrutiny Function. Part 3 of the Council's Constitution sets out the Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Officer Delegation. This document lists the decisions taken by officers under this scheme during the period stated.

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2. Exemptions to Competitive Tendering.
3. Redundancies/Early Retirements above 5 in Service area\*
4. Decision to commence formal organisational restructuring/consultation.
5. Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views.
6. Write-off of individual debts between £5,000 and £15,000.
7. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work Act risk.
8. Compulsory Purchase Orders.
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12. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.
13. Appointments to casual vacancies on committees, sub committees, Panels, Working Parties and outside bodies
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<b>Ref</b>	<b>03/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Gating Order – Furnival Avenue / Birch Grove Cut-Through (Location One)</b>
<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance
<b>Portfolio</b>	Social & Economic Inclusion
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To make a Gating Order in the above mentioned location, following the statutory consultation under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. This is to restrict the through route that links Furnival Avenue and Birch Grove (Location One Map – Appendix 1), Slough by the installation of a magnetic lock operated gate which shall remain open from 5am to 6pm in winter and from 5am to 9pm in summer. The gate will be locked outside these timings. The winter and summer timings will mirror the Greenwich Mean Time and British Summer Time schedules.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	A residents meeting was held on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and alleged drug related activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were "Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling". The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were "Groups Hanging Around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks". The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for users and dealers to have multiple escape routes. In a recent incident a firearm was discharged at a property in Birch Grove and the Housing Solutions CCTV captured the suspects fleeing the areas via the above mentioned cut through.
<b>Options considered</b>	Complete blocking of through route. This was not considered a viable option.
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Full Significant Decision attached.

## **Consumer Protection and Business Compliance**

### **Significant Decision**

#### **Furnival Avenue / Birch Grove Cut-Through (Location One)**

**Prepared by:**

Vinay Vyas, Community Project Officer Ext (47) 7356

**Date:**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Purpose of Significant Decision:**

To make a Gating Order in the above mentioned location, following the statutory consultation under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. This is to restrict the through route that links Furnival Avenue and Birch Grove (Location One Map– Appendix 1), Slough by the installation of a magnetic lock operated gate which shall remain open from 5am to 6pm in winter and from 5am to 9pm, in summer. The gate will be locked outside these timings. The winter and summer timings will mirror the Greenwich Mean Time and British Summer Time schedules.

**Statutory Consultation:**

The statutory consultation period started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and ended on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. No objections were received either from the statutory consultees or from the residents consulted.

**Previous Consultation**

A residents meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and drug related activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling. The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were Groups Hanging around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks. One resident said that he has seen drug deals taking place and on one occasion witnessed the police chasing suspects. The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for users and dealers to have multiple escape routes. In a recent incident a firearm was discharged at a property in Birch Grove and the Housing Solutions CCTV captured the suspects fleeing the area via the above mentioned cut through. Please see Appendix 3 for drug paraphernalia found on location.

**Gating Panel Meeting – post statutory Consultation**

Following the completion of the statutory consultation, the Area Gating Panel met on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. (Please see Appendix 2 for meeting notes). The Panel reviewed the consultation process and recommended that a Gating Order should be made at Location One. The panel further agreed that a review must be conducted six months after the gate is installed.

**Financial Implications:**

Legal costs - approximately £1,500

Installation of bow-topped fencing – expected to be approximately £1,500

Installation of gate with magnetic locks - £1500

Supply and installation of signage on gate - £205

[Note: Cost of future maintenance and upkeep of fence and gate will be equally shared by Slough Borough Council and Housing Solutions, Crown House, Crown Square, Waldeck Road, Maidenhead, Berks – SL6 8BY]. A variation in the lease agreement is being finalised.

**Recommended Decision:**

To consider the contents of this report and resolve, under delegated power no. 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers), to authorise the making of the Gating Order, as described above, under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980.

## **Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** Area Map

**Appendix 2:** Area Gating Panel Meeting Notes.

**Appendix 3:** Drugs Paraphernalia data

**Appendix 4:** Photographs of location

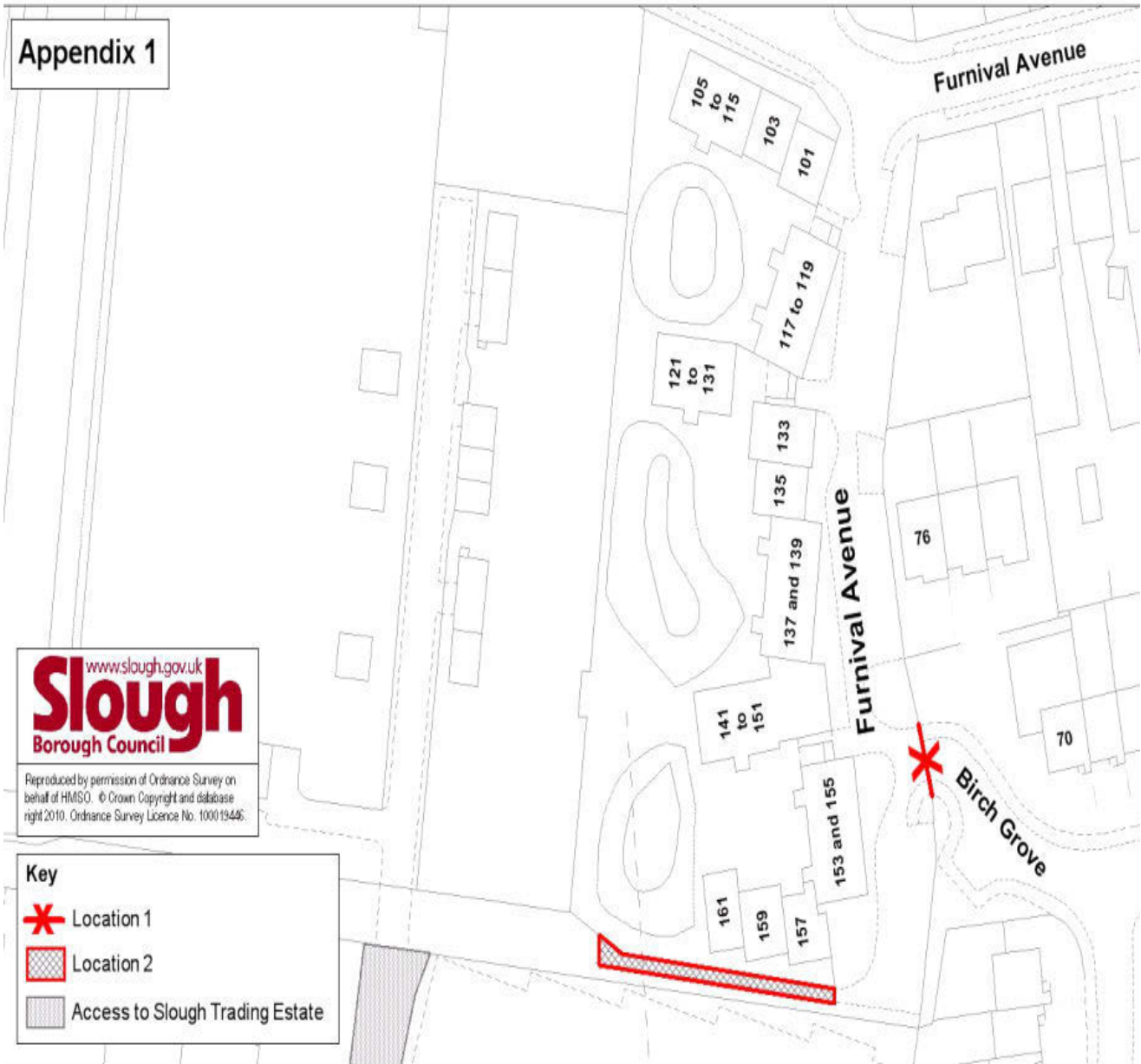
**Appendix 5:** Significant Decision Report for consultation– Dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## **Approved:**

Community Project Officer		Date:	
Head of Legal Services		Date:	
Cabinet Member for Social and Economic Inclusion		Date:	
Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance		Date:	

APPENDIX 1

Appendix 1



## APPENDIX 2

### Gating Order Furnival Avenue / Birch Grove Review Meeting

**Date:** 10/12/2013  
**Time:** 1005 Hrs  
**Venue:** St Martins Place

**Members of Gating Review Panel:** Louise Asby, Esther Deacon, Vinay Vyas, Jacqui Wheeler.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To review the representations received during the consultation period for making a gating order in cut-through between Furnival Avenue & Birch Grove (Location One) and cut-through adjacent to 157-161 Furnival Avenue (Location Two). The consultation period started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and ended on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

#### **Location One:**

No objections were received for the proposal to restrict the cut-through by installing a gate with a magnetic lock operated with a timer switch. Seven responses in favour of the proposal were received which included representations from the Area Commander and Neighbourhood Inspector, Thames Valley Police.

The Local Access Forum (LAF) did make a comment about possible vandalism to the magnetic lock. However as this is a pilot project, the gating review panel felt that such a system should be trialled.

The panel unanimously supported the gating order to be made at Location One.

#### **Location Two:**

Only one objection was received to fence off the cut-through at Location Two. The objection was made by the LAF, citing the reason that this route should not be permanently closed as it has been in existence since before the Furnival Avenue flats were built. However the panel felt that whilst the route may have been in existence prior to the flats, the landscape has since changed and it is no longer safe, which is the primary concern. No formal objection was received by any of the residents during the consultation period.

The gating review panel debated this proposal in detail. JW in her official capacity as a Rights Of Way Officer, declared that she, in principle, was opposed to open routes being closed. The panel reviewed the process of the consultation. The panel felt that the level of drugs and alcohol paraphernalia found at Location Two and the use of this location to dump the cash box stolen from a Securicor Van, suggested a significant level of anti-social behaviour and crime. The panel also discussed the findings of previous consultations and resident meetings and felt that the level of anti-social behaviour and crime was enough to justify the recommendation to make the gating order in Location Two.

The panel agreed that a review must be conducted six months after the gates and fences are installed.



## APPENDIX 3

### DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA FOUND - FURNIVAL AVENUE ALLEYWAY REAR OF 159 BLOCK

**01/01/2013 to 09/09/2013**

January

09/01/13 - 2 x Needles, multiple caps, Vit wipe packets  
17/01/13 - 1x Needle, multiple empty beer cans, 3x empty baggies  
23/01/13 - Caps

February

05/02/13 - 2 x Needles on footpath, sharps box in hedge with needles  
15/02/13 - 1 x needle , Vit packs , 2 x empty vodka bottle  
26/02/2013 - 4 x Needles, empty syringe packets, vit packs, 2 x spoons

March

7/03/13 - 1 x Needle  
14/03/13 - 1x Needle, multiple caps, beer cans and empty spirit bottles  
20/03/13 - 2 x Needles, 3 x baggies, 2 x spoons  
26/03/13 - 1 x sharp box containing 4 needles

April

9/04/13 - wipes, caps, spirit bottles  
17/04/13 - 6x needles , vit wipes ,clothing  
19/04/13 - multiple beer cans, empty syringe body, caps, vit wipes

May

15/05/13 - 2x Needles, caps  
29/05/13 - open sharps box, spoons and vit wipes

June

05/06/13 - Baggies, spoons, clothing, 1 x Needle  
12/06/13 - Spoons, caps, vit wipes, 2 x Needles

July

9/07/13 - Empty beer cans, spirit bottles, clothing, spoons, caps  
16/07/13 - 3 x Needles  
23/07/13 - 2 x Needles, baggies, pill pot (no personal details)

August

22/08/13 - 6 x Needles , 1 x sharp box with needle protruding  
cont: Clothing, multiple vodka bottles, cans, vit wipes, multiple caps

September

06/09/13 - Caps, vit, wipes, spoon, clothing, spirit bottles, beer cans

APPENDIX 4



Location One



Drugs Sharp box – Location Two



Drugs paraphernalia – Location Two

## **Customer and Community Services**

### **Significant Decision**

#### **Furnival Avenue Gating Orders**

**Prepared by:**

Vinay Vyas, Community Project Officer Ext (47) 7356

**Date:**

14.10.2013

**Purpose of Significant Decision:**

To obtain a resolution to proceed with a statutory consultation for implementing two Gating Orders under section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.

**Background:**

Residents in Birch Grove and the flats managed by Housing Solutions in Furnival Avenue, have been concerned about the anti-social activities that are mainly occurring at night. There are two Gating Orders being considered for two locations in this area. [Please see map in Appendix 1]

1. Gating Order 1 (Location One) – The cut-through between Birch Grove and the parking area of the flats.
2. Gating Order 2 (Location Two) – The cut-through adjacent to the flats leading to the Trading Estate and Bodmin Avenue.

Both locations are on land that is owned by the Housing Services Department of Slough Borough Council, but leased to Housing Solutions. However, historically these locations are used by the public as short –cuts. Location One is very well used during the day by the public. A usage survey conducted in 2012 revealed that from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> November, 989 individuals used the cut-through in Location One, in a southerly direction and 868 individuals used it in a northerly direction. However nocturnal usage was greatly reduced. Between the hours of 2100hrs to 0600hrs, in the same period, 66 individuals used this route in a southerly direction and 87 used it in a northerly direction.

Anecdotal information suggests that Location Two is used by some employees of the Trading Estate and members of the public. A usage survey was done in Location Two from 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013. It clearly demonstrated that the usage of Location Two is significantly less than the usage of Location One. A total of 231 individuals used this cut-through in a southerly direction and 284 used it in a northerly direction. Nocturnal usage was 15 in the southerly direction and 18 in the northerly direction.

There is evidence to show a significant amount of drug dealing and drug use in the area during the night. The Housing Solutions' caretaker regularly finds and picks up drugs paraphernalia, especially in Location Two. Between the months of January and August 2013, 23 needles were found in this location.

Residents were surveyed in July 2012 and of the 72 households in the Birch Grove area who were surveyed, 52 responses were received with a majority of residents supporting the installation of a lockable gate at Location One, to stop the nocturnal anti-social activity. A separate survey conducted by Housing Solutions with their tenants too returned strong support for a lockable gate. The Housing Solutions residents further added that they would like Location Two, blocked owing to it being used for drug dealing and drug taking.

A residents meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and drug related activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling. The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were Groups Hanging around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks. The area adjacent to the flats was highlighted as a particular hot spot for drug related activity. One resident said that he has seen drug deals taking place and on one occasion witnessed the police chasing suspects. The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for users and dealers to have multiple escape routes. Two of these routes are the proposed locations for the Gating Orders.

During the meeting an overwhelming number of attendees expressed a wish that both locations should be completely blocked off. However, the survey in July 2012, seemed to indicate that there were residents in Birch Grove who did not want the cut-through completely blocked off.

### **Gating Panel Meeting**

Following the residents meeting, Slough Borough Council's Gating Panel met on 12<sup>th</sup> September, to discuss the viable options available to make two Gating Orders. The panel agreed to consult on the following proposals:

#### **Proposal Location One. Gating Order 1**

The Gating Panel did not recommend the total blocking of Location One. Instead it recommended the removal of the existing white barrier, and the installation of bow-topped fencing with a metal gate operated by a magnetic lock. In the proposal, the gate will remain unlocked during the day, but locked at night [timings to be stipulated in the Gating Order notice]. Planned renovations are being scheduled by Housing Solutions, which includes the re-surfacing of their car park. As a result they have agreed to do the trenching work and lay cabling to power the magnetic locks on the proposed gate, which will result in significant cost savings. This project will also be a good opportunity to pilot such a scheme in Slough as a timer activated mag-lock system has not been trialled before. If successful, such projects could be replicated at other locations in the Borough, if viable.

#### **Proposal Location Two. Gating Order 2**

To fence off the through route adjacent to the flats 157-161 Furnival Avenue, as shown in the plan on Appendix 1, to prevent drug taking and dealing in the area.

Due to the ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour occurring at these locations and the public health risk, the Council proposes to make these Gating Orders, under Section 129 of the Highways Act 1980, as it is satisfied that this course of action will reduce the crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

### **Financial Implications:**

In addition to officer time the likely costs are as follows:

Public notice in local newspapers: approx £600 (Notice, Draft Order, Notice of Making, Gating Orders).  
Supply and erect fencing / gates: approx £6000 (quotes not received yet)  
Legal costs: approx £500

### **Recommended Decision:**

To proceed with the statutory consultation for making two Gating Orders, as detailed above, under section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.

### **To consider the contents of the report and resolve:**

Under delegated power no. 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers) to authorise the consultation process for making the Gating Orders as described above.

### Approved:

Community Project Officer		Date:	
Head of Legal Services		Date:	
Cabinet Member for Social and Economic Inclusion		Date:	
Assistant Director Enforcement and Regulation		Date:	

<b>Ref</b>	<b>04/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Gating Order – Furnival Avenue / Bodmin Avenue / Greenside Gating Order (Location Two)</b>
<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Head of Consumer Protection & Business Compliance
<b>Portfolio</b>	Social & Economic Inclusion
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To make a Gating Order in the above mentioned location, following the statutory consultation under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. This is to block the cut-through adjacent to 157-161 Furnival Avenue, Slough.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	A residents meeting was held on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and alleged drug relation activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling. The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were Groups Hanging Around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks. The area adjacent to the flats (Location Two), was highlighted as a particular hot spot for drug related activity. The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for drug users and dealers to have multiple escape routes. There is also evidence to show a significant amount of drug dealing and drug use in this area during the night. The Housing Solutions' caretaker frequently finds and picks up drugs paraphernalia. Between the months of January and August 2013, 23 needles were found in this location.
<b>Options considered</b>	Magnetic Lock operated gates. However cost to provide electricity to the location made this option unviable.
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Full Significant Decision attached.

## **Consumer Protection and Business Compliance** **Significant Decision**

### **Furnival Avenue / Bodmin Avenue / Greenside Gating Order (Location Two)**

**Prepared by:**

Vinay Vyas, Community Project Officer Ext (47) 7356

**Date:**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Purpose of Significant Decision:**

To make a Gating Order in the above mentioned location, following the statutory consultation under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. This is to block the cut-through adjacent to 157-161 Furnival Avenue, Slough.

**Statutory Consultation:**

The statutory consultation period started on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 and ended on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Only one objection was received to fence off the cut-through at Location Two. The objection was made by the Local Access Forum (LAF), citing the reason that this route should not be permanently closed as it has been in existence since before the Furnival Avenue flats were built. No formal objection was received by any of the residents during the consultation period.

**Previous Consultation**

A residents meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and drug related activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling. The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were Groups Hanging around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks. The area adjacent to the flats (Location Two), was highlighted as a particular hot spot for drug related activity. One resident said that he has seen drug deals taking place and on one occasion witnessed the police chasing suspects. The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for users and dealers to have multiple escape routes.

There is also evidence to show a significant amount of drug dealing and drug use in this area during the night. The Housing Solutions' caretaker regularly finds and picks up drugs paraphernalia. Between the months of January and August 2013, 23 needles were found in this location. Please see Appendix 3 for details of drug paraphernalia found.

**Gating Panel Meeting – post statutory Consultation**

Following the completion of the statutory consultation, the Area Gating Panel met on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. (Please see Appendix 2 for meeting notes). The Panel reviewed the consultation process and considered the objection made by the LAF, about access being available prior to the construction of the flats. The panel felt that whilst this may be true, the landscape has since changed and it is no longer safe, which is the primary concern. The Panel therefore recommended that a Gating Order should be made at Location Two. The panel further agreed that a review must be conducted six months after the fences are installed.

**Financial Implications:**

Legal costs – Approximately £1,5000

Fences: Installation of two fence panels - £660 [ Note: Future maintenance and upkeep of fence panels will be the responsibility of Housing Solutions, Crown House, Crown Square, Waldeck Road, Maidenhead, Berks – SL6 8BY

**Recommended Decision:**

To consider the contents of the report and resolve, under delegated power no. 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers) to authorise making of the Gating Order, as detailed above, under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980.

**Appendices**

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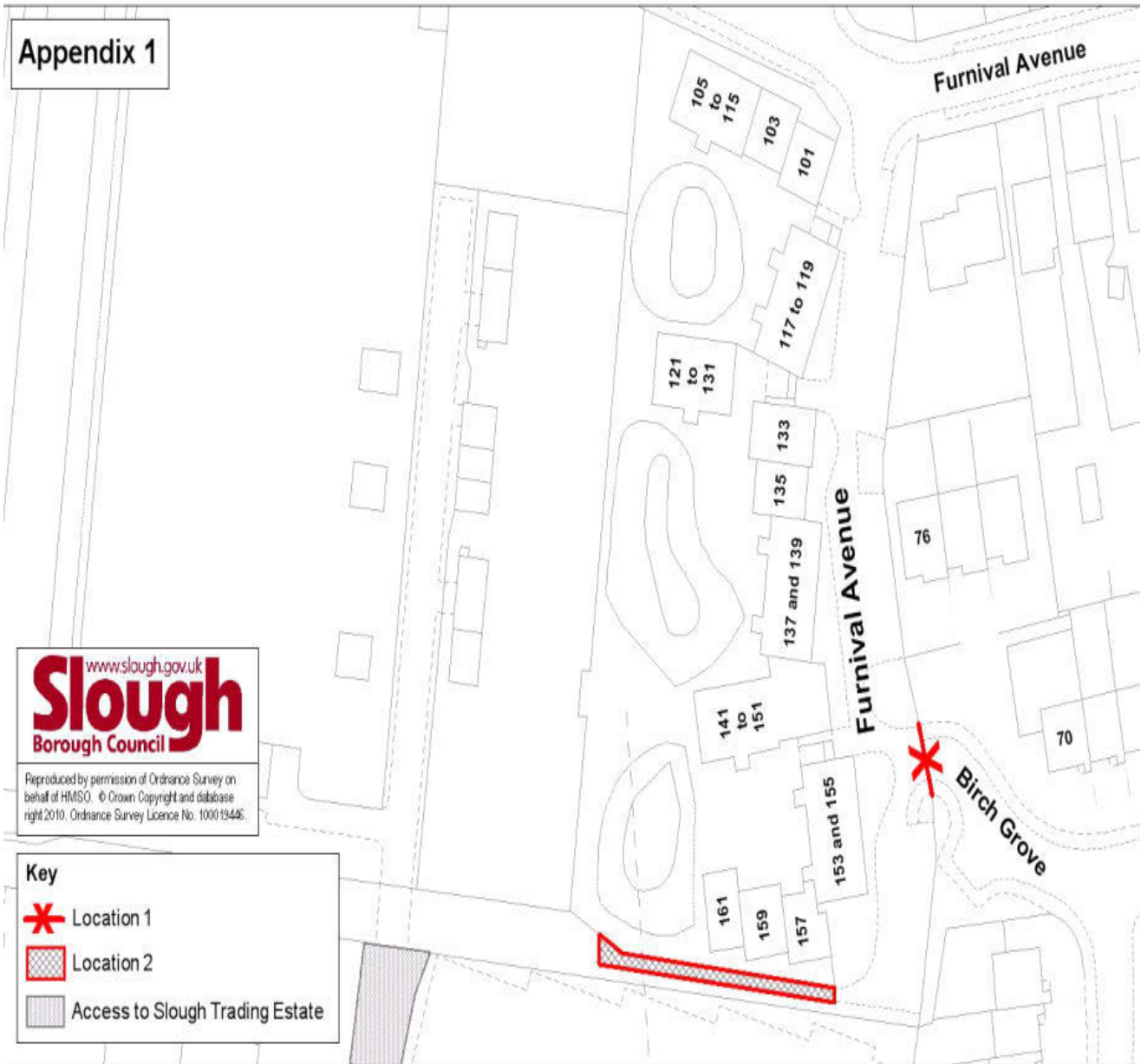
**Appendix 5:** Significant Decision Report – Dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Approved:**

Community Project Officer		Date:	
Head of Legal Services		Date:	
Cabinet Member for Social and Economic Inclusion		Date:	
Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance		Date:	

APPENDIX 1

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## APPENDIX 2

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The Local Access Forum (LAF) did make a comment about possible vandalism to the magnetic lock. However as this is a pilot project, the gating review panel felt that such a system should be trialled.

The panel unanimously supported the gating order to be made at Location One.

#### **Location Two:**

Only one objection was received to fence off the cut-through at Location Two. The objection was made by the LAF, citing the reason that this route should not be permanently closed as it has been in existence since before the Furnival Avenue flats were built. However the panel felt that whilst the route may have been in existence prior to the flats, the landscape has since changed and it is no longer safe, which is the primary concern. No formal objection was received by any of the residents during the consultation period.

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The panel agreed that a review must be conducted six months after the gates and fences are installed.

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### DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA FOUND - FURNIVAL AVENUE ALLEYWAY REAR OF 159 BLOCK

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APPENDIX 4



Location One



Drugs Sharp box – Location Two



Drugs paraphernalia – Location Two

## **Customer and Community Services**

### **Significant Decision**

#### **Furnival Avenue Gating Orders**

**Prepared by:**

Vinay Vyas, Community Project Officer Ext (47) 7356

**Date:**

14.10.2013

**Purpose of Significant Decision:**

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**Background:**

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3. Gating Order 1 (Location One) – The cut-through between Birch Grove and the parking area of the flats.
4. Gating Order 2 (Location Two) – The cut-through adjacent to the flats leading to the Trading Estate and Bodmin Avenue.

Both locations are on land that is owned by the Housing Services Department of Slough Borough Council, but leased to Housing Solutions. However, historically these locations are used by the public as short –cuts. Location One is very well used during the day by the public. A usage survey conducted in 2012 revealed that from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> November, 989 individuals used the cut-through in Location One, in a southerly direction and 868 individuals used it in a northerly direction. However nocturnal usage was greatly reduced. Between the hours of 2100hrs to 0600hrs, in the same period, 66 individuals used this route in a southerly direction and 87 used it in a northerly direction.

Anecdotal information suggests that Location Two is used by some employees of the Trading Estate and members of the public. A usage survey was done in Location Two from 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013. It clearly demonstrated that the usage of Location Two is significantly less than the usage of Location One. A total of 231 individuals used this cut-through in a southerly direction and 284 used it in a northerly direction. Nocturnal usage was 15 in the southerly direction and 18 in the northerly direction.

There is evidence to show a significant amount of drug dealing and drug use in the area during the night. The Housing Solutions' caretaker regularly finds and picks up drugs paraphernalia, especially in Location Two. Between the months of January and August 2013, 23 needles were found in this location [Please see Appendix 3 – for breakdown of drug paraphernalia finds & Appendix 4 – Photographs of drug paraphernalia].

Residents were surveyed in July 2012 and of the 72 households in the Birch Grove area who were surveyed, 52 responses were received with a majority of residents supporting the installation of a lockable gate at Location One, to stop the nocturnal anti-social activity. A separate survey conducted by Housing Solutions with their tenants too returned strong support for a lockable gate. The Housing Solutions residents further added that they would like Location Two, blocked owing to it being used for drug dealing and drug taking.

A residents meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the community hall in Furnival Flats. 28 residents attended the meeting and it was clear that the anti-social and drug related activities were adversely affecting their quality of life. 22 ASB forms were also completed. The top four scores in the 'Fairly Big Problem' category were Littering, Vandalism, Drugs and Dog Fouling. The top four scores in the 'Very Big Problem' category were Groups Hanging around, Vandalism, Drugs and Drunks. The area adjacent to the flats was highlighted as a particular hot spot for drug related activity. One resident said that he has seen drug deals taking place and on one occasion witnessed the police chasing suspects. The porous nature of the layout was also deemed as a factor for users and dealers to have multiple escape routes. Two of these routes are the proposed locations for the Gating Orders.

During the meeting an overwhelming number of attendees expressed a wish that both locations should be completely blocked off. However, the survey in July 2012, seemed to indicate that there were residents in Birch Grove who did not want the cut-through completely blocked off.

### **Gating Panel Meeting**

Following the residents meeting, Slough Borough Council's Gating Panel met on 12<sup>th</sup> September, to discuss the viable options available to make two Gating Orders. The panel agreed to consult on the following proposals:

#### **Proposal Location One. Gating Order 1**

The Gating Panel did not recommend the total blocking of Location One. Instead it recommended the removal of the existing white barrier, and the installation of bow-topped fencing with a metal gate operated by a magnetic lock. In the proposal, the gate will remain unlocked during the day, but locked at night [timings to be stipulated in the Gating Order notice]. Planned renovations are being scheduled by Housing Solutions, which includes the re-surfacing of their car park. As a result they have agreed to do the trenching work and lay cabling to power the magnetic locks on the proposed gate, which will result in significant cost savings. This project will also be a good opportunity to pilot such a scheme in Slough as a timer activated mag-lock system has not been trialled before. If successful, such projects could be replicated at other locations in the Borough, if viable.

#### **Proposal Location Two. Gating Order 2**

To fence off the through route adjacent to the flats 157-161 Furnival Avenue, as shown in the plan on Appendix 1, to prevent drug taking and dealing in the area.

Due to the ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour occurring at these locations and the public health risk, the Council proposes to make these Gating Orders, under Section 129 of the Highways Act 1980, as it is satisfied that this course of action will reduce the crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

### **Financial Implications:**

In addition to officer time the likely costs are as follows:

Public notice in local newspapers: approx £600 (Notice, Draft Order, Notice of Making, Gating Orders).  
Supply and erect fencing / gates: approx £6000 (quotes not received yet)  
Legal costs: approx £500

### **Recommended Decision:**

To proceed with the statutory consultation for making two Gating Orders, as detailed above, under section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.

### **To consider the contents of the report and resolve:**

Under delegated power no. 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers) to authorise the consultation process for making the Gating Orders as described above.

### Approved:

Community Project Officer		Date:	
Head of Legal Services		Date:	
Cabinet Member for Social and Economic Inclusion		Date:	
Assistant Director Enforcement and Regulation		Date:	

<b>Ref</b>	<b>05/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Torridge Road Gating Order</b>
<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance
<b>Portfolio</b>	Social & Economic Inclusion
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	Under delegated power no 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers) to authorise the statutory consultation process for making a Gating Order under section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	In response to reports of crime and anti-social behaviour.
<b>Options considered</b>	Gating is the option being considered.
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Full Significant Decision attached.

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**Consumer Protection and Business Compliance**  
**Significant Decision**

**Torrige Road Gating Order**

**Prepared by:**

Esther Deacon, Community Project Officer Ext (47) 7355

**Date:**

13.01.2014

**Purpose of Significant Decision:**

To obtain a resolution to proceed with a statutory consultation for implementing a Gating Order under Section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.

**Background:**

Torrige Road is located on the Westfield estate in the ward of Colnbrook with Poyle. Over the years the Westfield estate has suffered from numerous incidents of fly tipping consisting of both controlled waste and hazardous waste. Whilst some fly tipping has occurred on the highway a number of incidents have occurred in the private garage areas and alleyways. Due to the number of incidents occurring on private land and in response to requests from both Councillors and residents the Council has to date funded the removal of a substantial amount of the fly tipped waste. During the last two years the Council has also installed gates and fencing or vehicle barriers to seven garage areas on the estate and two alleyways which lead to / from the garage areas. A further three garage areas are currently undergoing consultation with residents for the installation of vehicle barriers. Thames Valley Police have been in support of the gating projects on the estate.

In October 2013 the Council gated the entrance to the garage area located between number 10 and 12 Welland Close (please see location A marked on the plan shown in Appendix 1 and the photographs shown in Appendix 2). This project took place following requests from residents for the Council to take some action primarily due to fly tipping and criminal damage within the garage area. There is an alleyway which runs adjacent to 80 Torrige Road / at the rear of 2-10 Welland Close (evens) and leads into this garage area. A section of the alley is an adopted highway and therefore a Gating Order would be required in order to gate it off. The length of the alleyway at the rear of 2-10 Welland Close (evens) is an adopted highway, and the length at the rear of 70-80 Torrige Road (evens) is private. 11 properties back onto the alleyway. Whilst gating the entrance to the garage area has prevented unauthorised vehicles from driving in and therefore has reduced the likelihood of further fly tipping, in order to fully secure the garage area and reduce the likelihood of further criminal

damage, garage break-ins and anti-social behaviour (ASB) the residents have requested that the alleyway is also gated.

The garage area consists of 17 garages and a number of parking spaces. In July 2013 a consultation took place with garage/parking space owners to find out the main concerns regarding crime and ASB within the garage area. 90 % of the responses were 'very concerned' about crime or ASB taking place in the garage area, the remaining 10% were concerned (response rate was 55.6%). The following were highlighted by residents as taking place in the garage area: arson; drinking (alcohol); drug dealing/taking; fly tipping; graffiti; groups congregating; littering noise; prostitution; and vandalism. A few residents were also concerned after having witnessed youths throwing stones and bricks onto the adjacent motorway from the back of the garage area.

Between the period 01/10/2008 to 11/11/2013 there have been 4 reported fly tips (Source: Flare, Slough Borough Council), 3 garage break ins and 3 attempted garage break ins in the garage area (Source: Cedar, Thames Valley Police). Within the same period there has also been an attempted burglary at a property backing onto the alleyway / garage area (Source: Cedar, Thames Valley Police). It should be pointed out that not all incidents of ASB and fly tipping have been reported formally to the Police and the Council but have instead been received through anecdotal reports: through surveys and discussions with residents on site visits / at meetings. The above mentioned reports are therefore in reality likely to be far higher.

The consequences of fly tipping include:

- Unsightly neighbourhoods leading to decreased quality of life and perceptions of that neighbourhood as a place to live, work or visit;
- Public health risks associated with an increased rat population due to increased availability of food and materials that rats use for harbourage;
- Huge costs to the Local Authority. It takes a lot of resources to clear up and investigate this kind of environmental problem. The illegal deposit of waste costs the Council approximately £200,000 per year to clean up.
- Fly tips tend to attract further fly tips;
- Fly tips can attract crime in an area;
- Fly tips can attract other types of anti-social behaviour in an area; and
- Fly tipping undermines legitimate waste management companies who are undercut by illegal operators.

Due to the ongoing problems with fly tipping in the garage area and residents concerns regarding crime and ASB the Council proposes to apply for a Gating Order, under Section 129 of the Highways Act 1980, to install an alley gate in the location shown on the plan in Appendix 1 (see location B). If a Gating Order is obtained, the gate will prevent unauthorised access to the alleyway and garage area. A Gating Order would restrict the adopted public highway 24 hours a day. Access would be enabled for the purposes of cleaning/maintenance of any services. Responsibility for maintenance of the gates and the key will lie with Slough Borough Council and the section of the alleyway which is an adopted highway will remain the responsibility of Highways. Closing off the path would not create any unreasonable detour routes. Only residents with a garage / parking space or with a right of access to the alleyway (i.e. those backing onto the alleyway with a rear garden gate) will be issued with a key.



The Gating Panel consider that it is in all circumstances expedient to start the process for a Gating Order for the purposes of reducing crime and ASB in Torridge Road.

**Financial Implications:**

In addition to officer time the likely costs are as follows:

- Publicity (public notices) – approx £600 (before and after).
- Supply and erect alley gate - £1500
- Legal costs – based on previous projects this is likely to be between £500-£1000.

**Recommended Decision:**

To proceed with the statutory consultation for making a Gating Order under section 129 of the Highways Act 1980.

**To consider the contents of the report and resolve:**

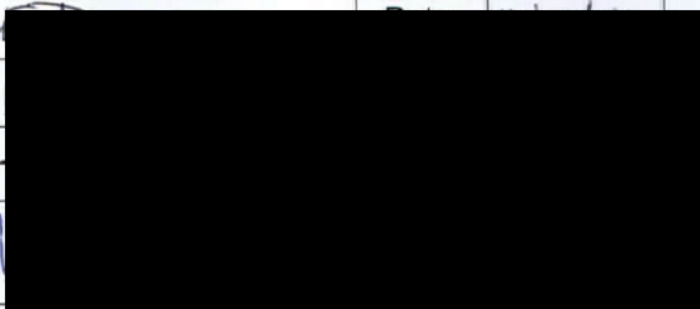
Under delegated power no. 49 (under Highways and Transportation Services in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers) to authorise the consultation process for making a Gating Order as described above.

**Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** Map showing proposed location of alley gate (produced by Nadia Swanepoel, Safer Slough Partnership Information and Mapping Officer).

**Appendix 2:** Photographs.

Approved:

Community Project Officer	
Head of Legal Services	
Cabinet Member for Social and Economic Inclusion	
Head of Consumer Protection & Business Compliance	

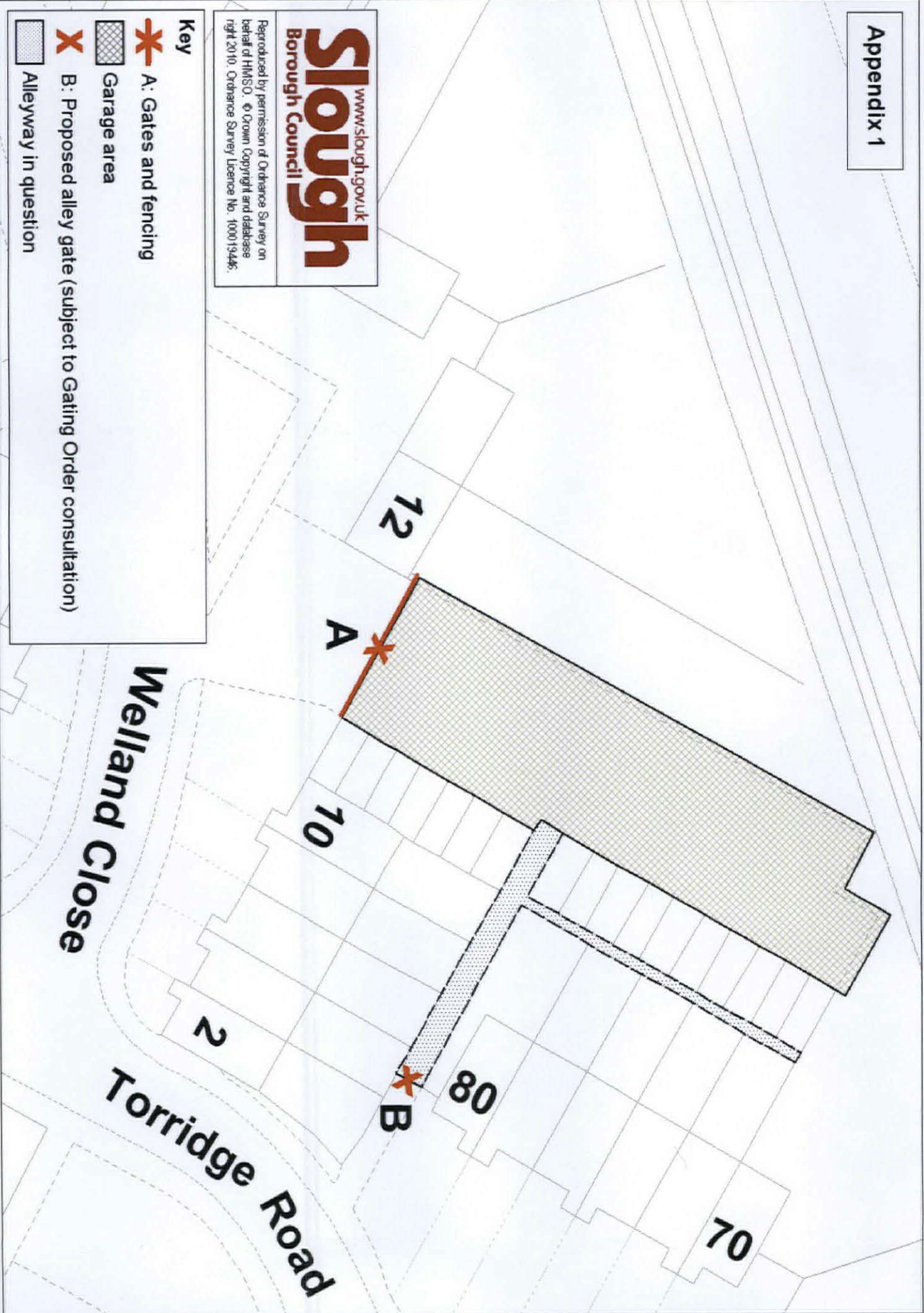
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**Key**

-  A: Gates and fencing
-  Garage area
-  B: Proposed alley gate (subject to Gating Order consultation)
-  Alleyway in question



## Appendix 2: Photographs

Photograph below of alley adjacent to 80 Torridge Road taken on 14/06/13:



Photograph below of criminal damage and fly tipping taken on 26/07/13:



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Esther Deacon

## Appendix 2: Photographs

Photographs below of fly tipping taken on 03/07/13:



## Appendix 2: Photographs

Photograph below taken on 04/09/13 (before gating):



Photograph below taken on 17/10/13 (after gating):



<b>Ref</b>	<b>06/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Demolition Works Contract</b>
<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Procurement Review Board Strategic Director, Regeneration, Housing & Resources
<b>Portfolio</b>	Performance and Accountability
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	Contract award following competitive tender process.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	<p>The Bath Road properties were acquired by SBC in 1994 as part of a highways-led project aimed at widening this section of Bath Road and/or introducing a new service road. Having reaffirmed the strategic significance of retaining the Bath Road widening line in April 2013, the properties are now being demolished.</p> <p>Gurney House is a former care home that was managed via an agreement with BUPA that ended on 14 February 2013. Planning is underway for a new development and the existing building is being demolished to facilitate this.</p> <p>Brook Path is a row of terraced bungalows that have fallen into disrepair within the Housing portfolio. The site has been identified for redevelopment.</p>
<b>Options considered</b>	<p>Consideration was given to retaining the properties and refurbishing them but the overall asset management appraisal indicated that in the case of Bath Road without acquisition and demolition the road widening scheme would not be possible to implement, affecting the overall highways strategy in Slough.</p> <p>Gurney House was considered to refurbish but the cost of refurbishment to modern day standard would be disproportionately high and the whole site is considered to be a viable and better housing investment for SBC.</p> <p>Brook Path properties are very old, small and in extremely poor condition and it is not possible to adapt or refurbish and the site can be developed to provide better more modern housing.</p>
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Procurement Business Case and Tender Evaluation Report not published as they contain exempt information.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>07/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Langley South 20mph zone</b>
<b>Date decision taken</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Team Leader, Road Safety and Integrated Transport
<b>Portfolio</b>	Social & Economic Inclusion
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To alter the 20mph speed limit to a 20mph zone.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	To reduce street clutter and make scheme fully compliant with legislation.
<b>Options considered</b>	Do nothing is an option however this leaves the area unenforceable.
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reports considered</b>	Full Significant Decision attached.

## **Customer and Community Services**

### **Significant Decision**

#### **Langley South 20mph Zone (Trelawney Avenue & surrounding roads)**

**Prepared by: Hardeep Dhand, Assistant Engineer Road Safety.**

**Purpose of Significant Decision:** To seek approval to amend Order titled 'Borough of Slough (Langley) (20 mph speed limit) order 2005' to a 20mph Zone on the roads as listed in Appendix 1

#### **Background**

It is proposed to amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order titled 'Borough of Slough (Langley) (20 mph speed limit) order 2005' to a 20mph Zone order. This amendment provides an opportunity to review all the existing signs, lines and traffic calming features with the intention of decluttering and making a number of visual improvements. By removing unnecessary signage and providing some new road markings at key points within the zone, the intention is to reduce driver confusion caused by an over-proliferation of signs and convey the message of the 20mph zone in a clearer way.

The change to a 20mph Zone will not involve the introducing of any new speed reducing features such as speed humps or cushions. It will include decluttering of the signs and introduction of some new road markings, the pedestrian crossing facilities on Trelawney Avenue will be upgraded and some 'Imprint' surfacing features will be installed.

The 20mph speed limit order in this part of Langley was one of the first 20mph speed limits to be introduced in Slough back in 2005. The amendment to a 20mph Zone is simply an upgrade of the existing facilities and also brings the area up to date in line with current government guidance.

The formal consultation period will commence on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013 for a period of 21 days. The proposals will be advertised in the local paper and street notices will be erected on affected roads, additional supplementary letter drops will be made to residents who may be directly affected by the proposed works (i.e lining or signing change outside their property). Deposit documents will be placed at the following locations:

- a. St Martin's Place, 51 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 3UF;
- b. My Council, Landmark Place, High Street, Slough, SL1 1JL; and
- c. The Central Library, High Street, Slough, SL1 1EA

#### **Financial Implications**

The works are estimated at £15,000 and will be met from Capital Local Safety Schemes Programme code.

#### **Recommended Decision**

It is recommended that;

- i That the Speed limit order and Notices for the 20mph order proceed through the legal process and in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- ii Subject to there being no further objections, that the scheme be implemented.



**Supporting Documents**

Appendix 1 – List of Roads in Langley 20MPH Zone

Appendix 2 – Proposed Langley 20mph Zone scheme plan for affected roads (Dwg No SBC/T/RS/00210)

Appendix 3 – *BOROUGH OF SLOUGH (LANGLEY) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2005*

**Approved**

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## List of Roads in Langley 20MPH Zone

1. Amanda Court
2. Blandford Road South
3. Broad Platts
4. Churchill Road
5. Cockett Road
6. Darrell Close
7. Denny Road
8. Field Hurst
9. Fox Road
10. Gosling Green
11. Gosling Road
12. Hampden Road
13. Harrow Road
14. Haynes Close
15. Hubert Road
16. Ives Road
17. Jefferson Close
18. Kimberley Close
19. Langley Broom
20. Meadow Road
21. Morrice Close
22. Mortimer Road
23. Nash Road
24. Paget Road
25. Parry Green North
26. Parry Green South
27. Randall Close
28. Randolph Road
29. Reddington Drive
30. Ripley Close
31. Romsey Close
32. Rossiter Close
33. Ryvers Road
34. Sherwood Close
35. Spencer Road
36. Stanley Green East
37. Stanley Green West
38. Stile Road
39. Swabey Road
40. The Briars
41. Thompson Close
42. Trelawney Avenue
43. Verney Road
44. Warren Close
45. Webb Close
46. Wildgreen North
47. Wildgreen South
48. Wilford Road
49. The Service Road adjacent to High Street Langley (nos 143 – 209)

**BOROUGH OF SLOUGH**  
**(LANGLEY) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2005**

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**15 SEP 2005**  
PARKING APPEALS

The Council of the Borough of Slough, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Sections 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order: -

- (1) This Order shall come into operation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2005 and may be cited as "The Borough of Slough (Langley) (20 mph Speed Limit) Order 2005";
- (2) No person shall drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on any of the roads or any lengths of the roads specified in the Schedule to this Order;
- (3) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Dated *14<sup>th</sup> September* 2005.

THE COMMON SEAL of  
SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of: -



Mayor



*112199*

~~Director of Legal Democratic and  
Development Services~~

*Assistant Director Legal Services*

**SCHEDULE**  
**Lengths of roads affected by this Order**

No person shall drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on any lengths of the following roads: -

Item no.	Road Name.	Area.
1	Amanda Court	The whole length.
2	Blandford Road South	" "
3	Broad Platts	" "
4	Churchill Road	" "
5	Cockett Road	" "
6	Darrell Close	" "
7	Denny Road	" "
8	Field Hurst	" "
9	Fox Road	" "
10	Gosling Green	" "
11	Gosling Road	" "
12	Hampden Road	" "
13	Harrow Road	" "
14	Haynes Close	" "
15	Hubert Road	" "
16	Ives Road	" "
17	Jefferson Close	" "
18	Kimberley Close	" "
19	Langley Broom	" "
20	Meadow Road	" "
21	Morrice Close	" "
22	Mortimer Road	" "
23	Nash Road	" "
24	Paget Road	" "
25	Parry Green North	" "
26	Parry Green South	" "
27	Randall Close	" "
28	Randolph Road	" "
29	Reddington Drive	" "
30	Ripley Close	" "
31	Romsey Close	" "
32	Rossiter Close	" "
33	Ryvers Road	" "
34	Sherwood Close	" "
35	Spencer Road	" "
36	Stanley Green East	" "
37	Stanley Green West	" "
38	Stile Road	" "
39	Swabey Road	" "
40	The Briars	" "
41	Thompson Close	" "
42	Trelawney Avenue	" "
43	Verney Road	" "
44	Warren Close	" "
45	Webb Close	" "

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PARKING APPEALS

46	Wildgreen North	.. ..
47	Wildgreen South	.. ..
48	Wilford Road	.. ..
49	The service road adjacent to High Street, Langley.	The service road (west side) between nos 209 and 143 adjacent to High Street, Langley.

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

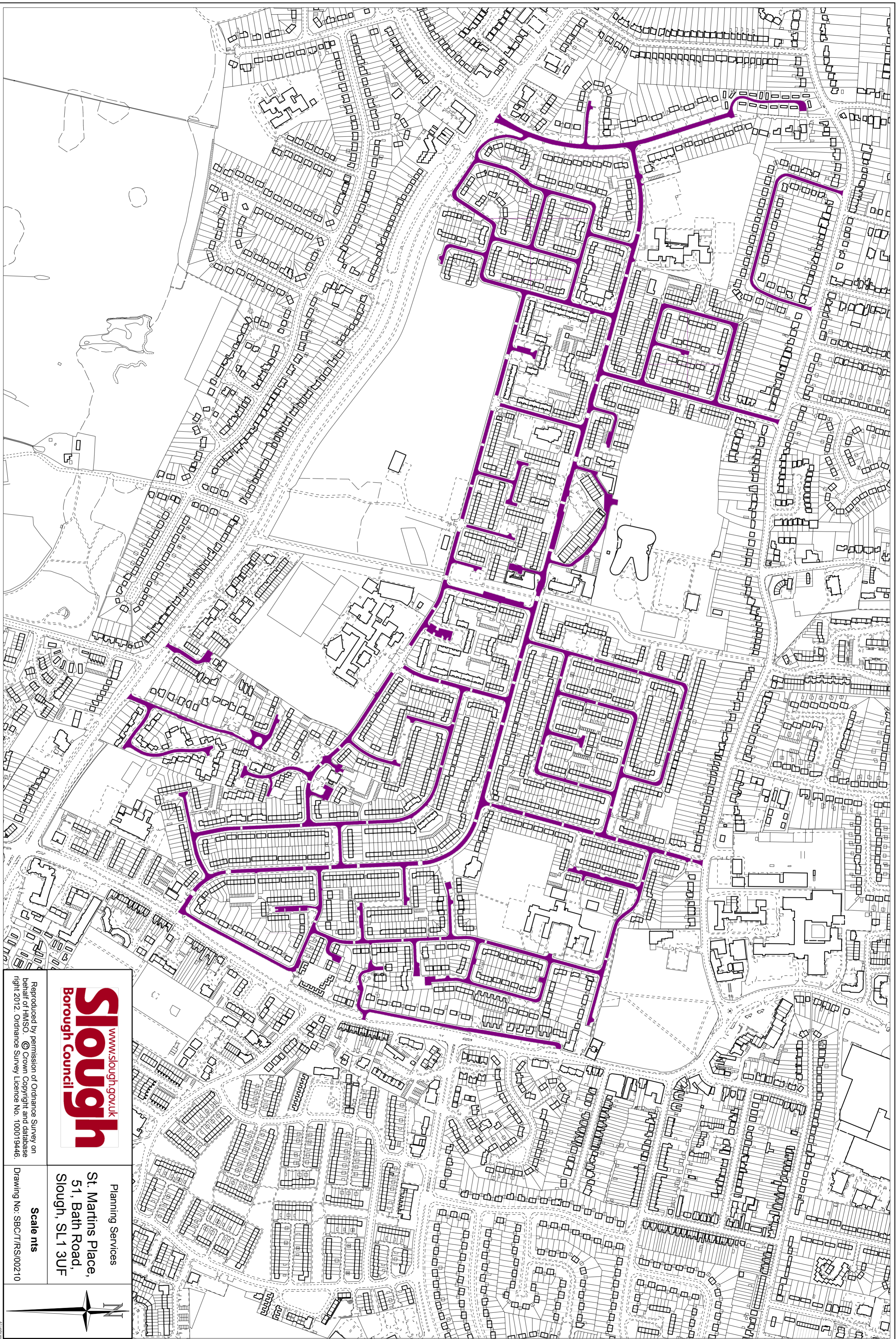
The 20mph zone and the features designed to reduce speeds to that level are intended to reduce the road accident rate in the area. The area is predominantly residential in nature and contains five schools.

The area has a poor road accident rate when compared to other residential areas in Slough.

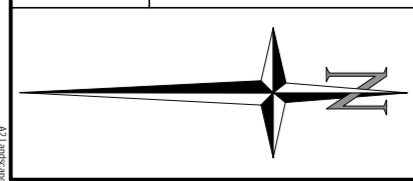
The Government advise that 20mph zones are best suited to street-lit residential roads where vulnerable road users are likely to be found in greater numbers and that 20mph zones may also be particularly appropriate around schools and other sites where children are to be found in large numbers.

Dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

Mrs E. Jenkins  
 Legal Democratic and Development Services  
 Slough Borough Council  
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## **Petitions**

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme and the schedule of Significant Officer Decisions please find below a list of petitions submitted to the Council and a summary the response provided. Further details of the petitions can be found on Slough's website: <http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

### **Ref: E-petition: Access Issues into Worcester Gardens**

Petition Received – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013

We, the undersigned petition the council to extend the double yellow lines leading from Darvills Lane into Worcester Gardens, if not on both sides on one side to allow access for residents of Worcester Gardens. Due to the nature of the road when people park on both sides they are blocking the road access for residents.

Response Provided – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Thank you for your e-petition requesting the double yellow lines leading from Darvills Lane onto Worcester Gardens to be extended.

We have added this location to our waiting list for waiting restrictions to be considered. This list is reviewed annually after the cut off date for requests which is the end of October each year; this location has been added to the current list which will be reviewed next year. When the list is reviewed we will design an appropriate scheme to try to address the issues you have highlighted, and then put the proposal out to a formal public consultation. If the result of the consultation is positive, we can take the scheme forward to implementation stage. Unfortunately the process to introduce new restrictions is a lengthy one and I am sorry we can not take action any sooner.

### **Ref: 14-01 – Slough Nagar Kirtan April 2014**

Petition Received – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we are against the change of route of the Slough Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan to be held in April 2014. We recommend, as per the previous years, that the Nagar Kirtan starts from the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara and finishes as Ramgarhia Gurdawa.

Response Provided – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014

At its meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, the multi-agency Safety Advisory Group (SAG) looked at the new proposed route for the parade (Sheehy Way to Falcon Centre) in detail and this discussion included the council's events, traffic and health and safety teams, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue and Thames Valley Police.

All traffic, safety and policing considerations were taken into account. The petition was not taken into account as SAG is concerned only with safety aspects of the event proposal.

However, the group was unanimous in its decision not to support the new proposed route.

As you may be aware, the events policy of Slough Borough Council states that if SAG does not support an event, the council will not grant permission for that event to take place whether it is on council land or on the public highway.

As such, the proposed route has been refused permission and the proposers have been advised of the decision.

There is now no firm proposal for a Nagar Kirtan event in Slough, so if you and previous organisers wish to apply for an event along the original route, this will obviously be considered by SAG as usual.

Our Events Officer, or I will be happy to provide appropriate booking forms but if you wish to apply I would urge you to do this as quickly as possible as timescales are now quite tight.

Thank you again for your letter and petition and I hope we can continue to work with you for a successful community event.