

Review of (Gating) Public Space Protection Orders July 2020 – Larch Grove

The Larch Grove Gating Order was implemented in September 2011 which was prior to the ASB, Crime & Policy Act 2014. This act replaced Gating Orders with Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and made provisions for existing Gating Orders to convert to PSPOs in October 2017. PSPOs have a duration of 3 years, therefore for any order to continue it must be reviewed and re-implemented prior to the expiry date which is 20th October 2020.

A review has been conducted of the Larch Grove gating PSPO by consulting directly with relevant partners, taking into consideration calls to the Police, Local Authority and Cross Keys Homes. Key partners who have been consulted are:

- Peterborough City Council's Highways Service
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Architectural Liaison Officer
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Neighbourhood Policing Teams for Eastern, Northern and Southern sectors
- Cross Keys Homes

Background information:

Gating of Larch Grove in Dogsthorpe ward was implemented in September 2011. This is a Cross Keys Homes sheltered accommodation scheme. Gating was installed at either end of the highway which runs between 39 and 45 Larch Grove in a north east direction and all the interconnecting highway that runs there in a south east direction from the aforementioned locations terminating at the rear of 21 Larch Grove and to the side of 17 Larch Grove.



Consultation with partners:

The Architectural Liaison Officer at Cambridgeshire Constabulary reported that in the period from July 2017 to 19th May 2020, there were 54 incidents recorded on Police systems – 8 of which referred to rowdy behaviour such as young people playing football in the local vicinity.

Cross Keys Homes have stated that Larch Grove is a retirement housing scheme, with elderly and vulnerable people residing there. There is complete support for the gates to remain in situ as they have had a positive impact on creating safer neighbourhoods.

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team have advised that the gates are serving their purpose and issues in the relevant area are low.

Peterborough City Council's Highways service had no comments or concerns regarding the current gating of Larch Grove.

Assessment and recommendations: Since implementation on 2011 the gates have proved successful in preventing ASB in this area due to lack of calls to the Police and Peterborough City Council concerning anti-social behaviour. Both the local policing team and Cross Keys Homes are supportive of gating to continue. It is therefore considered that there is justification to re-consult for a gating PSPO at this location for a further 3 years.