

Aysgarth Alleygating Review

Dear all,

As the alleygates on the Aysgarth estate have been in place for over 12 month now, it has fallen upon myself to do an review. This is so a decision can be made to keep them up for the following year or take them down. I discussed the alleygates at the last resident group meeting on the Aysgarths and the general consensus there was that they should stay in place. I will be letter-dropping the area tomorrow to get a wider picture of residents' thoughts. I also need to get some quotes from people such as yourselves who may have a relevant opinion on whether they should stay or go. Have you noticed an improvement/worsening of anti-social behaviour/crime? Do you have any first hand knowledge of residents' views of the scheme?

Any information or opinions you can provide me with to include in my review would be gratefully received.

Kind regards

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Replies

Jackie Hawkes Police Inspector, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

Hi Amber

We have done a bit of digging. Her is the conclusion of the police report.

Conclusion

Since the alleygates on the Aysgarth Estate were put in place the number of crime offences in this area has seen an overall decrease of 38%, whereas the number of ASB logs has slightly increased by 11% (six offences).

However even though the overall number of logs has increased the most predominant call for service, Rowdy Inconsiderate Behaviour, has actually seen a decrease of 9% (four offences).

This above crimes and number of incidents indicate that the alleygate has been successful in reducing offences and ASB.

Thanks

Jackie

Cllr Brett

Dear Amber

I am in favour of keeping these gates.

Regards

Councillor Richard Brett

Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Leeds City Council

Cllr Ralph Pryke

Dear Amber

Only one resident has told me directly that they think the gates have improved the local environment. At two residents' meetings I have heard general approval of the gates, like you, presumably on crime/asb grounds.

Five different residents have complained about the gates, two because of greater inconvenience (the opposite of short cuts), one objecting strongly because of access difficulties to her own home, one because the gates are too heavy/difficult to open and close (which I think went to other councillors as well), and one because they encourage young people to climb over fences and walls instead (a defect in the initial scheme that has been dealt with in one particular location).

Regards

Ralph

Steven Watkins, Arson Task Force

Hi Amber,

Further to our conversation earlier this afternoon, just to confirm that from an operational perspective WYFRS have no objections to the proposed alleygating scheme in the Aysgarths area. The only comments which have been raised from our end are that residents do not always shut the alleygates and this can obviously reduce their effectiveness.

Please can we ensure a set of keys is made available to Gipton Fire Station Manager, Tony Head, if & when the scheme goes ahead.

Kind regards,

Steve

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