

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 11

Project Name: Alleygating Project

Lead Organisation: Safer Leeds

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project): By Safer Leeds

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

Alleygating has been used across Leeds as a crime reduction tool aimed at reducing access to the rear of properties to prevent the occurrence of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), in particularly acquisitive crime; domestic burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and criminal damage.

Two areas within West Leeds have been referred for alleygating and fencing, as both sites have experienced persistent crime and ASB. One site requires traditional steel alleygates, the other requires a substantial wooden fence. The sites are: The footpath at the rear of Aston Drive, Bramley and the opening into Houghley Gill woods from the end of a new-build private estate at Wyther Park Hill.

Astons Footpath

The footpath at the rear of Aston Drive and Aston Terrace has been the location for incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour for several years and various attempts have been made to have the footpath closed for many years.

The aim of the project is to restrict access to properties backing onto this footpath by erecting alleygates either end and giving keys to the residents of these said properties so that they may access the rear of their properties, should they need to carry out any maintenance work to the perimeter of them.

2 Black powder coated, steel alleygates and fence panels will be erected either end of the footpath designated for closure. Each gate and fence panel will be approximately 2m in height and shall have a master key locking mechanism built into them so that only designated keys operate the gates. The key will be numbered in accordance with the master key system in operation and managed by Safer Leeds and each property will be able to request a key to access the secured footpath. Members of the public will be unable to have spare copies of the key cut unless they come through Safer Leeds first. Safer Leeds will then provide additional keys if necessary.

Wyther Park Hill

Wyther Park Hill is a new-build private estate on the periphery of the Houghley Gill woodland site. The end of this estate has been left open to allow access for residents into the woods, but unfortunately all the opening has created is an access and exit point for criminals and gangs of congregating youths, leading to a number of recent burglaries, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

In keeping with the perimeter fencing already erected within this site, wooden panelled fencing will be erected across the said opening and to the rear of a low perimeter wall next to the end property so that there is no point by which to escape to and from the woodland area.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

- Reduction in the occurrence of crime, particularly acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reduction in the fear of crime amongst local residents

Project Cost. Please indicate

How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

£4,382 capital funding

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Bramley and Stanningley and Armley

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£4,382 capital funding

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