

Appendix 5:

Public Spaces Protection Order: Consultation For Renewal Of Gating Schemes 2026 Responses

Consultation on proposals to renew the existing Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPOs) Gating Schemes was carried out in accordance with statutory requirements, contacting the people/groups set out below and publicising the proposed orders on site with a 28-day response period for each.

The consultation was conducted during the period of 13th July 2026 to 10th August 2026.

1. Note on Renewal Of Existing Scheme and Overall Summary

- 1.1. It is important to recognise that, where a PSPO Gating Scheme is introduced for the first time, resident testimony and supporting evidence would typically demonstrate that crime, antisocial behaviour and community harm are occurring both within and around the affected area. However, when considering the renewal of an existing scheme, particularly one that has been successful, a reduction in such incidents within the gated area would be expected. In these circumstances, it is necessary to make a reasonable assessment of the level of protection provided by the PSPO and to consider the likely impact should those restrictions be removed. The consultation responses and conclusions relating to the Gating Schemes have been considered in this context.
- 1.2. A PSPO analysis has been undertaken to assess levels of police-recorded crime both within and in the immediate vicinity of the gated public spaces. The findings demonstrate that significant levels of crime continue to persist within the wider neighbourhood. This supports the conclusion that removal of the PSPO restrictions would create a substantial risk of crime, antisocial behaviour, and associated harms returning to areas currently protected by the Gating Schemes. Due to data protection concerns this analysis is for information only and is not for public dissemination.
- 1.3. Consultation feedback strongly supports the renewal of the PSPOs relating to gated public spaces at the six existing locations. The evidence indicates that statutory tests continue to be met and that the restrictions provide residents with

significant protection from serious crime, antisocial behaviour and the wider harms associated with such activity.

Scheme title	Pool Passage PSPO
Description	The existing Pool Passage PSPO permits a gated highway restriction at the junction of Pool Passage and Pool Valley, which can be locked between the hours of 7pm and 9am each day. The upkeep, maintenance and repair of the gate as well as responsibility for locking/unlocking sits with the residents within the affected area.
Background	The existing Pool Passage PSPO which was granted in 2022 formed a response to the serious and threatening nature of the criminal and antisocial activities experienced at that time, which include drug taking and dealing, street fouling, intimidating behavior and making threats toward residents and damage to and entering property.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	"I have had a search for jobs in Pool Passage since the installation of the gate at the Pool Valley end and can only see one report that we attended in 2025 and none year to date. I feel the installation of the gate can only be viewed as a positive from a policing perspective and on engaging with residents they have said that their quality of life has dramatically improved and negated the need to consistently call 999/101 to report unsavoury activity. None of the businesses in the surrounding area have cited the gate as a hinderance or inconvenience in their daily activities and I am of the opinion that it should remain in situ until the next gate review."
Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	"I know residents will be keen to keep this in place, so I hope that's the option we go for." "I know that the previous ward councilors worked quite hard to get the gates in place for residents, so I'd imagine they'd be keen for it to stay."
Residents/traders within the affected area	"As confirmed to you recently we would like the gate PSPO renewed, as it has stopped most of the Anti-social behaviour in Pool Passage. Also the residents and workers of Pool Passage we spoke too, would also like the PSPO renewed as it Has made the lives of residents and workers more tolerable with the reduction of the past anti-social behaviour. All of us have benefited from the installation of the gate and it has had a positive effect on our health and welfare."
Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact upon those with additional access needs or disabilities.

	Because the passage does not form a useful through route, and the extreme narrowness (just 75cm at the narrowest point) however, the impact on those not accessing property along the passage is felt to be limited – particularly is this proposal is for a night-time only gated scheme. All properties along the passage have been contacted with specific enquiries around the access implications of this proposal and have not raised any concerns. Alternative routes from Pool Valley to Old Steine which are wider, better lit, safer and with better surfacing are readily available and do not incur any greater distance or inconvenience. This is a renewal of an existing scheme which has been in place since 2022 and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

Scheme title	Brunswick Row PSPO
Description	The existing Brunswick Row PSPO permits a gated highway restriction on Brunswick Row with gates placed at its junctions with Ditchling Road and Queens Place which can be locked between the hours of 6pm and 8am each day. The upkeep, maintenance and repair of the gates as well as responsibility for locking/unlocking sits with the residents within the affected area.
Background	At the time of the first gating restriction, recently reported crime included drug dealing, a serious sex offence and intimidation and harassment of residents. The purpose of the gating scheme was to reduce the amenity of Brunswick Row and Queens place as an escape route, drug dealing venue and gathering space for disorderly groups, and to offer protection for residents reducing the impact of these behaviours on themselves and their homes.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	None received
Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	"I'd be very surprised if ASB had subsided in these areas.... London Road and The Level continue to have lots of trouble. Groups of young people terrorising the area was high on the at the LAT last Tuesday."
Residents/traders within the affected area	"I would very much like the PSPO to continue - it's an excellent arrangement and makes us feel completely secure in our living space. No changes to hours of implementation are needed."

	“As owner occupier at XXX Brunswick Row I wanted to confirm that this PSPO needs to be maintained and to advise that I will assist in the maintenance expected in the terms of the agreement”
Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact upon those with additional access needs or disabilities, however, the impact on those not accessing property along the passage is felt to be limited – particularly is this proposal is for a night-time only gated scheme. All properties along the passage have been contacted during the consultation of this proposal and have not raised any concerns. Alternative routes via Queens Place or Oxford Place are available and do not incur any greater distance or inconvenience. This is a renewal of an existing scheme which has been in place since 2006 and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

Scheme title	Oxford Court PSPO
Description	The existing Oxford Court PSPO permits a gated highway restriction at its junction with Oxford Street which is locked at all times with access provided for those properties adjoining the affected area. The upkeep, maintenance and repair of the gate sits with the St Peters Medical Practice and residents within the affected area.
Background	The existing Oxford Court PSPO which was granted in 2021 formed a response to the serious and threatening nature of the criminal and antisocial activities experienced at that time, which include drug taking and dealing, street fouling, intimidating behavior and making threats toward residents and damage to property.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	None received
Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	“I’d be very surprised if ASB had subsided in these areas.... London Road and The Level continue to have lots of trouble. Groups of young people terrorising the area was high on the at the LAT last Tuesday.”

Residents/traders within the affected area	I can confirm, we, XXXX Resident GP Practice, and, Deputy Director Estate Management & Assurance of Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who have counselling rooms in the surgery, all agree that the gate is very much still required to protect the surgery/residences/businesses who use the gate, with the maintenance position remaining as we agreed with you under Point 5 of the existing Order Business backing on to the passage submitted verbally at a site meeting that they very much value the gate which has eliminated drug misuse and other antisocial behaviour taking place along the passage, which had previously been a common occurrence.
Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact those with additional access needs or disabilities. Because the passage does not form a useful through route and just leads to then rear of properties adjoining the affected area, this is not felt to offer any access implications. This is a renewal of an existing scheme which has been in place since 2021 and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

Scheme title	St James Court PSPO
Description	The existing St James Court PSPO permits a gated highway restriction at its junction with George Street which is locked at all times with access provided for those properties adjoining the affected area and additional access via the norther entrance to the twitten. The upkeep, maintenance, and repair of the gate sits with the residents within the affected area.
Background	The existing St James Court PSPO formed a response to the serious and threatening nature of the criminal and antisocial activities experienced at that time, which include drug taking and dealing, street fouling, intimidating behavior and making threats toward residents and damage to property.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	"I have been one of the Kemptown PCSOs for almost 4 years now and have not had any complaints or issues at St James's Court. Having looked at our systems there was 1 report in 2023 regarding this location, detailing some ongoing ASB, and nothing else relevant since.

	In my opinion, I think the gate is contributing heavily to a reduction in reports and is an excellent preventative measure. The alleyway is very discreet and secluded, so would likely be used for drug dealing/drug use/ASB without the gate, due to the proximity to ST JAMES'S STREET and surrounding problem accommodations. Overall, I support the gate remaining in this location."
Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	None received
Residents/traders within the affected area	"I recently received your letter regarding the review of the gate at St James Court. On behalf of myself at No XXX and my Neighbour, we would very much like to keep the gate in place. We are happy to continue maintaining it ourselves." Manager at the Queens Arms "There had been a terrible drug problem with needles and all sorts and since the gate has gone up it has been amazing and it would be a travesty if it were removed" "In answer to your letter I must say that the gate has been a godsend.... Before the gate was installed we were plagued by people using it as a toilet and rubbish dump, drug using or purchasing, thieves bringing their 'stealings' in and disposing of purses etc... down our only drain, and somewhere to have sex! So you see how important it is for us to have it and keep it."
Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact upon those with additional access needs or disabilities. Because the passage does not form a useful through route and just leads to properties adjoining the affected area, this is not felt to offer any access implications. This is a renewal of an existing scheme and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

Scheme title	Farman Street PSPO
Description	The existing Farman Street PSPO permits a gated highway restriction at its junction with Western Road which can be locked between the hours of 9pm and 8am each day. The upkeep,

	maintenance and repair of the gate as well as responsibility for locking/unlocking sits with the residents within the affected area.
Background	The existing Farman Street PSPO was granted in 2014. Farman Street forms a pedestrian path which links Western Road with Cross Street. At the Western Road end, the footpath passes beneath the first floor of 6 Western Road forming a short tunnel. Western Road is home to significant street activity and nighttime economy outlets, as well as drug and alcohol misuse, street fouling and rough sleeping, with Farman Street generally and the covered section in particular being very vulnerable to misuse, disorder and criminal activity spilling into the street from Western Road At the time of the first gating restriction, recently reported crime included drug dealing and use, violence and disorder, criminal damage and intimidation and harassment of residents.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	None received
Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	"Yes v keen for this PSPO to continue. Residents have been doing some fundraising and also getting quotes for replacement /repair....We have included a contribution to gate repair /refurb in our CIL list"
Residents/traders within the affected area	"Thank you for your letter regarding the review of the Public Space Protection Order in place on Farman Street. As a long-term resident of a property in XXXX Farman Street, I can certainly assure you that the gate has been a massive game changer from what the situation had been prior to the protection order being put in the place. Bringing home my then young children to see needles, drug taking/dealers, violence and more right on my doorstep was unbearable. The gate however has not been a silver bullet, and we still occasionally have sporadic issues of drug dealing/ drug taking in the alleyway but at a heavily reduced rate as the dealers feel trapped if the gate is closed. Should the gate ever be removed then criminal and antisocial behaviour would, in no doubt, return. Sadly, also as this sort of behaviour appears to be on the rise in Brighton, the problem would probably be worse than it was originally. Therefore, I for one wholeheartedly support retaining the PSPO for Farman Street." "The gate is still very much needed on the Western Road side to stop people using the ally as a place to hang out and often urinate! Unfortunately the lock has been broken for some time so it is less effective"

Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact upon those with additional access needs or disabilities, however, the impact on those not accessing property along the passage is felt to be limited – particularly is this proposal is for a night-time only gated scheme. All properties along the passage have been contacted during the consultation of this proposal and have not raised any concerns. Alternative routes via Little Western Street or Waterloo Street are available and do not incur any greater distance or inconvenience. This is a renewal of an existing scheme which has been in place since 2014 and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

Scheme title	Nelson Row PSPO
Description	The existing Nelson Row PSPO permits gated highway restrictions at its junction with Kingswood Street to the south and the northern boundary of the Millwood Centre to the north. Each gate includes a pedestrian access which is always unlocked and a vehicle access which is always locked but can be accesses for emergency and maintenance vehicles, The upkeep, maintenance and repair of the gate sits with housing management Estates Services.
Background	The Nelson Row scheme was first put in place in 2024, following concerns around dangerous motorcycle riding through the estate, which had become more intense following the rise of food delivery services and the intensification of student housing in the area. Motorcycle use was having a serious impact on children's safety as well as disorder as residents and motorcyclists came into increasing conflict with a violent confrontation in which a resident was injured. The purpose of the gating scheme was to reduce the likelihood of motorcyclists using the path as a cut through, by placing gates which would need to be opened manually at either end. This was aimed at reducing conflict and offering protection to residents and particularly children using the playground from conflict or contact with motorcyclists.
Statutory consultation responses:	
Sussex Police	None received

Sussex PCC	None received
Ward councilors	None received
Residents/traders within the affected area	At a community meeting attended by the Community Engagement Team, residents from the Millwood Management Committee were strongly in favour of the scheme staying in place and referenced the initial concerns around motorcycles cutting through the estate and danger to children presented by unrestricted access onto Kingswood Street
BHCC Housing/Community Engagement	“Although because of the building works between Christmas 2024 and summer 2026, this scheme has been hard to evaluate, now that it has become operational again it offers clear benefits to residents in terms of safety for themselves and their children, reduced conflict between motorcycle users cutting through and improves the estate grounds encouraging more positive use for all residents.”
Equalities and access	As an access restriction, the proposed order has the potential to impact upon those with additional access needs or disabilities. However, the impact on those accessing Nelson Row is felt to be minimal as the pedestrian gates are unlocked at all times. All properties along the passage have been contacted during the consultation of this proposal and have not raised any concerns. Alternative routes for motorcycles are available via Circus Street and Morely Street This is a renewal of an existing scheme which has been in place since 2024 and no issues around accessibility or other equalities concerns have been raised during this time or within the recent public consultation
Recommendation	To renew the existing order

