

Service	Representation	Response
<p>Community Protection Manager – LRFC</p>	<p>I have received the attached notice via colleague. I have a couple of queries regarding Fire Service access and wonder whether you could confirm whether there are plans to provide us with master keys for the gates and also whether there would be any restriction to access in relation to the size of the gates in respect to our fire appliances.</p> <p>I am happy to submit these queries in a formal manner through the consultation process but thought I would ask you in the first instance.</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>Verbal conversation with the Community Protection Manager - LRFC – reassured the gates will be 3.2 metres wide and they will be given an alley gate key to access the gate.</p>
<p>Emergency Planning Officer - LRFC</p>	<p>From the description this looks very similar to the alley gate process the introduced in Blackpool about 20 years ago.</p> <p>From a fire service perspective the only thing I would say is that we have to make sure that we have a key for the gates – in Blackpool they split the town into three sections and issued us with master keys for each section. the keys where issued to all the appliances that would potentially be a first attendance, The other observation is that the gates need to be wide enough to be able to fit a fire appliance through, especially as these are rows of terraced houses.</p> <p>If I need to do anything more formal please let me know</p>	<p>The initial concerns were sent to the Community Protection Manager who I have made contact with.</p>
<p>Street Scene Manager & Systems, Waste and Recycling Manager - Environment Team</p>	<p>Two of the back alleys included within this PSPO are on collection point for bins and the rest, we reverse the wagon into them.</p> <p>We have found that the newer alley gates, particularly those in the Wensley Fold area, have a bolting mechanism which protrudes from the gate taking a further 10-12 inches from the access to the alley. It may sound fastidious but those 10-12 inches are the last of the available room we have to manoeuvre the HGVs into those back alleys. Please could we give thought to the bolting</p>	<p>Responded: Hi,</p> <p>Thank you for expressing your views on the alley gate proposal, I have confirmed with the engineering company that the gates will be the standard 3.2 metres wide and the gates will fit as flush as possible to ensure you can still access the alley way with the HGV's. If for any</p>

	<p>mechanisms and where possible keep them as flush to the gates as possible.</p> <p>We'd also need 17 sets of keys for the locks and preferably these keys would be the universal alley gate keys. We now have a number of specific alley gate keys for specific areas which is proving difficult to keep up with.</p> <p>Where keys are damaged, we have had to pay £10 for replacements and visit Bolton to collect these keys.</p> <p>Ultimately alley gates add further time and effort to the bin, bulky, flytip crews etc and if access is delayed or obstructed it causes no end of issues for us. Where gates are not closed and locked behind them, even if they were open in the first instance, it now becomes our responsibility to close and lock them up behind us, sometimes in instances where they cannot be closed due to flytipped items or faulty mechanisms.</p> <p>With all of this in mind, if the PSPO is approved, its possible we will have to look at putting all other streets on bin collection point. As a department, Refuse & Recycling along with Street Cleansing and Enforcement will be opposed to the PSPO.</p> <p>Comments from Street Scene Manager: 2) I concur with my colleague with respect to the issues listed below, residents & Councillor must be made aware that services such as refuse collections, bulky collections, fly tip removals and back street clearances will all be effected by the implementation of alley gates and this could result in changes in providing these services.</p>	<p>reason this is not the case the Cllrs are aware of the possibilities of service changes (Bin collection points).</p> <p>The master key's you already have for the Wensley Fold area should work on the new schemes proposed in PSPO so you will not need a new key for every scheme.</p> <p>If replacement keys are needed you will no longer be required to visit Bolton to collect the keys as they can now deliver the orders.</p> <p>I hope this clears some of the concerns you may have with the proposed PSPO, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Muddassir.</p>
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