

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday, 23rd January, 2007

at 10.00 a.m.

**in Conference Room 2, Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

Councillor Tumilty, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Transportation will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

None

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Petition for Security Fence – Throston Grange Allotments A Site – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.2 Request for Alleygates – Back Upton Walk / Mow bray Road – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.3 Re-routing of Supported Bus Service 1 Contracts – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.4 Neighbourhood Action Plans (NA Ps) – Proposed Schemes 2007 – *Head of Technical Services*

3. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

None

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Report To Portfolio Holder
23rd January 2007



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: PETITION FOR SECURITY FENCE – THROSTON
GRANGE ALLOTMENTS A SITE

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of a petition for Security Fencing at the Throston Grange Allotments A Site.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the request for security fencing and the subsequent investigation by your Officers.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Allotment provision is the remit of the Portfolio Holder.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio meeting, 23rd January, 2007.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Note the contents of the request.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: PETITION FOR SECURITY FENCE – THROSTON
GRANGE ALLOTMENTS A SITE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the portfolio holder of a petition for Security Fencing at the Throston Grange Allotments A Site.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A petition was received detailing a request for security fencing at the Throston Grange Allotments, Wiltshire Way. This petition was signed by 12 plot holders, who expressed concern over the security of the allotments and wished for security fencing to be installed to protect allotments and allotment holders.

3. INSPECTION OF SITE

- 3.1 The site has been inspected by Council Officers and a cost obtained for the installation of security fencing to cover the site. The Officers inspecting the site did not feel that the fencing currently installed on the site was a high priority to be replaced and that there were other sites which would be a higher priority if such funding was available. The cost to install security fencing at this site is estimated to be in the region of £27,000. It is accepted that whilst this type of fencing would be desirable in reducing incidents of anti social behaviour, the cost of the installation cannot be justified at this stage.
- 3.2 There is a general move to work with Associations in becoming self managed as such groups and the Borough Council working in partnership may find it easier to find funding for this type of project.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- 4.1 Cost of such installation would be in the region of £27,000.

5. ACTIONS TAKEN

- 5.1 The site has been inspected. Any maintenance issues of the current fencing will be dealt with under normal procedures.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Holder is requested to:-

1. Note the concerns of the Allotment Holders.

CONTACT OFFICER: Andrew Pearson, Parks and Countryside Manager

Background Papers

1. Petition and Letter to Iain Wright MP.
2. Current Fencing at Site (Photograph)



PETITION FOR SECC
 FENCE. WILTSHIRE WAY THROSTON
 GRANGE
 ALLOTMENTS. A 62 TO A 78.

THIS PETITION FOR FENCE WILL SAVE
 DAMAGE TO ALLOTMENTS AND
 PROTECT ALLOTMENT HOLDERS.

NAME	ALLOTMENT	SIGNATURE
R. ELLIOTT	A 62	R. Elliott
F. DOWNING	PARTIAL A 62	F. Downing
H. GRINDY	C. 4	
J. PEARCE	49	J. Pearce
A. WILKINGHAM	A 27	A. Wilkinham
SHANE WALTON	A 68	
B. R. ATKINSON	A 6	B. R. Atkinson
PAUL LEONARD	A 15	P. Leonard

THESE ARE SOME OF THE
 ALLOTMENT HOLDERS CONCERNED
 ABOUT DAMAGE POLICE AND
 FIRE SERVICES MAKING REGULAR CHECKS





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PICTURE 3



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PORTFOLIO**

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23 January 2007



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REQUEST FOR ALLEYGATES BACK UPTON
WALK/MOWBRAY ROAD

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise on a request for the installation of alleygates, to restrict access to the carriageway located to the rear of 25-35 Mowbray Road and 1-11 Upton Walk, and on the results of a consultation exercise carried out with those residents directly affected by such.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 Details of who has been consulted, the results of the consultation and consideration of other issues

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 That the procedures detailed in the Council's Thoroughfare Policy be followed in respect of the request for the erection of an alleygate in this location.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REQUEST FOR ALLEYGATES BACK UPTON
WALK/MOWBRAY ROAD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise on a request for the installation of alleygates, to restrict access to the carriageway located to the rear of 25-35 Mowbray Road and 1-11 Upton Walk, and on the results of a consultation exercise carried out with those residents directly affected by such.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Manager for the South Area has received a request from residents in Upton Walk for the erection of an alleygate to the back street to the rear of their properties as indicted in **Appendix 1**

- 2.2 The reasons for the request include anti-social behaviour and criminal activities taking place in the back street.

- 2.3 In response to this request a consultation was carried out with the residents of the following properties, all of which have rear access onto the road, to determine the extent of support for the erection of the gate:

- 25-35 (odds) Mowbray Road
- 1-11(odds) Upton Walk

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 The results of the consultation were as follows:

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|----------------------------------|----|
| • Number of properties consulted | 12 |
| • Replies received | 9 |
| • In favour of a gate | 7 |
| • Against a gate | 2 |

3.2 Reasons given for and against the erection of a gate were as follows:

In favour of gate

- Kids have caused damage
- Garages broken into
- Litter
- Vandalism
- Anti social behaviour (drinking)
- Noise
- Garden burgled

Against a gate

- Devalues properties
- Degrading to area
- Rubbish will build up in gates
- Maintenance of gates

3.3 On 6 November 2006 Cabinet approved the introduction of a Thoroughfare Policy which sets out procedures to be followed in situations where gating is requested on strategic highway links.

3.4 The location to which this request applies is not a “Thoroughfare” in the context of this policy as the road is a cul-de-sac, which only provides access to the rear of properties and garages.

3.5 At the December 2006 meeting of this Portfolio a report was submitted advising on the receipt of a 1000 name petition objecting to closures in three locations on the Fens Estate, one of which was this proposal.

3.6 Although this is not a thoroughfare in the true sense of the Council's policy, to be able to meet the criteria required to instigate a gating order, under the conditions of section 129A of the Highways Act 1980, the processes detailed in the policy must first have been followed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No funding has yet been identified for the erection of an alleygate at this location

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That the procedures detailed in the Council's Thoroughfare Policy be followed in respect of the application for the erection of an alleygate at this location.

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Report to Portfolio Holder
23 January 2007



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: RE-ROUTING OF SUPPORTED BUS
SERVICE 1 CONTRACTS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek permission from the Portfolio Holder for the rerouting of the Hartlepool Borough Council supported bus service 1 contracts.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 This report provides details of the proposed changes to the route of the Hartlepool Borough Council supported bus service 1 contracts.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder approves the diversion of the Hartlepool Borough Council supported bus service 1 contracts.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: RE-ROUTING OF SUPPORTED BUS
SERVICE 1 CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek permission from the Portfolio Holder for the rerouting of the Hartlepool Borough Council supported bus service 1 contracts.

2. BACKGROUND

Stagecoach Service 1/1A

- 2.1 The service 1/1A operates daily between Middlesbrough, Hartlepool Town Centre, and Throston Grange/High Tunstall. The Monday to Saturday service has around four buses per hour each way, two of which operate between Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, with the other two operating between Seaton Carew and Throston Grange only via Hartlepool Town Centre. The Sunday service is predominately two buses per hour each way.
- 2.2 The majority of service 1/1A is operated by Stagecoach as a commercial bus service; a limited number of journeys are operated under contract to Hartlepool Borough Council.
- 2.3 From 28 January Stagecoach Hartlepool will be changing the route of the service 1/1A in Hartlepool town centre. The majority of northbound journeys will be diverted to operate from York Road direct into Victoria Road, and then continue north via Stockton Street, Clarence Road, Museum Road and Raby Road to regain the existing route at the Mill House Junction. All service 1/1A northbound journeys will use the link north from Victoria Road via Stockton Street, Clarence Road, Museum Road and Raby Road. There will be no northbound service 1 journeys operating on York Road between Victoria Road and Raby Road.
- 2.4 At present the majority of service 1/1A services approach Hartlepool Town Centre via Stockton Road and York Road before turning right into Park Road, left into Stockton Street and left into Victoria Road, before rejoining York Road to travel north towards Raby Road. Southbound journeys on service 1/1A are unaffected by the changes.

- 2.5 The main reason for the change is to improve time keeping on the service by eliminating the right turn from York Road into Park Road, which is often subject to traffic delay. The additional benefit will be the simplification of the route variations on service 1/1A which at present are complex.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES

Hartlepool Borough Council Supported Service 1/1A

- 3.1 Hartlepool Borough Council supports a limited number of contracted journeys on service 1/1A. These are covered by a Saturday morning contract and a Sunday morning contract. To avoid confusion among bus passengers it would be advisable to change the Hartlepool supported bus contracts to provide conformity with the changes on the Stagecoach commercial service 1/1A journeys. The supported journeys affected are as follows:

Saturday Contract Journeys

	1	1	1A
Elizabeth Way Shops	0720	0752	0825
Seaton Carew opp Bus Station	0722	0754	0827
Park Road	0735	0807	0840
Victoria Road	0739	0811	0844

Sunday Contract Journeys

	1	1
Elizabeth Way Shops	1008	1108
Seaton Carew opp Bus Station	1010	1110
York Road Carlton St Lay-by	1020	1120
Victoria Road	1030	1130
University Hospital	1036	1136
Throston Grange	1042	1142
Tarnston Road	1044	1144

- 3.2 **Appendix 1** attached to this report shows the revised route for the Saturday morning journeys, with the route to be deleted highlighted in a broken line.
- 3.3 These journeys will see two changes with a diversion away from Park Road/Stockton Street to travel along York Road and Victoria Road, with a further rerouting via Stockton Street, Clarence Road and Museum Road.

- 3.4 It should be noted that the Saturday morning journeys continue on from Victoria Road towards High Tunstall as a Stagecoach commercial bus service.
- 3.5 **Appendix 2** shows the same detail for the Sunday morning journeys.
- 3.6 These journeys will see one change with a diversion via Victoria Road, Stockton Street, Clarence Road, and Museum Road.
- 3.7 All services on Saturday and Sunday regain the existing 1/1A route at the Mill House junction.

Bus Stops Affected

- 3.8 Bus stops affected by the changes are the eastbound stops on Park Road between York Road and Stockton Street, the northbound stops on Stockton Street between Park Road and Victoria Road, and the northbound stops on York Road between Victoria Road and Raby Road. For the stops on Park Road, the best alternative are the stops on York Road at the Ramp. The best alternative for the stops in Stockton Street and York Road, are the eastbound stops on Victoria Road.
- 3.9 All the stops affected have alternatives well within walking distance, and in the case of the stops on Park Road, the alternatives on York Road provide better access to the town centre.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications over the diversion of the service 1/1A contracted services.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Portfolio Holder is advised to approve the diversion of the Hartlepool Borough Council supported service 1/1A journeys listed in this report.



