

## **Public Rights of Way Alley Gating Policy**

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- SMBC will when pursuing the gating of public rights of way utilising section 129a – 129g of the Highways Act 1980 as amended by the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005.
- The Council will only consider gating orders as a last resort i.e. where other means of dealing with crime and antisocial behaviour as identified in the associated Criteria have not been effective.
- Where gating orders are made, the principle of least restriction' will be applied i.e. gates to be locked only during the hours of darkness and/or the order to be for a limited period of operation.
- Gating orders will be reviewed every 12 months from the date that an order is confirmed to ensure that they are relevant and meet the needs specified in their original application. Where possible routes will be re-opened to allow public access.