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I believe the gates are very helpful. The row is quite secluded and I believe would be a common place for drug using activity if it was not blocked off at night. My understanding is that this was part of the reason for its implementation in the first place and I think the activity would quickly return were the gates to be removed. Additionally, the benefits of the gates outweigh any negatives as the alley would not be a common footpath after dark anyway and the route is open during the day for transport between the level and London Road.

We live at number 4 and we would Very much like to gates to stay as we have experienced anti-social and illegal behaviour outside our property during when the gates are open in the day. We have seen illegal drug behavior on many occasions and at times have chosen not to leave the property at the time due to it happening right outside. If the gates were to be removed the alley is quite secluded so I believe we would see an increase in illegal behaviour and would be disruptive as well as make us more nervous.

The gating order is essential to reduce anti-social behaviour in the residential side of Brunswick Row.

However, the gating order does not alleviate all anti-social behaviour: new graffiti appears on an almost weekly basis on a wall on the Ditchling Road side of Brunswick Row, and public urination is occasionally a nuisance during the day. Extending the gating order to be 24-hours would go some way to solving these problems.

As I live in Queens Place itself (the old original cottages) I had never been given or informed of the code to be able to use on gate. For the odd occasion I need to get through. I believe a lady who used to live there let me have it one time, although it may obviously have been changed.

I would ask that if it is going to be continued, are the residents in queens place allowed to know the code as well? As there have been many times it is still locked after 8am in the morning. And if one wants to get through to access ones own property, haven't been able to. As with all the building work that's has been going on of recent, the other end has been blocked as well - London rd end.

I cannot say re antisocial behaviour as not living in the row, however it has not seemed to stop the graffiti that is always occurring, unsure if that's been reported. And if anything the rear door of macdonalds, is profoundly an anti social area. Which is in Queens place.

thanking you trust you will be to address my query
regards

S.Williams
Queens Place

To remove the gates at Brunswick Row would be a complete disaster for all residents - I have seen the documentation of events prior to the Gating Order and the reading was pretty grim - however I'm not surprised

at the anti-social behaviour that previous residents experienced as we still experience at times some pretty unpleasant behaviour by the General Public.

We have teenage weed smoking and adult junkies having a fix outside my house - there is a blind spot from the street which is used for various activities, such as dealing or shooting up.

Last week I saw a man urinating against a neighbour's house.

We have skateboarders thinking our street is an extension of the Skate Park at the Level.

Very Occasionally Delivery Scooters use our street as a cut through even though we are a paved pedestrian street.

We also have a large selection of not very good graffiti.

Also, there is the mobile phone user who feels it's absolutely fine to hold a ranting argument outside the house for what seems like forever, I also experience the door being knocked [this one although annoying isn't as bad as the other activities]

Also not forgetting the group of loud teenagers who seem to think it's okay to sit in groups on the street or on my window sill.

As you can see we are dealing with a fair amount of anti-social behaviour during the day I can

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We campaigned for some years to get the gate installed. Rough sleepers, drug-runners and alcoholics plagued Farman Street until the gate was put in place. The street was a little rat-run - and often used as a lavatory.

Since the installation, there have been occasional incidents, but on the whole it has transformed our street into a garden square that has won flower awards on several occasions.

Newer residents may not realise the benefits that have been brought to the street. But most of us who have lived here for many years are most appreciative of the council for keeping it in place. The residents do their best to keep it painted and in good condition.

One thing I would ask: is it possible for the department responsible for parking regulations be extra vigilant regarding the small car space at the Cross Street end of Farman Street?

When we moved here we were told it was really there only for fire tenders and medical emergency vehicles. Recently, it seems as if half Brighton has discovered a free parking area. The slamming of doors and the noise of engines straining to get out of Farman Street and into Cross Street is pretty constant and distressing.

Thank you. Please keep the gate.

Sincerely

Bruce and Barbara Montague
7 Farman Street
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Further to the emails from Bruce, Richard and Lucie, I shall be grateful if you would include mine too for your file.

The gate in Farman Street has reduced the noise, anti-social behaviour, drug-taking and dog fouling. Hence, these have improved the quality of life and decreased the stress level in our lives.

Alley gating has been successful by working alongside the police and local authorities for combating crime and anti-social behaviour.

Keep the Gate! Gates work!

Best Wishes,
Joe & Amy Rock
7A Farman Street

My home is number one Patrick House. My home is right next to the security gate and the busy and loud Western Road. It is vital that the gate security remains for the following reasons.

1. for our health, protection and wellbeing
2. A few steps away is the busy Western Road
3. Before the gates were installed drunks would congregate, some with loud music. There was fighting, banging on my window, sitting on my window ledge, people dancing, loud talk and laughing all into the early hours. No-one can live peacefully in such an anti social environment.
4. we the people that live here desperately need to live peacefully. we look after the flowers and plants in the formal square. We cannot live peacefully if the gates are removed to let disorderly people destroy our nightlife sleeping. PLEASE SAVE OUR PEACE.

I personally have one more problem. I have never been told how to operate the gate door. Is it by key or by code. Being register serverly disabled i have to walk around the whole block when its locked just to get to my front door. Its tough and dangerous. please write to me with how to operate the gate lock.

Mrs EM Daveron

As a background for you & I believe has been clearly minuted on previous emails - this area faced continuous problems relating to both alcohol & drug related incidents - resulting in an ongoing pressure group by the residents of Farman Street to place a gate at the junction of Farman Street & Western Road

Since that action prevailed there has been a marked decrease in the action of both alcohol & drug incidences - although there is still in the background / during times of the year when " a return to the past " has resulted in needles / drug dealing / severe alcoholism occurring - though overall it is a far better picture than previous gate - less years

I have been resident in Farman Street for over 12 years & I have clearly seen the " improvement " since the inception of the gate - so I strongly recommend continuation of the existing status & keeping the gate in - situ pending a further PSPO review in three years time - 2023.

Yours sincerely

Martin Kelly

As a long term resident of Farman street I can confirm that the gate has been and still is very effective with regard to anti social behaviour and late night disturbance .

Since it's installation over eight years ago there has been a greatly reduced need to inform the police of drunken behaviour, drug dealing , burglary and general late night noise and nuisance . The closing of the gate carried out by neighbours or myself and is regularly checked for lubrication and keypad function .

Regards

Richard Oxford

The gate is in good order however the paving is broken and needs repairing. Please let me know if you need access.

Gabriel Oscar Disney

Regarding our gate 'Farman Street PSPO review ' it's very effective & it seems to have reduced criminal & antisocial behaviour considerably.

It needs to remain in place.

Thank you so much.

I have noticed a rise in drug dealing going on during the day in our courtyard here in Farman Street & they deal ,out of shot of the CCTV cameras, in front of the back door to the laundromat that's on Western Road.

The lights haven't been working on Cross Street for a number of weeks (which I have reported) & there's been a rise in criminal activity there at night as it's pitch black!

If only Cross Street could be blocked off at night too!! But I understand that it would be impossible for this request to be granted.

The flow of traffic ,pick up & drop off, is high on Cross Street late into the night & into the early morning.

As the pubs ,restaurants & bars have been shut during lockdown this eased considerably .

Lucie Llewellyn-Myles

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I was the one responsible for lobbying action to get this reviewed as my studio overlooks the alley, and all of the awful activity that once occurred there!

With regards to the alley itself, there has been a noticeable improvement to the street by having access restricted to it. Such a great feeling seeing drug dealers from out of town turn on their heels once they realised it was closed off! That's not to say that new problems haven't arisen; I personally take it upon myself to keep the gate 'tag-free', and clean out the rubbish on a regular basis that gets thrown in from the street/wind.

We have a combination padlock on the gate to enable ease of access for those that need to access. (code is 2020)

We do have issues with people urinating in the corner of the gate on Oxford Street as the gate was fixed to the recess instead of flush to the street. If this could be moved forward it would remedy this issue.

I have seen the plans for the medical centre and car park and like the prospect of the alley being used for access for the rear of the properties on Oxford Street and bike shed as this will ensure it is kept clear. the car park is now closed to the public but is a complete mess.

Due to COVID the Bat & Ball Pub had kept its commercial bin in the alley due to space in their yard which was fine and has now returned. The rubbish however at the end of the alley (where the fence is) and fly-tipping in the car park is a growing problem. I have spoken with the residents of number 25 Oxford Street (when he is sober) and have tried to educate him on the 'shared space' and it 'doesn't belong to anyone!' It has become a dumping ground and a fire hazard.

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We have a combination padlock on the gate due to someones behaviour when drunk, and they would cut off padlocks(!!!) so this is a much easier way to manage it.

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Due to COVID the Bat & Ball Pub had kept its commercial bin in the alley due to space in their yard which was fine and has now returned. The rubbish however at the end of the alley (where the fence is) is a growing problem. I write this in confidence so this does not get fed back to Marcus, but he continuously dumps rubbish in the car park, the alley and has had many, many run-ins with the police for his behaviour. I have spoken with Marcus (when he is sober) and have tried to educate him on the 'shared space' and it 'doesn't belong to anyone!' I think it's finally getting through!

Due to funding, only one gate could be installed and a fence panel at the opposite end. I would strongly recommend the gate staying in place to ensure the safety of all. Only those who require access to it when it becomes a thoroughfare need know the codes. (At present the code is 2020 and those in question would be: No 26 Oxford Street (who has front and rear access, The tenant who

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As the longest servicing resident here (53 years). I am delighted we have the gate. It has made quite a difference to the area. We don't have people using the place as a toilet or a dumping ground for their rubbish nor drug dealers and their addict.

I make sure the gate receives oil when required and should any other mechanical difficulties arise i would approach the local shop in St James Street. Most people living here are short term folk with no interest in the gate as far as i know. I have contemplated having a spring fixed for it to close automatically as some are very lax in ensuring that the gate is closed behind them. I would expect to pay for this myself.

I am aware that landlord are involved in the care of the gate. Whether they are aware of their responsibility I don't know. I have never seen them but your previous colleague (Mr Banister) who was present when the gate was first installed reconned he was going to let me know their phone numbers so that i could contact them should it be necessary but heard nothing more. I hope this help you.

R F Spashett