

APPENDIX A

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Your Ref: petition

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Dear

WALLETS ROAD – ALLEYGATE PETITION

Thank you for your letter and list of signatures to the petition relating to the request for Chorley Council to provide alleygates to the rear of Wallets Road.

1. The Councils alleygate scheme has been operating for 5 years and is resourced within a finite annual budget. In order to ensure a fair and transparent distribution of funds for alleygate requests the Council identifies 'gating' projects on the basis of intelligence led data, specifically related to reports of crime, antisocial behaviour and environmental crime.
2. This intelligence led approach means that a priority list of schemes is operated and where the reported crime data identifies schemes of greater need then they will rank higher on the list than others. The application for a scheme at Wallets Road currently ranks 36th on the list operated by the Council.
3. The Council is in the process of setting budgets for the next financial year (2010/11) and clearly if the Council determines that all alleygate schemes on the list should be fully funded then the 2010/11 budget will reflect this.
4. However the current budgetary provision does mean that the Wallets Road scheme is unlikely to be funded in the near future and unless there is a significant increase in reported crime, environmental crime and antisocial behaviour linked to the absence of alleygates then I do not envisage that the scheme will move higher up the list.
5. Notwithstanding the above the Council together with our crime and disorder partners will look to determining what other action can be taken to alleviate the issues that the petition raises ie crime, anti social behaviour, littering and dog fouling and it may be that an increase in direct enforcement activity will be sufficient to deal with the problems being experienced by residents.

I hope this commitment by Chorley Council on behalf of the residents on Wallets Road will resolve the issues currently being experienced.

Yours sincerely

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