Paper Petition Details Stratfield Avenue – Gating of Alley Way

We the residents of Stratfield Road, Slough would like to inform the Slough Borough Council about the following problem.

The alley way which provide the passage to the bungalows, flats and to the back gardens is being used by the outsiders as drug smoking and distribution area from long time. The police had already been informed about the above problem.

We the residents of Stratfield Road request the Slough Borough Council to provide the gates at the 3 entrances to the alley way under your 'Alley Way Safety' programme.

This petition was received on 29th October 2012.

This petition was passed to the Community Safety Project Officer on 29th October 2012.

This petition was responded to on 28th November 2012 by the Community Safety Project Officer.

Final Results		
Number of Signatures	34	

Council Response

In response to the above petition received by the council on 29th October 2012. The petition has been carefully considered by the council's Gating Panel.

Whilst a small section of the alleyway belongs to the council's Housing section, the majority of the alleyway is an adopted highway and therefore gating would require a Gating Order. Obtaining a Gating Order is a legal process and requires evidence of crime and anti-social behaviour followed by a public consultation.

I regret to inform you that gating is not feasible due to property frontage onto the alleyway. Wellesley Path (on the other side of Apsley House) has a similar layout to this section of Stratfield Road, also with property frontage onto the path. The council installed gates at each end of Wellesley Path in 2008 due to similar issues. The locks later had to be removed due to issues with post / deliveries and visitors gaining access to the properties. The same problems would be experienced in Stratfield Road. For this reason the Gating Panel has decided that the council is unable to progress with a Gating Order.

The neighbourhood police team regularly patrol the area along with the council's community wardens. It is really important that residents report incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour so that the council and police can build up an accurate picture of what is happening. Reports help to direct resources such as patrols. Please do report incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour to Thames Valley Police on the non-emergency number 101 (999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress). Anti-social behaviour can also be reported through to the council on the Anti-Social Behaviour hotline: 01753 875298. Criminal activity should be reported to the police in the first instance.