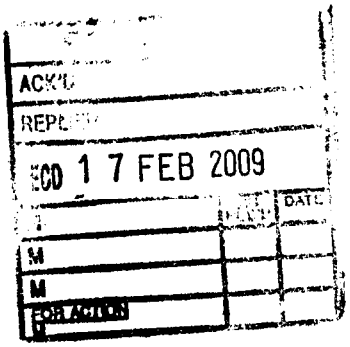
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Address. 12 Chatham Road, Gorton.

1. Site context.

Properties in the area around the site are predominantly small terraced houses. These are occupied mainly by young families with two children under ten. Adults tend to be in the 20 to 40s with fewer older people and retired.

2. Community Involvement.

The gating scheme was initiated by contact from a local resident, with Private Sector Housing, to request an alley gating pack, which was subsequently provided to the tenant.

The local resident who contacted Private Sector Housing was responsible for obtaining a consent form and completed crime questionnaires, for as many of the local participants to be included in the gated area, as were available at the time. When this exercise was completed a formal application was made to Private Sector Housing for the alleyway to be restricted to local participants only.

Officers from Private Sector Housing alley gating team then visited the site. This was in order to assess the practicality of restricting access to the alleyway/s using approved construction methods and standard security components. The standard components for this scheme have received approval from Greater Manchester Police for their effective security provision and suitability for use on schemes of this type.

The residents were then fully appraised with regard to the design, extent and possible duration of works for the proposed scheme.

Initial consultation with the Highways and Development was then undertaken. During this consultation Highways and Development were advised of the descriptive site conditions which prevail and are unique to these particular alleyways. Their initial reaction to the intended scheme was obtained, along with advice on which statutory instrument would govern the procedures, i.e. Section 129a of the Highways Act 1980, or Section 16 of the Highways Act 1980.

The tenure of occupied properties, affected by the installation, was then identified via the land registry. Information was also obtained regarding the adopted status of the areas involved in this closure. Witness statements were obtained from residents affected by the scheme and crime statistics obtained from the Crime and Disorder section of Manchester City Council.

At this juncture letters were then sent out to all statutory undertakers, telecom operators and all emergency services. Communications were also provided to all local councillors and civic societies.