

## **TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2010**

### **BULWARKS LANE, OXFORD – PROPOSED GATING ORDER**

#### **Report by Head of Transport**

#### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the objections/comments received following consultation with affected frontagers. The extent of the restrictions are shown on the plan included at Annex 1.

#### **Background**

2. In 2007/08, following complaints received about incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour in Bulwarks Lane, Oxford the two Oxford University colleges (Nuffield and St Peter's) with boundaries adjacent to the lane requested that a gating order be introduced. At the time they offered to meet the costs and manage the opening and closure of the gates.
3. On 27 March 2008 the then Cabinet Member for Transport decided to approve the request for closure.

#### **Consultation**

4. Following a period of inactivity due to lack of staff resources, officers from the Transport Service sought the views of the Safer Communities Unit within the Community Safety directorate. A report was submitted in August 2009 which reviewed the crime pattern, police reports and a straw poll of users. It concluded that the best approach would be to introduce a full time closure to eliminate the perceived problems.
5. With this information to hand transport officers then wrote to each of the two colleges in autumn 2009 seeking confirmation of their acceptance of a gating proposal. It then became apparent that the full agreement of the colleges was unlikely to be forthcoming, so an informal consultation meeting has now been held with the college bursars. Although St Peter's still support the gating of Bulwarks Lane, Nuffield have decided that a better approach would be to consider the use and treatment of the full extent of Bulwarks Lane and George Street Mews as part of the West End Partnership project. On that basis Nuffield College have said that they would object to a gating order if the County Council were to advertise this.

#### **Conclusion**

6. Following the decision of Nuffield College not to support the proposed gating order it would not be in the interest of Oxfordshire County Council to continue the process of implementing this order as the colleges would have a valid

objection to the proposal. It is therefore concluded that no further action be taken on this matter.

### **Financial and Staff Implications**

7. The cost of introducing the gating order, including the physical gate and managing its operation, was to be met from St Peter's College.
8. The preparation of the Order was to have been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

9. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED not to proceed with the advertisement or introduction of a gating order on Bulwarks Lane, Oxford.**

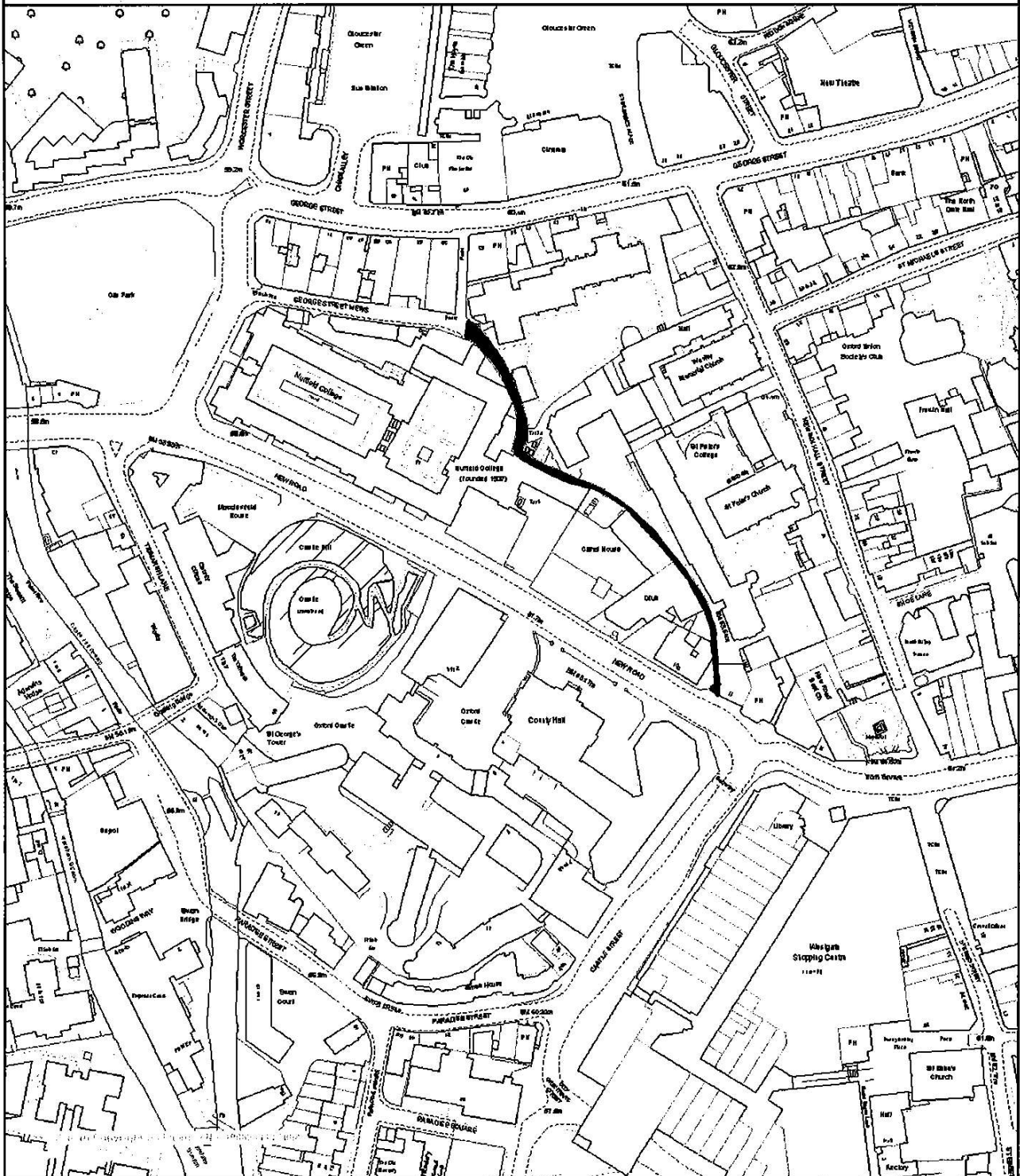
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Background papers: Nil

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### Bulwarks Lane, Oxford - Request for Gating Order



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**Extent of Gating Order**



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