

# **ETON THAMESIDE FOOTPATH 51 (FP51)**

## **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION/GATING ORDER (PSPO)**



**MARCH 2015**

## **Eton Thameside PSPO (Gating FP51) Application**

### **Background Information**

Eton Thameside is a new development located at the end of Brocas Street. Eton Thameside comprises of 13 individual dwellings. A complex build project on behalf of Bewley homes including four town houses, two mews house and seven apartments. As part of the planning approval, Bewley homes working in conjunction with RBWM planning department made a public provision called Footpath "FP51" (see appendix one and two).

This public provision "FP51" forms the basis for this application. Eton Thameside has a public footpath "FP51" stretching from Brocas street to the Brocas Meadow via the riverfront. This is an excellent public facility, however unfortunately Eton Thameside and surrounding residents have experienced a number of anti-social incidents since the development opened in August 2014. The Brocas Meadow has a protracted history of anti-social behaviour/incidents and these are well documented.

Due to anti-social incidents, residents at Eton Thameside are living in the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and this is starting to take a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. In September 2014 Eton Thameside residents launched a RBWM on-line ePetition proposing periodic closure of FP51 through appropriate alley-way gating. The ePetition (now closed) achieved 117 supporting signatures and stated "We the undersigned petition The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to permit residents of Eton Thameside to periodically close and time lock gate(s) on FP51; in order to assist in the prevention of crime and disorder, reduce anti-social behaviour enabling local residents to feel safer and secure in both their homes and locality, especially in view of recent criminal activity in the locality at night".

Various legal legislations are available to the local authority in respect to anti-social behaviour, Public Space Protection Orders and gating orders (see Relevant and National Guidance for further information). Following a recent residents meeting with Cllr Fussey, Mr Brian Martin (Community Safety Partnership) & Mr Anthony Hurst (Principle Rights of Way Officer RBWM) on February 6th, it was decided the best course of action would be to deal with this application under new government legislation - The Crime and Disorder Act 2014. More specifically, a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) with additional gating approval attached to the order. On February 9<sup>th</sup> the residents informed Mr Brian Martin of their intention to continue with the application following the closure of the ePetition and a RBWM public consultation period begun. Mr Robert Dunford was appointed as case officer.

Aside from FP51 and the anti-social related incidents to the alley-way, a number of Eton Thameside residents have made a concerted effort to integrate within the local Eton community. A number of residents have joined local neighbourhood resident groups and currently supporting local community projects, both financially and personally.

## **Current Problems affecting our neighbourhood**

Over the last year Eton community has seen a number of high profile anti-social incidents, varied in locality and severity. The local Councillor, combined with the local community have taken a pro-active approach in order to address this potentially growing problem/concern. Eton High Street is certainly an area of concern, however crime and disorder (anti-social behaviour) is not necessarily location specific. The whole community can be affected by crime and disorder and consequently suffer in fear of crime which can lead to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local residents. This was consolidated with Cllr Fussey recent 'Eton Within The Borough' article.

The footpath designated "FP51" forms the 'single and only entrance and exit' to all properties at Eton Thameside for residents, including the disabled access.

Although Eton Thameside's properties are only partially inhabited at present (approximately 8/13), there have been a number of reports from Residents regarding the following issues experienced on FP51 which forms an alleyway to the side and front of Eton Thameside properties and also adjacent to the nearby Brocas Meadow area:

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Criminal damage and vandalism

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Vomit

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Late night drunkenness

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Broken bottles and glasses

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General rubbish and waste gathering in the alleyway

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Rubbish and food

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Graffiti

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Urination

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Dog fouling

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Late night noise (after 8pm)

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Offensive language

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Poor lighting

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Sexual activity

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Residents fear of entering/exiting their properties late at night

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Residents fear of being attacked or abused  
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Residents fear FP51 could be used as an escape route for criminals, hiding/disposing of stolen goods or disposing of weapons

### **Description of area and Crime Survey**

Eton Thameside is located at the foot of Brocas Street which is poorly lit and extremely dark at night. FP51 is badly designed and the 'Alleyway' runs past the only entrance/exit and disabled entrance/exit for all residents and to the front of all river fronted properties (see appendix 2). FP51 entrance is directly opposite a public house which is intimidating when local drinkers congregate or use the alley-way as a natural smoking area. There is also a possibility drinkers in the nearby public house may take their drinks to the riverfront via FP51.

In general terms FP51 can provide access and exit routes to offenders and encourage anti-social behaviour. The locality of FP51 gives rise to opportunistic burglary. More specifically the riverfront part of alleyway exposes the front boundary of properties giving opportunities for offenders to operate unseen as well as providing places where unseen activity can take place, concealed from any natural surveillance and the result can often be anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, hiding stolen goods, burglary, criminality and more.

The Alleyway joins up to the Brocas Meadow which has a long documented history of problematic and anti-social behaviour. It would be proportionate to correlate both FP51 and the Brocas Meadow as having the potential or likely to have future anti-social behaviour problems causing a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local residents.

The areas and key parts of FP51 have no natural surveillance or lighting. There have been reports of broken bottles and glass, litter, late night noise & theft to name but a few. The Alleyway is also in the middle of a crime hotspot; there has been a particular increase in violent crime across Eton High Street recently including knife and broken bottle related incidents and fights. This could result in the Alleyway being used to conceal stolen goods or indeed hide an offender or dispose of a weapon.

Eton college boat club (ECBC) is located West of point 'B' (see appendix one). ECBC store expensive property and equipment exposed to criminal damage, theft, vandalism and burglary as a result of the nature and design of FP51.

It's clearly evident Eton Thameside have a number of security issues which have the likelihood of future antisocial behaviour problems, especially in the summer months. Overnight closing/locking of the alleyway gates at either end of FP51 will significantly reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, burglary, hiding of stolen goods, escape route for offenders and therefore significantly increase the quality of life of those in the locality.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> Cllr George Fussey, Mr Brian Martin (Community Safety Partnership)

and Mr Anthony Hurst (Principle Rights of Way Officer RBWM) visited FP51 for a familiarisation visit and to meet with Eton Thameside residents. Throughout the visit Cllr Fussey, Mr Martin & Mr Hurst saw first hand evidence of some the anti-social problems residents have been experiencing. High strength beer bottles were evident on the riverfront and an expensive pedal cycle had been stolen from inside the residence a day before. CCTV evidence showed the offender entering and exiting with the stolen pedal cycle via the main entrance/exit of FP51. This evidence/information has been past to local Thames Valle Police (Crime Ref – 43150032416).

### **Relevant National and Regional Guidance**

The Residents believe timed lockable alley-gates in the Alleyway (FP51) is the most appropriate, reasonable and proportionate action to take in these circumstances.

It is noted the Local Authority has a number of options open to decide the outcome of this application.

1. Crime and Policing Act 2014
2. Highways Act 1980
3. Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005

A relevant section for FP51 purposes is *section 59 of the ASBCP Act - Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (the "ASBCP Act") which allows local authorities to issue public space protection orders which have had, or likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and are, or likely to be persistent or continuing in nature, unreasonable and justify the restrictions. Full guidance on the Act is provided in the Home Office Document "Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Reform of anti-social behaviour powers.

The local authority has authority to gate off alleys without recourse to the Secretary of State, as part of the Local Authority's on-going battle against crime and anti-social behavior. In addition, *sections 129A to 129G of the Highways Act 1980* (as amended) enable councils to restrict public access to any public highway by gating it (with certain provisions if necessary, such as only at specific times of the day), without removing its underlying highway status. The Local Authority is able to make "gating" orders on the grounds of anti-social behaviour as well as crime (legislation due to expire in three years). *Section 2 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005* allows local authorities to make, vary or revoke gating orders in respect of highways within their area.

In addition, there are other measures that may be taken to make the neighbourhood safer, for example community protection notices. Under *section 43 (1) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (the "ASBCP Act"), the local authority (or, a constable or other authorised person) may issue community protection notices against an individual or a body who is carrying out activities "which are having a detrimental effect, of a persistent or continuing nature, on the quality of life of those in

the locality, and that such conduct is unreasonable”.

The residents proposal is both reasonable and proportional and justified in law.

## **Human Rights**

The Residents do not feel safe in their own neighbourhood and would like to remind the Local Authority that they have basic human rights that need consideration and protection. *Article 1* of the *First Protocol*, “Protection of Property”, is a *Convention* right under the *Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms* agreed by the Council of Europe at Rome in 1950. The Residents draw your attention to *section 6(1)* of the *Human Rights Act 1998* which states that it is unlawful for a public authority to act in a way which is incompatible with a *Convention* right. *Article 14* of the *European Convention of Human Rights* is the “Prohibition of Discrimination”, which may also be considered here due to the fact that a substantive *Convention* right is potentially being infringed.

Any interference with the right under *Article 1* of the *First Protocol* must be permitted by law, and proportionate. The Residents believe closing and locking gates on the Alleyway (FP51) and the local authority issuing a PSPO with additional locking provisions is reasonable, permitted and a proportionate response to the problems suffered by the Residents.

## **Implications**

Failure to respond appropriately to Residents’ requests to make Eton Thameside neighbourhood safer, for example by issuing a PSPO for FP51 with provisions to close and time lock alley-gates in the Alleyway (FP51), could effectively result in the Local Authority being liable to legal action from the Residents who made such requests in the future. The residents make clear this application is both reasonable and proportional.

## **Financial**

Should it be deemed necessary and agreeable to implement or alter alley-gates on the Alleyway, Eton Thameside residents are prepared to do so at no cost to the local authority. The Residents have agreed to meet all costs.

## **Planning**

There are no envisaged planning implications.

## **Health and Safety**

A full health and safety risk analysis has been completed (appendix 3).

## **Closing & Time Locking FP51 Proposal**

The residents propose, in addition to the PSPO for a period of three years, approval for the current alley-gates on FP51 to be closed and time locked between the following hours (see below). Without disclosing sleeping habits of residents, those residents who rest earlier in the evening should be afforded the same quality of life as those residents who rest later in the evening. The residents In proposing these times consider the following times to be both reasonable and proportional.

20:00 – 08:00 in the months of October – February

20:30 – 07:30 in the months of March – May

21:00 – 07:00 in the months of June – September

**Both alley-gates will remain unlocked with full public access at all other times.** Eton Thameside residents will have full 24hr access as FP51 in the only entrance and exit to all 13 dwellings. No other form of entry/exit exists.

### **Means of Operation**

Throughout the proposed closed & locked alley-gate period, all Eton Thameside residents will have 24hr unrestricted access to their properties. Residents will enter via a discreet key pad with a four digit PIN code. Exit will be facilitated via a fail safe visible exit button. All residents will be given a small training package to familiarise themselves with the new system of entry and exit before going operationally live.

Pinnacle Property Management will be responsible for the maintenance programme.

In event a member of the public is walking on FP51 just prior to agreeable lockable times the alley-gates lock, there will be a clear and visible exit button to allow easy public exit.

Emergency services will be furnished with the entry pin code.

### **Summary**

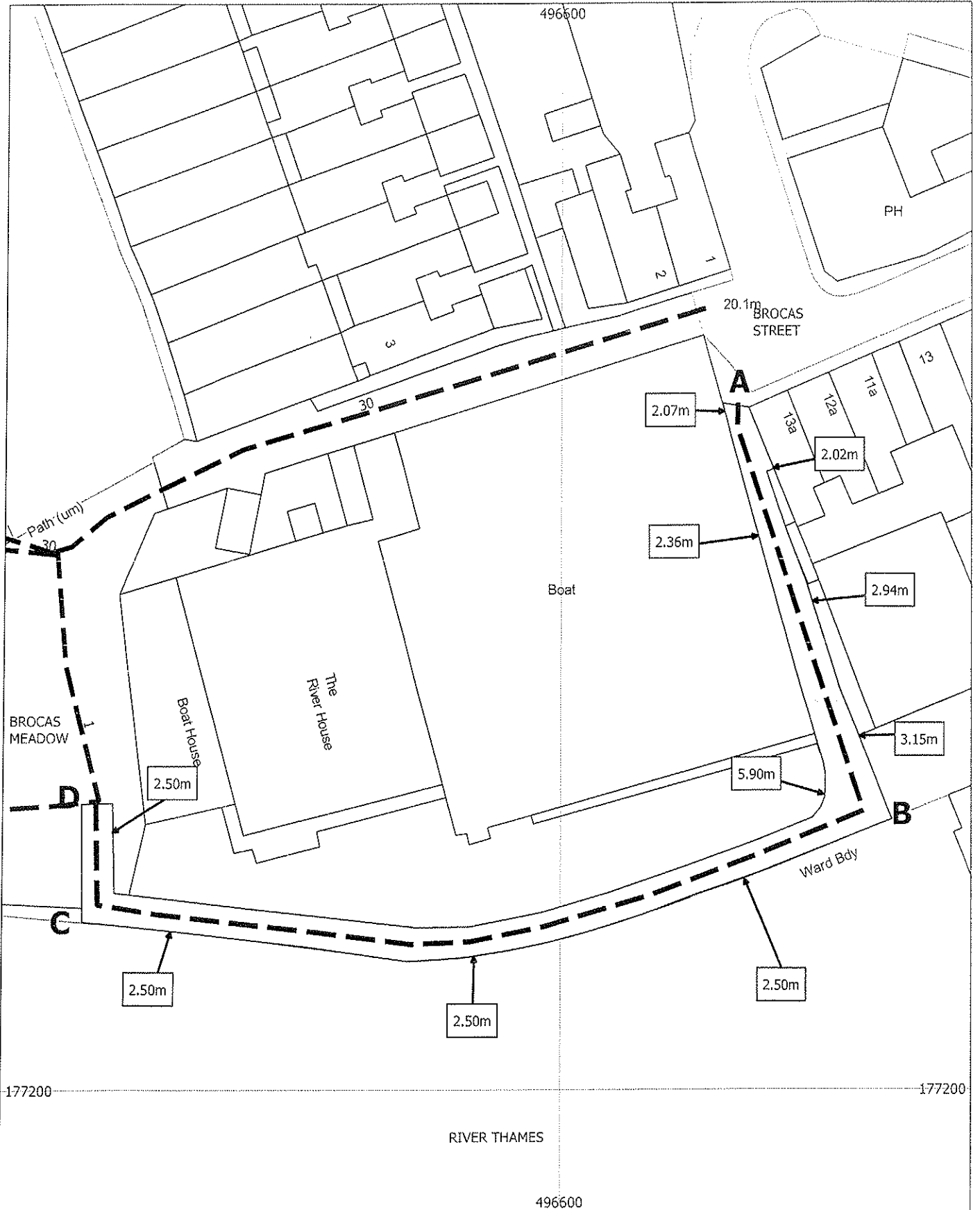
FP51 has suffered a number of anti-social incident which are effecting the quality of life for local residents. The anti-social incidents associated with FP51 have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. It would be reasonable to conclude FP51 will (or is likely to have) anti-social incidents which are persistent or continuing in nature unless restrictions are imposed. It is likely these anti-social incidents will continue to occur, especially in the Summer months, in severity unless the issues are addressed. A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) with additional gating order requirements to close and lock both gates at either end of FP51 in accordance with the proposed timings is proportional and reasonable.

Eton Thameside residents would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the strength of feeling on this proposal and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

# **APPENDIX ONE**

## **ETON THAMESIDE GEOGRAPHY**





Public Rights of Way

**Eton Footpath 51**

Scale: 1:400



## **APPENDIX TWO**

### **ETON THAMESIDE GEOGRAPHY**



**Brocas Street Facing West**



**Public House Opposite FP51**



**Main entrance / Post Boxes / Post Room & disabled access.**



**Main entrance Eton Thameside 1-9**



**Main entrance Eton Thameside 10-13.**



**Eton College BC (Position B Appendix 1)**



**FP51 – facing North towards Brocas Street**



**FP51 – facing North towards Brocas St**



**River Front Properties**



**Storage Units on FP51**



**FP51 Gate Facing to Brocas Meadow (Position C Appendix 1)**



**FP51 Facing From Brocas Meadow (Position C Appendix 1)**



**Steps – Left to Podium. Right to Fire. Escape.**



**Steps – Down from Podium to Exit onto FP51  
Down from Podium and immediately left to  
Fire escape**



**Keypad example.**



**FP51 Facing From Riverfront (Position B)**

**APPENDIX THREE**

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

## Risk Analysis FP51 Eton Thameside

Description	Risk/Probability	Mitigation
Residential Fire and gates on FP51 are locked overnight	Low Risk Low Probability	A separate and dedicated fire escape has been built by Bewley homes. Fire escape is separate from FP51 for all residents. FP51 is a secondary fire exit route
Residential Fire and gates on FP51 are open overnight	Low Risk Low Probability	A separate and dedicated fire escape has been built by Bewley homes. Fire escape is separate from FP51 for all residents. FP51 is a secondary fire exit route
Residential Fire and fire escape route is blocked and gates are locked	Low Risk Low Probability	Residents can exit via FP51 by one of two different directions. No 1 - towards Brocas Street or No 2 - towards Brocas Meadow
Gates are locked and power failure occurs	Low Risk Medium Probability	Gate magnets will automatically unlock and residents can enter/exit freely. Gates will also be installed with a fail safe exit button.
Gates are unlocked and power failure	Low Risk Medium Probability	No effect. Gates will remain unlocked
Gates are locked whilst a member of the public is walking on FP51	Low Risk Medium Probability	Both gates at either end of FP51 will be fitted with a clear and visible exit button. Member of the Public will simply press exit button and exit gate as normal
Either gate becomes damaged, jammed or immobilised	Low Risk Low Probability	Alternative methods of entry/exit exist. Gates will have a maintenance programme and a engineer will be on call 24hrs a day

		via Property Managing Agents (Pinnacle Property Management)
Emergency services access	Low Risk Low Probability	Residents will be able to furnish Emergency services with access code.  Fire service have equipment to bypass the gate(s)



# **APPENDIX FOUR**

## **ETON THAMESIDE ePETITION**



Location: Petition to: permit residents of Eton Thameside to periodically close and time lock gate(s) on FP51; in order to assist in the prevention of crime and disorder, reduce anti-social behaviour enabling local residents to feel safer and secure in both their homes and locality, especially in view of recent criminal activity in the locality at night.

**Petition to: permit residents of Eton Thameside to periodically close and time lock gate(s) on FP51; in order to assist in the prevention of crime and disorder, reduce anti-social behaviour enabling local residents to feel safer and secure in both their homes and locality, especially in view of recent criminal activity in the locality at night.**

This petition is now closed, as its deadline has passed.

We the undersigned petition The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to permit residents of Eton Thameside to periodically close and time lock gate(s) on FP51; in order to assist in the prevention of crime and disorder, reduce anti-social behaviour enabling local residents to feel safer and secure in both their homes and locality, especially in view of recent criminal activity in the locality at night. [More details](#)

Submitted by Mr Paul Edwards – **Deadline to sign up by:** 04 February 2015 –  
**Signatures:** 117

### Current signatories

Mr Paul Edwards, the petition creator, joined by:

- Evelina Dzimanaviciute
- Janice Etherington
- Louise Davison
- Jurek Jerz
- Alex Cartlidge
- Enrika Januleviciute
- Peter Jones
- Christian Devaux
- Goran Strok
- Vanja Strok
- Debbie Southam
- Brian Voakes
- Marion Voakes
- Matthew Falla

### More details from petition creator

Eton has seen a recent and high profile increase in antisocial behaviour / crime and disorder. The local and neighbouring residents of Eton Thameside are committed to preventing crime and disorder and anti social behaviour in and around Eton. The additional security gates installed at Eton Thameside are a proactive step towards helping the local residents to prevent crime and disorder combined with feeling safer and secure within their homes and locality. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

- Nathaniel Davison
- Nina Davison
- Christopher Shipley
- David Carl Collins
- Paul Voakes
- James Cartlidge
- Nigel J. Herbert
- Emma Cartlidge
- Lee Edwards
- Olga Bolmata
- David Fox
- Lionel Viet
- Hanna Eriksson
- Martyn Southern
- Tom Hybert
- Waseem
- Philip Warren
- Monika Jankowska
- Penny McGarrity
- Caroline Champion
- Luay Andrew Abbosh
- Sylwia
- Helen Cartlidge
- Wendy Dalton
- Adam Smith
- Ian Cartlidge
- Vitalia Zogla
- Mr J Fleming
- James Scotter
- Russell Scotter
- Eleanor yeates
- David Hampshire
- Roger Michael
- Corinne Michael
- Alex Michael
- Derek H. Ledger
- Miss R Ralling
- Mark Templeton
- Wendy Caller
- Cai Mallett
- sarah scotter
- Emma Illingworth
- Susan illingworth
- Carrie coles
- Paul Wilson
- Amanda Grierson
- Gail Hunter
- James DSilva
- Stewart Rogers
- Peter Genders
- Neil Rogers
- Olwen Guest
- Barry Guest
- Peter Edwards
- Matt Yeates

- Alice Yeates
- Tom Yeates
- Sandra Milton
- Donald Milton
- Linda Baker
- Angela Lambe
- Dianne Hetherington-Lambe
- Moira Butcher
- Angele D
- Katherine Rogers
- Nicholas Wilson
- Kevin McNally
- Beryl Owens
- S Hardy
- John Cooper
- S Gamble
- Mitch Sing
- Suzi Harris
- Gail Harper
- J Black
- Sara Thornton
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- Michelle Leveridge
- Sebastian Leveridge
- Yvette Elmore
- Kirsty Brake
- Sean
- Philippa Rogers
- Sarah Hurcomb
- Jonathan Holland
- Coralie
- Justine Elmore
- Rachel Cooper
- Liz Swan
- Cara Penny
- Victoria faulkner
- Laura Fisk
- Natalie Swan
- Matt Swan
- Kingsley Swan
- John Stuchfield
- Jason Faulkner
- Adam Penny
- Linda Faulkner
- Amie briggs
- Sam Faulkner
- Paul Faulkner

## **APPENDIX FIVE**

# **ETON THAMESIDE PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

## Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant – [REDACTED]  
Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] I am one of the applicants and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

Whilst being a resident at Eton Thameside I have witness a number of anti-social incidents including ;

- Attempted postal theft.
- Youths drinking alcohol and congregating along the footpath in the alley-way near to the main residential entrances to Eton Thameside.
- High strength beer bottles and litter being left/discarded on FP51.
- Loud and obscene language, especially late at night.
- Youths attempting to follow me into the private areas of Eton Thameside (1-9).
- Youths congregating at the front archway and having to walk past youths to enter residents – obscene language and rude comments made by youths as I passed by.
- Dog fouling.

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life living in this locality.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED], believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 1st March 2015

Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant – [REDACTED]

Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] I am one of the applicants and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

Whilst being a resident at Eton Thameside I have witness a number of anti-social incidents including ;

- A youth urinating in the alley-way close to the main entrance of Eton Thameside 1-9 as I returned home with my young daughter.
- Youths drinking alcohol and congregating along the footpath near to the main entrance to Eton Thameside – extremely intimidating.
- High strength beer bottles and litter being left on FP51.
- Loud and obscene language, especially late at night.
- Evidence of dog fouling.

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life living in this locality.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED], believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 1st March 2015

## Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant – [REDACTED]

Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

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Whilst being a resident at Eton Thameside I have witness a number of anti-social incidents including ;

- A youth climbing the front of the property trying to look inside, I do not know his intention.
- Public drunkenness
- High strength beer bottles being left on FP51 and litter.
- Loud and obscene language, especially late at night.

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life living in this locality.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED], believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 1st March 2015



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STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 1st March 2015

**Eton Thameside – 15 Brocas Street**

**Footpath 51 – Public Space Protection Order and Gating of FP51**

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Respondent: RBWM

**STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]**

I am [REDACTED] I am one of the applicants and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

We are just in the process of moving into [REDACTED] and we are spending considerable amounts of time in the premises and thus, I have witnessed a number of anti-social incidents including:

- ✓ The known Windsor 'persistent drinkers' congregating many mornings by the Brocas exit on FP51 from 8.00/8.30 am drinking alcohol and creating a noisy environment
- ✓ High strength beer bottles being left in this area and also by the benches on FP51 on a regular basis
- ✓ Dog fouling

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of our life that we expect when living in this locality.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I, [REDACTED] believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

**SIGNED:** [REDACTED]

**DATED: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

## Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant – [REDACTED]

Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] Our property includes one of the 3 green gated storage rooms (that used to be the River House as marked on the Eton Footpath 51 plan) which face directly onto the pathway along the river frontage. I am one of the applicants to the proposed restriction of Footpath 51, and this is my statement in support of the Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

In addition to the general fact that full access to the waterside is available at all times via the public walkway at the end of Brocas Street to the Brocas Meadow itself, as can be clearly seen on the map attached to the notice of the Proposed Restriction of footpath 51, and therefore one questions why there needs to be a public access (via Footpath 51) for the very short areas of walkway directly in front of the Eton Thameside development, I would like to highlight the fact that since taking ownership of our property in October 2014 we have encountered the following anti-social incidents:

- Youths drinking alcohol and congregating along the footpath in the alley-way near to the main residential entrances to Eton Thameside;
- On at least two occasions having to clean up vomit on and around the green storage room doors;
- On several occasions beer bottles, cans and litter being left/discarded on FP51;
- Loud and obscene language, especially late at night;
- Dog fouling.

We have also been made aware of other instances, such as theft of a bicycle from the car parking area and youths attempting to gain access to the private areas of Eton Thameside, that would have most likely been prevented if the proposed restriction was in place.

These incidents are persistent and sufficiently frequent in nature that the likelihood of future incidents is significant and as such I do not believe it is reasonable that I, nor my fellow residents of Eton Thameside, should be continuously subject to such anti-social behaviour. These incidents do, currently, and will undoubtedly continue to have a detrimental effect on the quality of my life as a local resident. As such, I believe the proposed restrictions are wholly and reasonably justified.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] confirm that the facts stated in this witness statement are true and accurate.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant -- [REDACTED]

Respondent -- RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] Our property includes one of the 3 green gated storage rooms (that used to be the River House as marked on the Eton Footpath 51 plan) which face directly onto the pathway along the river frontage. I am one of the applicants to the proposed restriction of Footpath 51, and this is my statement in support of the Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

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DATED: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant - [REDACTED]

Respondant - RBWM

### STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], with my partner [REDACTED] are owners and permanent residents of [REDACTED] one of the four townhouses that overlook the river front and footpath FP51. In addition we own one of the Riverside stores (with green wooden doors, formerly part of River House marked on the Eton Footpath 51 plan) which face the river and open onto the private paved area between FP51 and the townhouses.

I am one of the applicants to the proposed restriction of Footpath 51 and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to lock and close the gates at either end of FP51.

Since residing at Eton Thameside I have encountered a number of anti-social incidents related to access via FP51:-

- A man approached the lower wall of the townhouses (across the private paved area from FP51), stood on the brick ledges and looked through the glass balcony screen into the lower bedrooms of the townhouse. It would have been easy for this person to climb over onto the balcony. This has made our children reluctant to sleep in these bedrooms.
- Youths sitting against the lower walls of the townhouses (on the private paved area), drinking alcohol and throwing cans at swans
- Frequent dumping of cans, glass beer and cider bottles, litter and food around the FP51 areas (passageway and riverside), and also on the privately owned paved area in front of the townhouses.
- Drinking, swearing and shouting on the riverside FP51 in front of the townhouses.
- People frequently moving off FP51 onto the privately owned paved area in front of the townhouses with dogs, skateboards and bikes, causing noise and incidents of dog fouling in these areas.
- Broken glass around the benches on FP51 riverside.
- Vandalism of the last section of the metal railings alongside FP51 in an attempt to gain access to the private area in front of the Eton Boathouses below the Eton Thameside riverside apartments.
- Intimidating behaviour by groups of youths congregating near the (only) entrance to the development via FP51.
- Banging on the doors of the riverside store whilst I was inside it.

I have witnessed, on several occasions, people attempting to gain entry to the private internal areas of the development via the entrance gates which lie in the passageway on FP51. On one occasion a chained bicycle was stolen from inside the complex and post has been stolen from the communal postboxes in the passageway..

These incidents are frequent and likely to continue, particularly in summer, and are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life in this residence. I believe the proposed restrictions are fully justifiable.

### STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] confirm that the facts stated in this witness statement are true and accurate.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 12 March 2015

## Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order

Applicant - [REDACTED]

Respondant - RBWM

### STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], with my partner [REDACTED] are owners and permanent residents of [REDACTED] one of the four townhouses that overlook the river front and footpath FP51. In addition we own one of the Riverside stores (with green wooden doors, formerly part of River House marked on the Eton Footpath 51 plan) which face the river and open onto the private paved area between FP51 and the townhouses.

I am one of the applicants to the proposed restriction of Footpath 51 and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to lock and close the gates at either end of FP51.

Since residing at Eton Thameside I have encountered a number of anti-social incidents related to access via FP51:-

- A man approached the lower wall of the townhouses (across the private paved area from FP51), stood on the brick ledges and looked through the glass balcony screen into the lower bedrooms of the townhouse. It would have been easy for this person to climb over onto the balcony. This has made our children reluctant to sleep in these bedrooms.
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I have witnessed, on several occasions, people attempting to gain entry to the private internal areas of the development via the entrance gates which lie in the passageway on FP51. On one occasion a chained bicycle was stolen from inside the complex and post has been stolen from the communal postboxes in the passageway..

These incidents are frequent and likely to continue, particularly in summer, and are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life in this residence. I believe the proposed restrictions are fully justifiable.

### STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] confirm that the facts stated in this witness statement are true and accurate.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 12 March 2015

**Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order**

Applicant – [REDACTED]

Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] I am one of the applicants and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining a PSPO order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

Whilst being a resident at Eton Thameside I have witness a number of anti-social incidents including ;

- Public drunkenness
- High strength beer bottles and litter being left on FP51.
- Loud and obscene language.

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life living in this locality.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 10th March 2015

**Eton Thameside Footpath 51 (Gating FP51) Public Space Protection Order**

Applicant – [REDACTED]

Respondent – RBWM

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] I am one of the applicants and this is my statement in support of Eton Thameside residents obtaining an order to close and lock the gates at either end of FP51.

Whilst being a resident at Eton Thameside I have witness a number of anti-social incidents including ;

- High strength beer bottles and litter being left on FP51.

These incidents and the likelihood of future incidents are having a detrimental effect on the quality of my life living in this locality.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I, [REDACTED] believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATED: 10th March 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke with a small loop at the end, positioned below the 'SIGNED' field.