



ALLEY GATING GUIDE

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# WHY INSTALL ALLEY GATES?

In 2020, the Safer Streets Fund saw the UK government award £22.4 million to 35 police and crime commissioners to spend on measures to reduce crime. Measures include street-lighting, CCTV, and the installation of locked gates around alleyways.

According to Telford and Wrekin Council, alley gates alone reduced burglary in one area by 43%.

Results from the 1998 British Crime Survey showed that 55% of burglaries with entry, occurred through the rear in terraced and detached/semi-detached houses. Once gates were installed, residents said they felt more comfortable walking in the alleys<sup>1</sup>.



<sup>1</sup>Johnson, S. & Loxley, C. 2001, Installing alley-gates: practical lessons from burglary prevention projects, Home Office Briefing

# BENEFITS OF ALLEY GATES

## REDUCE BURGLARY, REDUCE CRIME, REDUCE FLY-TIPPING

### Reducing anti-social behaviour

Alley-gating, or the installation of security gates across footpaths and alleyways, is a recognised form of situational crime prevention, which aims to reduce the opportunity to commit crimes ranging from domestic burglary and criminal damage, through to drug abuse, littering, and fly tipping. Alley-gating can have a positive impact in terms of reducing anti-social behaviour, by removing the secluded environments sought out by perpetrators of this endemic offence.

### Protect vulnerable areas

The purpose of an alley gate or ginnel gate is to control access to vulnerable target areas – usually paths or alleys at the rear and to the sides of houses. If the gate is to be locked manually with a key, local residents (and anyone else deemed appropriate) are provided with gate keys, ensuring that access is limited to named personnel only.

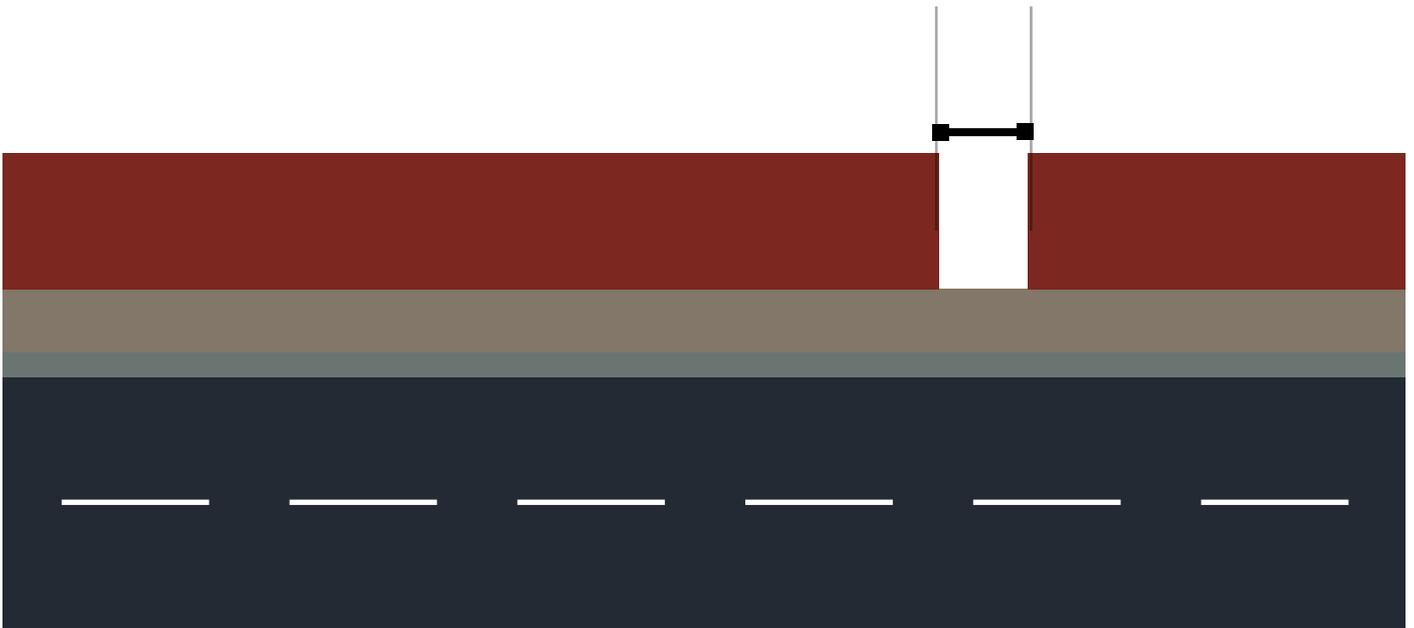


# ALLEY GATE GUIDELINES

- Gates should be a suitable height that prevents climbing
- A semi-solid design that increases visibility and creates no hiding places
- Anti-climb construction with no hand or foot holds, to stop people climbing over
- The gap under gate should be small enough to stop people crawling underneath
- Low maintenance to keep long-term costs low
- No visible fixings that can be removed
- Gates should fit into the surroundings aesthetically
- Guaranteed to last - hot dipped galvanised steel and polyester powder coating

## Where should the gate be positioned?

Gates cannot obstruct openings, for example garages, or open out onto a public right of way; they should be installed in an appropriate location set slightly back into the alley way.



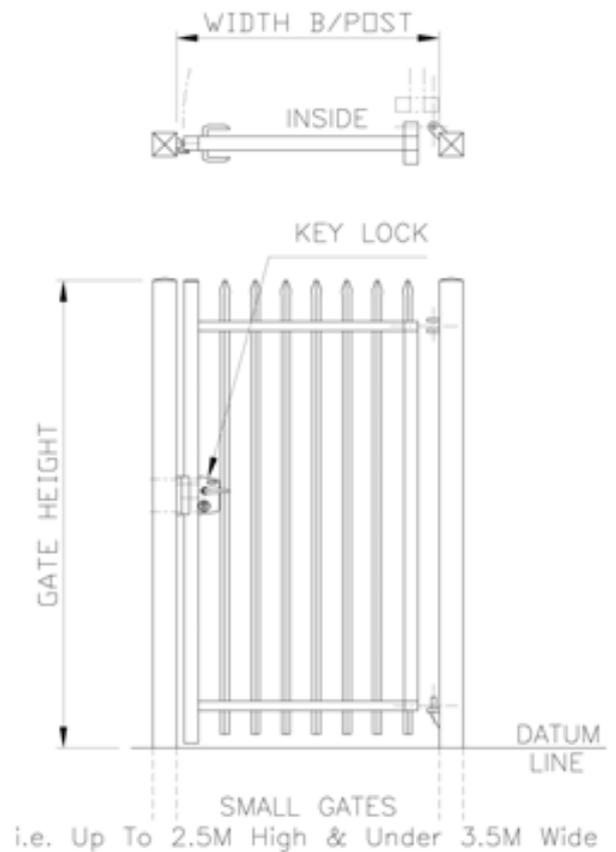
# GATE DESIGNS AND CONSTRUCTIONS

## Barbican® Gates | Single Leaf

Barbican® gates have a welded pale-through-rail construction, tamper proof fixings and hinges, and no visible bolts or rivets to be removed.

- Supplied as right hand hanging, opening inwards (unless specified) and are complete with slide latch, handles and drop bolts
- 180° opening, tamper proof hinges
- Option of locks available
- Galvanised to BS EN 1461 as standard, powder coating optional extra cost

**Gate heights should be discussed with local planning officers**



Single leaf gate (shown with optional key lock)

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Single leaf gate with fixed panel

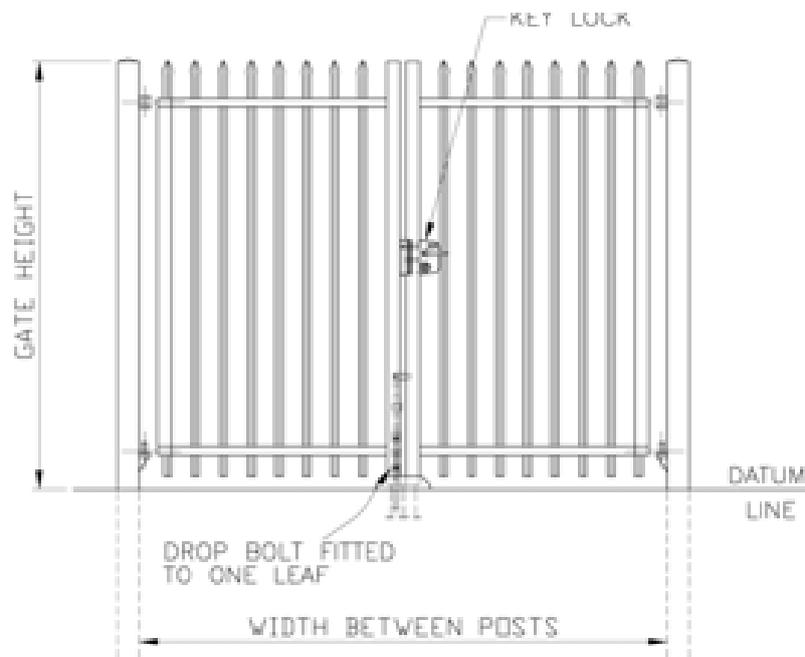


Single leaf gate with fixed panels

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## Barbican® Gates | Double Leaf

- Supplied as right hand hanging, opening inwards (unless specified) and are complete with slide latch, handles, centre gate stops and drop bolt
- 180° opening, tamper proof hinges
- Option of locks available
- Galvanised to BS EN 1461 as standard, powder coating optional extra cost

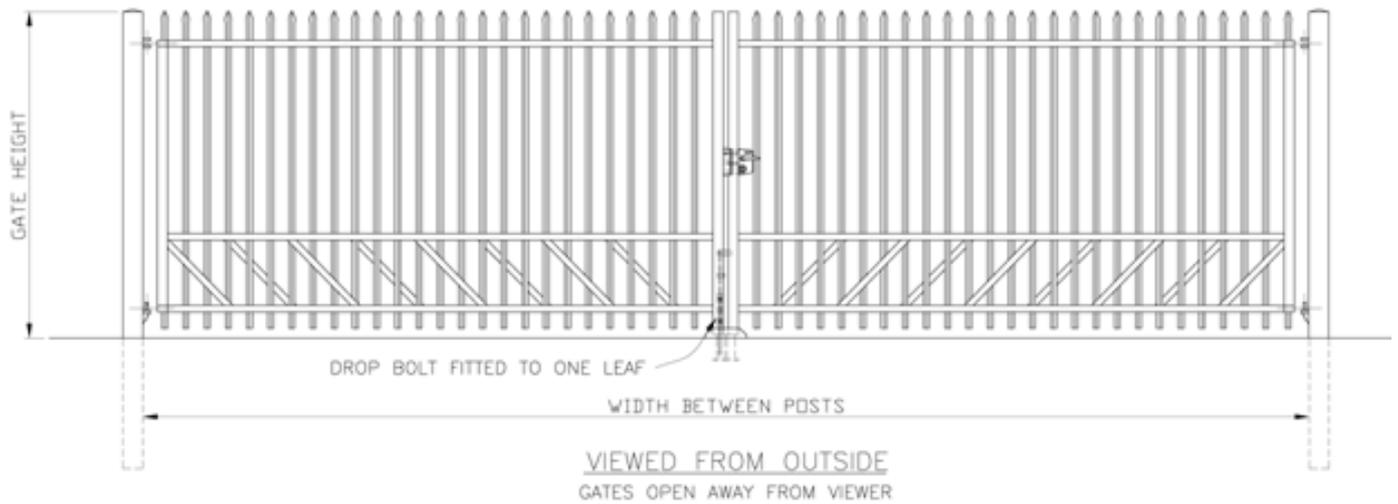


VIEWED FROM OUTSIDE  
GATES OPEN AWAY FROM VIEWER

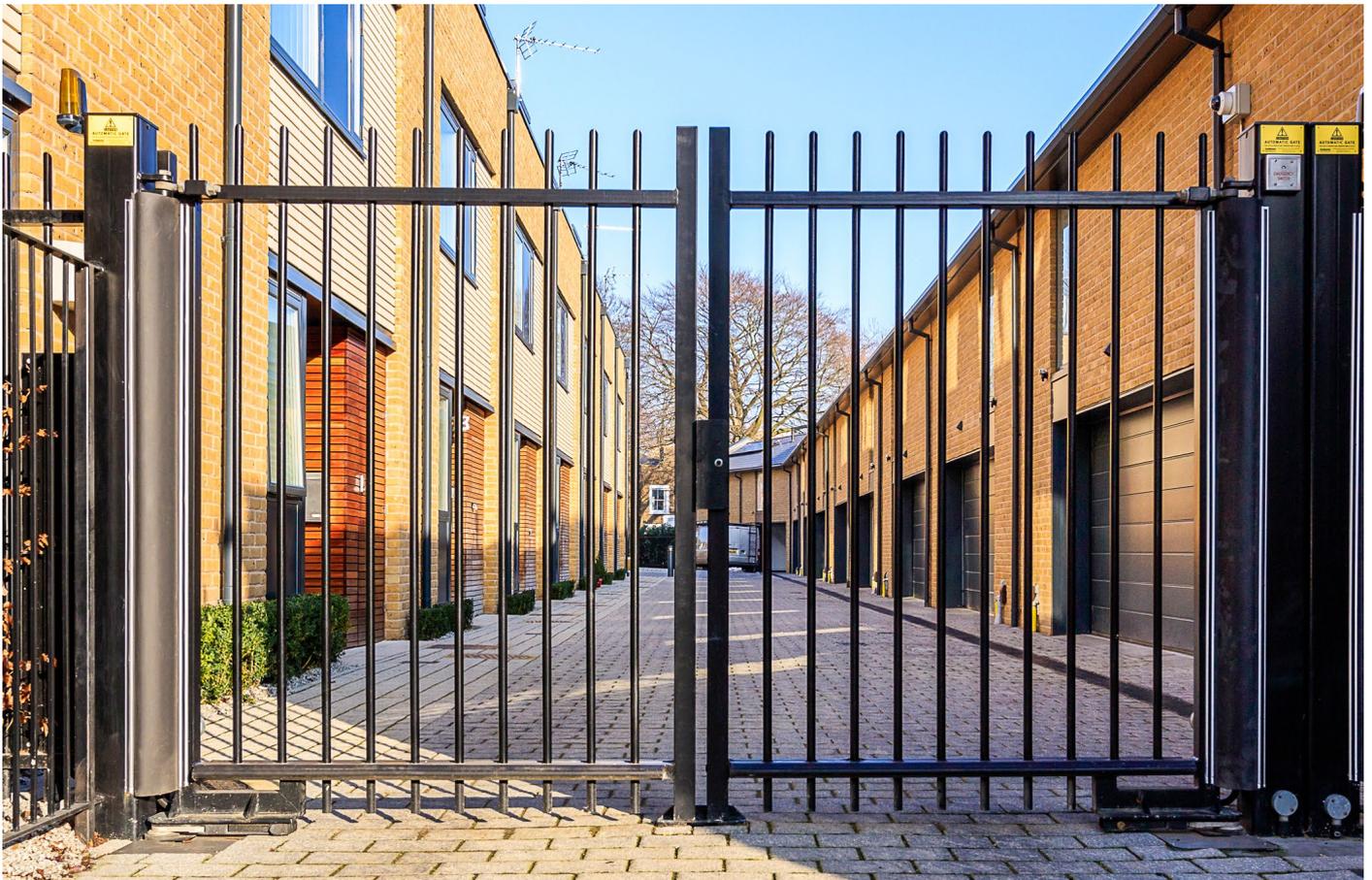
SMALL GATES  
i.e. Up To 2.5M High & Under 7.0M Wide

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## Larger gates for vehicular access



LARGE GATES  
i.e. 1.8M High – 2.5M High x 7.0M Wide & Over



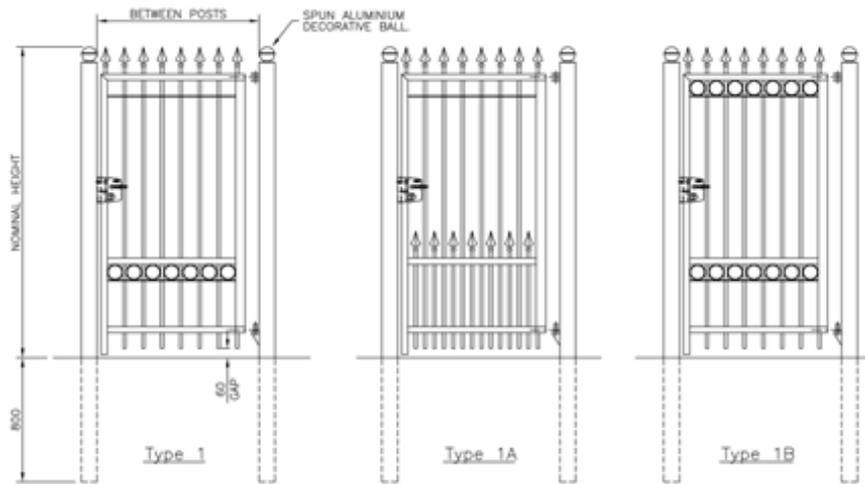
Double leaf gate with optional automation

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# OTHER GATE OPTIONS

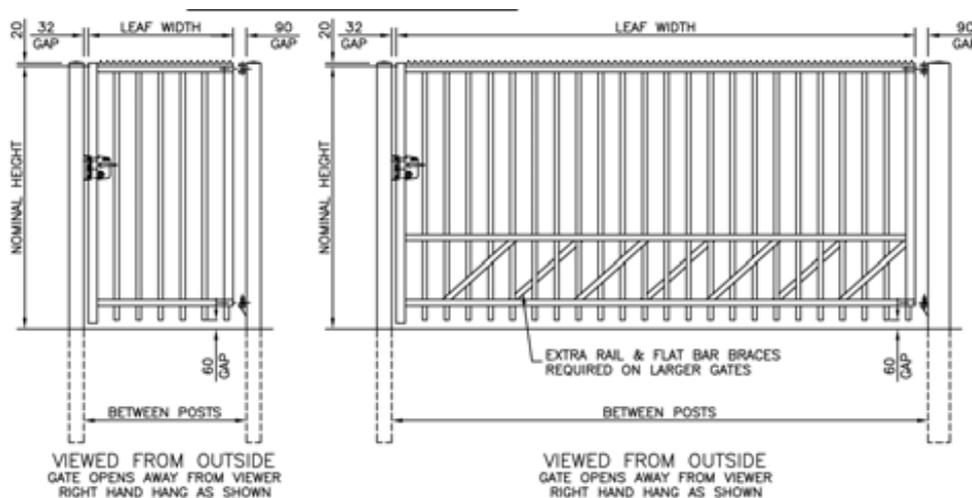
## Ornamental Gates

Ornamental gates add a decorative edge but have the same welded pale-through-rail construction and tamper-proof fixings as Barbican® gates, and are available with the same lock options. Single or double leaf available.



## Sentry® Gates

Sentry® gates offer a welded stopped pale-through-rail construction with a flat bar top to which a security comb topping can be attached. They feature tamper-proof fixings and are available with the same lock options as Barbican® gates. Single or double leaf available.

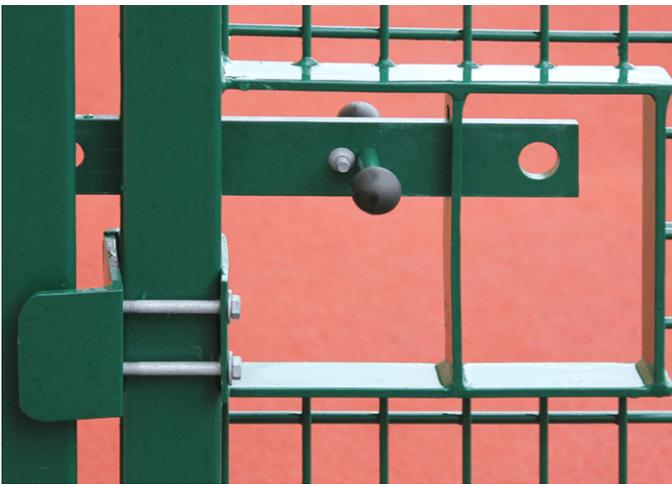


# GATE LOCKS

## How many people need access?

Each type of lock has its benefits but the best choice depends on the situation and usage of the gate, and who owns the alleyway. Check who needs access in addition to residents, and consider the positioning of the lock for wheelchair users. Slide latches are cost efficient but require a suitable padlock that prevents cutting and picking. Key locks work well with high frequency use as unlimited numbers of keys can be cut and they are simple to use, while keypad locks are ideal for high risk areas as they are extremely secure and convenient, with no risk of lost keys.

### Slide latch (padlockable)



### Key lock



### Electronic code lock



### Mechanical code lock



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