

Plan for BPC to take on operational responsibility for the “Green Gates” - Update 6/6/23
(the barrier at the junction of Catherine Way / Steway Lane, [what3words///gear.axed.young](https://www.what3words.com/gear.axed.young))

Following discussion with CURO (Lynn Quick, Estate Manager), there is agreement that BPC will hold the keys for the padlock on these gates, and manage their opening in cases of emergency, and as a diversion in the event of road closures, etc.

The following actions are required:

- We propose a “service level” that we are prepared to offer; when we are prepared to take calls regarding the green gates: 8am-8pm, Monday-Friday; 9am – 5pm at weekends and bank holidays. We would set an expectation of a maximum of 1 hour to respond but note that this is not a firm commitment.
- For genuine (“blue light”) emergencies, access will be possible at all times: the padlock will be a “Fire Brigade / Emergency Services lock”, such as <https://www.fastkeys.co.uk/locks/products/Padlocks+-+Fire+Brigade/FB14PADL/FIRE+BRIGADE+PADLOCK-LFB14>. Emergency services carry the master keys at all times for such locks.
- Keys would be held by the Clerk, other keyholders, by CURO, and others by agreement (possibly local residents).
- Key holders currently agreed are:
 - Clerk
 - Cllr Catherine McCarthyIt would be helpful if one or two more Councillors were happy to hold keys.
- CURO have been asked to repair or replace the gate, as it is currently very difficult to open and close, and also to provide a post to which it can be fixed when it is to be left open. These jobs have been logged with their maintenance staff.
- I will commission a sign (to be affixed front and back) with both Cuoro and the Parish Council logo with the following text

“Restricted access.

These gates will be opened only in emergencies.
Contact Batheaston Parish Council for access by calling 01225-923820
email: clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk.

Batheaston Parish Council in partnership with CURO”.

- I will order these from BRISSCO (who provided the Car Park Signs), and also the Emergency Services padlock and set of keys.
- We will print and deliver leaflets to the 20-25 houses in the cul de sac of Catherine Way, who are most affected. This will aim to reassure them that the gates will not be opened except where there is a strong need.

- The total cost of the above is estimated at less than £300, which **Council is asked to approve.**
- As a related task, I will complete the processes for the VOIP phone, to put in place the call handling to support the agreed rota (for which I will doubtless rely on Cllr Lewis' expert help!).
- Finally we will try to make sure that the key organisations that are likely to cause us to need to open the gates – the utility companies, BANES, etc. – are aware of the process and contact us in good time if a diversion is necessary.

Richard Maccabee, Clerk