

Appendix 4. Application of Criteria for considering requests for Public Rights of Way Closure for Crime Prevention to the Path from Whetley Lane to Walker Drive

Designated area – the path is not in a current Designated Area.

- 1. Is there a cluster of crime near the path?** According to recent data received from the Police, there is no cluster of crime immediately adjacent to the path.
- 2. What is the level of crime in the area?** Police records indicate levels below the district average of recorded crime in the area surrounding Regency Court (Manningham Ward). It is also possible that offenders regularly use the path in question to travel between the Whetley Lane and Thornton Road areas.
- 3. Where is the nearest alternative route on a Right of Way?** There is no alternative route on public rights of way.
- 4. Where is the nearest alternative route by roadside footway?** It is possible to follow a route on road-side footways along Whetley Lane, Weetwood Road and Walker Drive without crossing additional roads. Whetley Lane is a busy arterial route with a footway of reasonable width in good condition separated from traffic by a grass verge. Weetwood Road is a busy residential street with a good unobstructed footway. Walker Drive is an unadopted road, when inspected the footway was obstructed by parked cars, wheelie bins and fly tipped rubbish making walking difficult. The additional length of route from Whetley Lane to Walker Drive is approximately 230 metres. Using the path through Regency Court is a direct journey of about 120 metres which would be increased to over 350 metres and would take approximately 3 minutes longer to walk.
- 5. What is the level of legitimate use?** There is significant use of the path by people of all ages including elderly and school children, both accompanied and unaccompanied. Users are apparently using the route to link from North of Whetley Lane to Thornton Road area where there are businesses and bus stops. Users were using the path to cross Walker Lane and access the path to Hockney Road and on to Thornton Road as well as accessing properties on Walker Lane. It is estimated that over 400 pedestrian trips are made along the path each day.
- 6. Does the path have any strategic value?** Yes, the path appears to be well used by school pupils and by people using services on Thornton Road.
- 7. Are any schemes planned for the path?** No
- 8. Is the path physically closable?** The area from the car park of Regency Court and down the steps could be blocked. However the individuals would probably find other areas in and around Regency Court to loiter. YE would also need access to the substation.