**Supplemental Text 2. Description of Gateway Structure.**

The gateway along the peripheral road between the northwest and north-central neighborhoods consists of a 2 m-high terrace on the south side of the road and two parallel north-south walls on the north side of the road. A 1.7 m-wide passage between the parallel walls leads to a *barranca* that descends the mountain. The terrace and walls narrow the road from a width of 5 m to just 0.8 m. Kowalewski and others (2009) encountered many fortified or defensible sites from various periods in their surveys. Postclassic examples include 15 sites with defensive walls, ditches, or gates, as well as others that were defensible because of hilltop locations or terrace retaining walls.

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