

PETITION FROM THE RESIDENTS OF ALWARDS COURT

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Service

1. SUMMARY

Two petitions have been received at the Bingham Street Housing Office from residents of Alwards Court.

The first, signed by 16 residents and delivered on the 21 February 2011, requested the removal of a notice board in the entrance hall. The second, signed by 15 residents, requested the lifting of 'no dogs' restrictions.

The petition was acknowledged and the lead petitioner advised that the matters would be investigated.

2. RECOMMENDATION

City Housing Board notes the petition and actions taken by officers to resolve the situation.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The Notice Board

Derby Homes have positioned notice boards in the entrance halls of all blocks of flats to advise residents of important issues affecting their flats. For example, outcomes from regular flat inspections are published and updated with action plans.

- 3.2 The Housing and Neighbourhood Manager wrote to all the residents of Alwards Court reminding them of the purpose of the boards. All residents had already been consulted prior to the boards being erected. Residents were given another opportunity to respond with objections or issues. No one responded to the Manager.

3.3 No dogs restriction

The 'no dogs' restriction has been in place for many years at Alwards Court, however the petition clarified that residents wished to have dogs and wanted the restriction lifting

- 3.4 Currently six residents own dogs and there have been no complaints or indications that the dogs are a nuisance. As the restriction applies to the flats, residents are unable to replace the dogs when they die.

- 3.5 On the 15 June 2011, all residents were contacted to determine whether they would like to retain the 'no dogs/ restriction. 15 residents had no objection to the policy being removed, 5 wanted to retain the restriction and 4 did not respond.
- 3.6 As the majority of the 24 residents are in favour of dogs being allowed at Alwards Court, the Neighbourhood and Housing Manager is proposing to remove the restriction.

4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

All residents affected have been consulted about the 'no dogs' policy at Alwards Court.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

- Financial and Business Plan
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk
- Policy Review

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or Phil Davies, Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org – Phone: 01332 888528

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Supporting Information: Equality Impact Assessment and Derby Homes Mobility Scooter Policy