

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF LORD STREET

Report of the Head of Housing Management

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 A petition signed by 19 residents was received on 5 June 2019. The petitioners are requesting that Derby Homes closes the park to the side of 78 Lord Street due to anti-social behaviour.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Operational Board to note the report and approves the actions taken.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To respond to the petition.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The petition was acknowledged by writing to the lead petitioner.
- 4.2 The park is managed by Derby City Council Parks Department. Derby Homes and the Council have powers to take action where anti-social behaviour takes place on or in the vicinity of its estates. We would not recommend closing the park as it is a local amenity for younger children and is well used.
- 4.3 The Area Housing Manager visited the lead petitioner. The lead petitioner had been given a key to open and lock the park by a park ranger, this had put a stop to anti social behaviour late at night. Derby Homes had also painted anti vandal paint around the perimeter fencing of the basketball court to stop the youths climbing into the residents' gardens to retrieve footballs.
- 4.4 A further meeting took place with the lead petitioner and their neighbours. The Area Housing Manager, Neighbourhood Manager, Neighbourhood Officer, Police and Parks were in attendance. It was explained to the residents that none of the agencies present had received any calls for service until we received the petition.
- 4.5 The Police and Neighbourhood Officer told the petitioners they would arrange to visit the park out of hours and engage with the young people and take relevant action. In addition the Area Housing Manager has made a referral to Sporting Communities who has agreed to carry out some outreach work at the park.

4.6 It was also agreed with everyone present that residents would:

- keep diary sheets to evidence the anti social behaviour happening on the park
- to ring the Police to report all anti social behaviour
- to identify young people who are causing the anti social behaviour

4.7 The lead petitioner and all residents at the meeting agreed that they were happy with the action taken.

4.8 The Area Housing Manager wrote to the lead petitioner explaining this and invited them to attend the Operational Board to hear the petition and proposed response presented.

5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

IMPLICATIONS

6. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As outlined in the report.

7. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none directly arising out of this report, however depending on outcome of the investigation into the anti social behaviour possible implications maybe identified this will be explained in the follow up report to a future Operational Board.

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

Legal and Confidentiality
Personnel
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health and Safety
Risk
Policy Review

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Background information: None

List of appendices: None

This report has been approved by the following

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Head of Service	Lorraine Testro	31 July 2019