



AREA PANEL 2 15 March 2006

Report by John Winters, Director, Environmental Services

Petition requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable are of land to use was presented to the Area Panel 2 meeting on 11 January 2006.
- 1.2 The details of the petition were:

In support of off-road motorcyclists being provided with a suitable area of land to use. This will ease the problem of them using public footpaths and fields while still keeping them entertained and out of mischief.

- 1.3 The petition was signed by approximately 200 people. The lead petitioner was Councillor Leeming.
- 1.4 A copy of the original petition was forwarded to the Director of Environmental Services asking for a response to the March 2006 meeting.
- 1.5 Officers have not been able to identify any suitable Council owned sites that are likely to be acceptable to residents due to the proximity to houses.
- 1.6 The only site that may be viable is privately owned land between A52 and the river to the south of Spondon. This land is designated in the Local Plan for industrial use. It is considered unlikely that the landowners would be willing to allocate this land for use by off-road motorcyclists for the potential income that could be generated. The Council do not have the capital resources to purchase this land.
- 1.7 It is considered that a positive response to this petition cannot be given at this time

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 No further action is taken.
- 2.2 If the Area Panel requires further investigations the issue can be referred to the Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Commission.

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Background papers: List of appendices:

None None