



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 2 16 March 2005

Report of Director of Commercial Services

### **Duchess Way, Chellaston – Petition requesting relocation of grassed dog free area adjacent to play area**

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 A Petition was submitted requesting the relocation of the fenced and grassed dog free area that forms part of the toddler play area at Duchess Way, Chellaston and that additional planting is provided along the boundary between the open space and adjacent houses.

#### **PROPOSED ACTION**

- 2.1 This site was laid out as incidental public open space as a requirement of the housing development. The open space includes a small play area with play equipment aimed at younger children and a grassed dog free area, all enclosed within 1 metre high bow top fencing. There is a narrow belt of shrub planting between the grass area and adjacent residential properties. A pumping station is located between the equipped part of the play area and nearest housing.
- 2.2 The Council approved the scheme design in September 2002 and the works completed by the developer in September 2003. Since then it has been maintained by David Wilson Homes, the developer, to a satisfactory standard. The developer has completed the work to the satisfaction of the Council in accordance with the approved designs. The Council is now in the process of negotiating with David Wilson Homes for the adoption of the site.
- 2.3 The Council has received no complaints from residents about the play area or open space either at the time it was constructed nor since it was completed, a period of nearly 18 months.
- 2.4 As the site has been laid out to approved designs the Council has no powers to require the developer to change the layout or design of the play area. The Council does not have any funding itself to pay to rearrange the layout of the play area or carry out any additional planting.

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