



## HOUSING MANAGEMENT 2006

Report of the Local Manager,  
Old Sinfen Local Housing Office

### **Report on Ballater Close car parking issues**

#### **Background**

A petition was received at Area Panel 2 on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2006 regarding parking issues at Ballater Close, Sinfen. The issue has been investigated by the Local Manager for Derby Homes and a report is provided below.

#### **Information on Ballater Close**

Total no of properties: 48  
Derby Homes tenants: 35  
Owner occupiers: 13  
Current no of parking spaces: 40

Ballater close has one large car park at the rear of the properties for 18 car spaces which resident's state is underused due to vandalism. There are two parking inlets, one at the top end with 7 spaces and one at the bottom end with 6 spaces. There is also a turning circle at the bottom end which people park in with room for 5 cars. See map 1.

#### **Petition request**

Due to ongoing vandalism and disputes the following have been requested by residents.

1. Dropped kerb and additional parking spaces in front of 56 to 68 Ballater Close. (see picture no. 2)
2. Felling of a tree adjacent to car parking inlet next to no 7.
3. Create an extra parking inlet next to 56 Ballater. (see picture no. 3)
4. CCTV cameras on the rear car park behind no 50 to 54 Ballater Close.

#### **Derby Homes findings**

1. Additional spaces in front of 56 to 68.
  - Request sent to Jon Oakes Arboriculture Officer to see if tree could be felled in front of 56 to 68. He responded saying that this tree is a superb specimen and would not be felled.
  - Met with a surveyor on 08.06.06. He advised that making the grassed area into a car park would only make room for 2 car parking spaces. In the surveyors opinion he didn't think we would get permission to fell the tree. Work would need to include moving 1 lamp post. The cost to undertake this work would cost £7591.00
2. Felling tree near to no 7.

- Request sent to Jon Oakes Arboriculture Officer to see if tree could be felled. He responded saying that this tree would be felled. This work has since been completed.
- 3. Create extra parking inlet next to no 56
  - Met with a surveyor on 08.6.06. He advised that this would create an additional 3 parking spaces at approximately £8,217.
- 4. CCTV cameras on rear car park
  - Quote required.
- 5. A letter has been sent to all residents on Ballater Close advising that Derby Homes is investigating the parking situation. (See attached copy number 4 and 5)
- 6. Contacted local police requesting the amount of reported incidents of vandalism to cars in the rear car park.
- 7. Contacted the Community Safety Partnership regarding vandalism to cars.

### Summary information

1. It is not feasible to put parking spaces in front of 56 to 68 Ballater Close. The tree in front of these properties will not be felled.
2. Additional parking next to 56 Ballater Close is feasible and will be investigated.
3. The possibility of a mobile CCTV camera in rear car park will be investigated.
4. The tree has been felled near No 7 Ballater Close.

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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Note the report.

<b>For more information contact:</b>	Wendy Jessop, Local Manager, Derby Homes, Old Sinfen Local Housing Office, Shakespeare Street, Sinfen , Derby . DE24 9HE Telephone: 718771
<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Map 1: Map of Ballater Close Pictures 2 – 3: Photos of the location Letters 4 –5: Sample letters to residents

Map 1: Map of Ballater Close



Picture 2



Picture 3



Letter 4

Resident  
Ballater Close  
Sinfin  
Derby  
DE24 9HN

**Our Reference**

KMS/HO/05

**Date**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2006

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Dear Resident

**CAR PARKING ISSUES**

It has been brought to my attention that an owner occupier claims to have purchased car parking spaces when they bought their property. Derby Homes do not issue any parking spaces when a property is sold.

With regard to the parking problems on Ballater Close I am doing a full investigation and will see what options are available to help solve the issues raised.

I will keep residents informed of Derby Homes findings.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

Kaye Stirland  
Housing Officer

Letter 5

Resident  
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Dear Resident

**PARKING ISSUES**

I refer to the letter I sent you dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 with regard to the purchase of parking spaces.

I have spoken to our Legal department who have clarified the situation.

Parking for one private motor vehicle is a privilege to all owner occupiers providing that space is available. No space in particular is designated to individuals.

I hope that is matter is now resolved.

Yours sincerely

Kaye Stirland  
Housing Officer