



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3 17 JANUARY 2007

Report of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Social Cohesion and Housing Strategy

Request to tackle drug dealing, vandalism, theft and mugging in the Moore St area.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 On 15 November 2006, a petition signed by 215 residents was presented to the Area Panel, regarding drug dealing, vandalism, theft and mugging in Belgrave St, Moore St, Mill Hill Rd, Western Rd and Gordon Rd.
- 1.2 The petition was in the form of a nine point action plan and highlighted the following issues with area panel:
 1. White lighting on all the above streets
 2. One way system to be enforced to update and enforce a time line (when will it be implemented)
 3. Enforcement of Alcohol free zone – (remove benches as the bins have already been removed on (Moore Street))
 4. Change empty field areas to children's play areas (Moore Street)
 5. Anti graffiti paint on exposed walls and telecommunications boxes
 6. Removal of telephone boxes at Mill Hill Road (timescale for removal)
 7. Signs to prevent and deter criminals – contact number for the local police to be prominent on these signs (0845 1233333)
 8. To address the alleyway problem of drug dealing at western road via the alleyway to Gordon Road
 9. Enforce CCTV cameras in prominent locations and junctions of known hotspots in this area, i.e. Belgrave St, Mill Hill Road

The resident stated that they would like to work with other agencies to address the problems in their area and the petition should form the basis of a Neighbourhood charter.

- 1.3 Following receipt of the petition, the Community Safety Officer and Community Development Officer from the Normanton Neighbourhood team contacted the lead petitioner to review the issues described and to consider the solutions. As a direct response, the Neighbourhood Team has initiated the following action:
 1. Ordered the replacement of the existing lighting column on Belgrave St with white lighting.
 2. Requested the removal of the bench on the grassed area of Moore St, owned by the Parks department.
 3. Contacted Terry Johnson, Commercial Manager BT Pay Phones, to consider removal of the phone booth
 4. Requested Warden patrols of the area in marked CCTV van.

- 1.4 Where graffiti is present on private property, we are legally obliged to seek the permission of householders to remove graffiti. This permission is granted through the householder signing a license. In cases where the license is not signed, usually due to the high number of absentee landlords, we are unable to remove graffiti. However, the team will take a proactive approach in circulating licenses at public meetings and through the lead petitioner, in an attempt to overcome this barrier.
- 1.5 In response to issues raised in this petition and a previous petition for the St Chad's road area, the Neighbourhood Team has initiated a St Chad's & Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum, providing residents with the opportunity to raise issues, concerns and help inform and develop further solutions with services.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To note the actions already taken to address the concerns residents have expressed in the petition and further work to be undertaken.
- 2.2 Neighbourhood Team to hold a special meeting of the St Chad's & Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum to review current issues and actions required in January 2007.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Team is committed to pursue the:
- Installation of white lighting on Belgrave St
 - Removal of the bench on Moore St to enforce the Alcohol Free Zone
 - Potential to remove the phone booth on Mill Hill Lane
 - Work with the lead petitioner to develop a neighbourhood watch scheme and signage as appropriate
 - Work with residents to review options for the alley way between Western Rd and Gordon Rd to prevent fear of crime and drug dealing
 - Obtain licenses to clear graffiti on private property.
- 2.4 Neighbourhood Team to hold a special meeting of the St Chads & Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum to review current issues and actions required in January 2007.

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