



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 3 17 JANUARY 2007

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

Request to tackle anti social behaviour on St Chad's Rd, Byron St, Stonehill Rd and Cromwell Rd.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 On 16 November 2005, a petition signed by 14 people was presented to the Area Panel, regarding anti social behaviour on St Chad's Rd, Byron St, Stonehill Rd and Cromwell Rd.
- 1.2 The petition stated that residents have continually suffered from problems emanating from anti social behaviour. There is regular vandalism to cars, litter being thrown into front gardens, noise until early hours of the morning and drug dealing taking place at the telephone boxes on the corner of St Chad's Rd and Cromwell Rd.
- 1.3 The petition requested help for the following to be considered:
 1. CCTV camera on the corner of Breedon Hill Rd and St Chad's Rd.
 2. The removal of phone boxes from St Chad's Rd/Cromwell Rd corner
 3. More Police patrols to deter gangs of youths.
- 1.4 Following receipt of the petition, The Anti Social Behaviour Team of the Community Safety Partnership visited the St Chad's Road area and found:
 - no obvious signs to indicate the level of Anti Social Behaviour - ASB complained about.
 - some graffiti and rubbish but nothing out of the ordinary.
 - there is no evidence of drug use around the phone box.

The Police had no ASB complaints from the area and only a couple of instances of criminal damage.
- 1.5 The Anti Social Behaviour Team initially considered that the level of ASB activity did not warrant a camera. In addition, there were no suitable camera points in this specific area. The Anti Social Behaviour Team met with BT to consider what action can be taken when a pay phone is used for anti social behaviour.
- 1.6 In June 06, following the issues raised at Area Panel and the formation of the Normanton Neighbourhood team, the area was designated as a hot spot as part of a long-term plan for the Neighbourhood.
- 1.7 On 23 June 2006, a street briefing with residents in the area took place led by the Neighbourhood team involving the Police, Neighbourhood Wardens, Fire Service, Anti Social Behaviour Team and the NEAT team.

1.8 Following the street briefing, the Neighbourhood Team has:

- increased Neighbourhood Warden Patrols of the area in marked CCTV van
- installed CCTV at the Byron St car park in response to more severe problems
- Cleared the alley way between Cromwell Rd and Byron St
- Contacted BT to consider removal of the phone booth.

1.9 The team has made contact with the lead petitioner to review the issues described.

In response to issues raised in this petition and a second petition for the Moore St 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 their petition and the 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 07. The Neighbourhood Team will lead on resolving and responding to this issue working closely with local residents.

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