

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

STAINDALE DRIVE GARAGES SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

1 SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from the West Area Committee for funding to be made available to reimburse residents on Staindale Drive.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the West Area Committee agrees to release £500 towards the cost of installing a high quality metal gate. This request can be met with a one off contribution from the Leen Valley Ward uncommitted balance.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Residents living on Staindale Drive, earlier this year, had organised an emergency meeting to discuss issues arising from garages referred to on the NOMAD system as 'Garages east of 57-59 Staindale Drive'.
- 3.2 The Garages are accessed via a narrow, one car-width driveway between two houses. The garages are relatively well hidden and are not very well overlooked by surrounding properties. Residents have complained that the area around the garages was being used for drug taking, rubbish tipping and giving rise to anti-social behaviour.
- 3.3 Two of the residents who own garages on Staindale Drive approached the councillors for Leen Valley ward to see if the council could work with the residents in making the area more secure. Members requested that the Neighbourhood Management team assist the group in tackling the issues raised.
- 3.4 Since the initial contact with the residents the City Council have removed an entire lorry load of dumped tyres. To prevent the rubbish tipping, drug taking and anti-social behaviour it was agreed that the area should be secured by installing a high quality tall metal gate with spikes. Given that no permission was required to install the gates, residents have taken it upon themselves to get the works completed as a matter of urgency.
- 3.5 Members for the Leen Valley ward have been contacted with a request for fifty percent towards costs. The Members have agreed to support this given its impact on improvements to people's quality of life and the financial contribution being made by the residents.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in section 2 of this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £500 contribution can be met by charging it to the Leen Valley ward allocation. The total uncommitted balance for the West Area, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, stands currently as follows:-

Aspley Ward	£4,719
Bilborough Ward	£12,852
Leen Valley Ward	£20,303
Total	£37,874

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the gate has raised the standard of cleanliness and improved people's quality of life.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There are no risks attached to this report as the work has already been successfully completed.

9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report will support the City Councils corporate priorities of:-

- People feeling safe in their communities
- Respect for Nottingham
- Supporting Nottingham people
- Serving Nottingham better

10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the gates will reduce anti-social behaviour and drug crime.

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The residents have managed to get the work completed at a very competitive price and have made a considerable contribution from their own pocket. Collectively, the residents paid £500 from their own pockets.

12 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None

13 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None

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