

FAR COTTON AND DELAPRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report to: Council 19 October 2021

Summary: A report on the potential gating of the Alleyway between Thorpe Road and Eastfield Road.

1.0 Background

A local resident attended the September meeting of the community council and asked the council to assist with investigations into gating the alleyway between Thorpe Road and Eastfield Road.

Residents had suffered from anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping along the alleyway and so were considering gating the alleyway.



2.0 Actions taken

The community council agreed to investigate the matter and arrange a site visit with residents.

Advice was taken from:

- The Local Policing team
- Neighbourhood Warden-WNC
- Community Safety and Engagement Team-WNC

A site visit took place on Friday 1st October and was attended by around 15 residents, members of the local policing team, neighbourhood warden, community councillors, the council's Police Liaison Representative and the Clerk.

A number of options were discussed with residents including the gating of the alleyway and the option of using CCTV to detract from anti-social behaviour.

The police and neighbourhood warden noted that they had no recent reports of fly-tipping or anti-social behaviour along the alleyway. Residents were asked to report all instances through official channels via 101 for anti-social behaviour or fly-tipping to the neighbourhood warden to ensure that these problems were recorded, and appropriate actions taken.

3.0	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>To move the matter forward it was agreed that the next steps were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formally identify all properties that might be affected by the gating and gain support (i.e. everyone with access rights to the service road) West Northamptonshire Council can support this process. 100% of properties affected need to be in agreement in order to proceed. 2. Check the deeds of the properties –confirmation is needed that there is no public right of way across the service road 3. Investigate the costs of gates) 4. Get advice from the Crime Prevention officer as to the best position to site the gates (so that the gates don't create an alcove that encourages crime) 5. Investigate CCTV -installing CCTV may be a cost -effective solution and could be used as an alternative to gates. <p>The Clerk is able to co-ordinate these steps with support from WNC and the Police.</p>
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Implications:		
Council objectives:	Reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour.	x
Equalities & Human Rights	There are no equalities and human rights issues	x
Crime and Disorder	Crime and disorder have been considered	x
Biodiversity	There are no bio-diversity implications	x
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	
	There will be financial implications	x
	There is provision within the budget	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure Decisions may have potential for income generation	
Legal	Power: Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 31	x
	Other considerations: None	
Risk Management	Material risks exist and these are currently being assessed.	x
	- Inherent risk score: - Residual risk score:	

Person originating this report: Kate Houlihan Clerk

Date: 13 October 2021