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# Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Environment

**Date:** TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER  
2009

**Time:** 7.00 PM

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM 4,  
HIGH STREET, UXBRIDGE,  
UB8 1UW

**Meeting  
Details:** Members of the Public and  
Press are welcome to attend  
this meeting

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## **Cabinet Member hearing the petitions:**

Sandra Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Environment

## **How the hearing works:**

The petition organiser (or his/her nominee) can address the Cabinet Member for a short time and in turn the Cabinet Member may also ask questions.

Local ward councillors are invited to these hearings and may also be in attendance to support or listen to your views.

After hearing all the views expressed, the Cabinet Member will make a formal decision. This decision will be published and sent to the petition organisers shortly after the meeting confirming the action to be taken by the Council.

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# Agenda

## **PART 1 - MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS MAY ATTEND**

- 1 To confirm that the business of the meeting will take place in public.
- 2 To consider the reports of the officers on the following petitions received:
- 3 Petition regarding the construction of a tarmac path across Northwood Recreation Ground
- 4 Petition regarding the objection to the proposed youth shelter in Shenley Park, Manor

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# Agenda Item 3

<b>Construction of a tarmac path across Northwood Recreation Ground – RESPONSE TO PETITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Sandra Jenkins
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Environment
<b>Officer Contact</b>	Andy Boeckstaens 01895 250456
<b>Papers with report</b>	Letter from Northwood Hills Residents Association and petition

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	This report informs the cabinet member of a petition that has been received opposing the proposal to construct a tarmac path across Northwood Recreation Ground, between Highland Road and the football pavilion.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Cost</b>	None, if the path is not constructed.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Northwood

## RECOMMENDATION

**For the Cabinet Member to approve the continuation of the current arrangements at the Recreation Ground by not installing a tarmac path.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

- 1) A tarmac path is unnecessary, as access across the existing grass is easy for most of the year, and at other times there are alternative routes available.
- 2) A tarmac path would be detrimental to the character of the open space.
- 3) The primary access to Northwood Recreation Ground is via the road by the allotments off Chestnut Avenue. A tarmac path from Highland Road would lead to an undesirable increase in traffic and parking in Highland Road.

## **Alternative options considered**

- 1) Construction of path.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

The Committee has not considered the report.

## **Supporting Information**

The Council has received a petition of 43 signatures opposing the construction of a tarmac path across the grass at Northwood Recreation Ground between Highland Road and the football pavilion. The covering letter says that such a path is unnecessary and detrimental.

## **Financial Implications**

None, if the path is not constructed.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

The site will remain as it is.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

None

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

If the Cabinet Member was to decide that the path ought to be constructed then further detail in relation to the proposals ought to be provided to Legal Services to decide what statutory consents, if any, were necessary to proceed with the work

### **Corporate Property**

Not required

### **Corporate Finance**

Not required

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received June 2009.

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# Agenda Item 4

<b>Objection to the installation of a Youth Shelter at Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground, Ruislip – RESPONSE TO PETITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Sandra Jenkins
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Environment
<b>Officer Contact</b>	Damien Searle – 01895 556 650
<b>Papers with report</b>	Petition forms

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	This report informs the Cabinet Member of a petition that has been received objecting to the installation of a shelter at Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground, Ruislip.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	A clean and attractive borough, A safe borough, A borough where opportunities are open to all, A borough where children and young people are healthy safe and supported.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	No costs
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environment Policy and Overview Committee
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Manor

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Listens to the views of the petitioners and young people.
2. Requests that local residents living adjacent to the park, young people and other residents form a 'Friends of' group for the park, to advise on this and future decisions relating to the park.

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

The concept of 'friends groups' has been successful at other green spaces throughout the borough as an effective way for local people to be able to contribute effectively in the management and care of local parks and green spaces.

## **Alternative options considered**

To not propose local people form a Friends Group for Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage.

## **Supporting Information**

Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground (also known as Shenley Park) is a public open space (12,500 square metres approx) which is bounded by houses in sections of Shenley Avenue, Willow Grove, Rosebury Vale and Cornwall Drive in Ruislip Manor.

Students of Ruislip High School, the majority of whom live in the local area, put forward some proposals for the park, based on an idea for a shelter and outdoor fitness equipment, seeking to increase the range of positive recreational opportunities for people of all ages, at the recreation ground. The young people were successful in the bid they put forward through the school for youth opportunities funding to develop their project. The students carried out a consultation as part of their project, which identified local support for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment but strong concerns about the proposed shelter. This aspect of the project has therefore not progressed.

The project led to a petition being received by the council, signed by 266 people, opposing the construction of a shelter.

Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground is valued by residents as an important local public open space (12,500 square metres approx) used by local people of all ages for informal recreation. In addition to trees and mown grass, there is a children's play area, which was installed in 2004/05 along with boundary fencing and gating, funded by the council's Chrysalis Programme.

Unfortunately, the park still suffers from anti-social behaviour and as a result the park is locked on Friday and Saturday nights, which does help reduce vandalism but incidents continue, such as the recent tearing up of sections of the safety surface in the children's playground. There is a concern that the vandalism is caused by young people.

As a result of the feedback received it is suggest that local residents living adjacent to the park, young people and other residents are asked to form a 'Friends of' group for the park, to work with the green spaces team on future care of, use and management of the park.

## **Financial Implications**

None.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

Views of local people will be heard by the Cabinet Member for Environment and if agreed, a 'Friends Group' for the park will be established to help guide future management and decisions at Shenley Avenue Recreation Ground (also known as Shenley Park).

## **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

If it is agreed that local residents living adjacent to the park, young people and other residents will form a 'Friends of' group for the park, the group would be consulted regularly by the Green Spaces Team as part of the overall management of the park.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

None.

### **Legal**

There must be a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account."

### **Relevant Service Groups**

N/A

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Attached Map of Proposed location of shelter at Shenley Recreation Ground
2. Petition received Mach 2009

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# Proposed location of shelter at Shenley Recreation Ground





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