

Construction of a tarmac path across Northwood Recreation Ground – RESPONSE TO PETITION

ITEM

Cabinet Member

Councillor Sandra Jenkins

Cabinet Portfolio

Environment

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Papers with report

Letter from Northwood Hills Residents Association and petition

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

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.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

N/A

Financial Cost

None, if the path is not constructed.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

Ward(s) affected

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.