

Area Board Project

1. What is the project?

Stanford Court – Cllr Simon Jacobs

To tackle the Issue of alleged anti social behaviour (ASB) experienced by residents of Stanford Court in Devizes.

This is a Sheltered Scheme that has a flying freehold over Wiltshire Council’s Sheep street public car park.

The problem is that late at night, young drivers use the shelter that the flying freehold provides, to park up and meet. This causes issues for the residents including litter and loud noise (shouting, music and cars) when they are trying to sleep. In some cases they are sleeping right above where the cars are parked

The Police come out when the residents call them and ask the perpetrators to move on. Advice is offered but the police have not witnessed anything that they have sufficient evidence to prosecute. However once the police have left, other people often come and congregate.

This is also skewing the Anti Social Behaviour figures for Devizes. Each call is recorded as ASB when the resident phones it in. This can’t be changed even if it is not ASB and consequently Devizes now has the highest recorded number of incidences in the County.

The Police would like to see something done to help tackle the situation. .

The residents would like barriers fitted to stop people using the car park at night, which obviously has budget implications both capital to put it in and revenue to keep it running.

The ward councillor is Cllr Simon Jacobs who after meeting with the relevant stakeholders would also like to see something done quickly to address this issue.

The proposal is that a sum of £1000 should be ring fenced from the area board’s budget to ensure there is some funding immediately available to implement any solutions. If more funding than this is required, then this would need to be brought back to the area board.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Look at additional security measures to implement at Sheep Street car park in Devizes.

3. When will the project take place?

Action is required as soon as a preferred option has been agreed. .

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

If successful, it will resolve the issues experienced by the residents as explained previously.

5. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

Partnership between, the Police, and various departments within Wiltshire Council. (Street scene, Parking Services, Strategic Property Services, Area Board and Community Safety). We will also be working with and supporting BCH who are responsible for the sheltered scheme

6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Initially ring fence £1,000.

7. Additional information

The longer term aim of residents would be to close this car park from 10pm to 7am if a solution cannot be found to address this issue