

Devizes Area Board Meeting on 21st Nov.2016

Parish update

Easterton Parish Council

Easterton's concerns over a "Residential Childrens Home" having been quietly established in a quiet residential cul-de-sac containing just 5 other dwellings were reported to the Area Board during the Open Floor session on 26th September.

Whilst we understand that if such an establishment complies fully with government legislation Wiltshire Council is apparently powerless to refuse any legitimate request to create such a "Residential Childrens Home", we remain concerned for the wellbeing of residents in the vicinity:-

1. The company concerned, Esland Ltd., appear to have excellent protocols for dealing with incidents within the property – but none for liaising with the community outside (if they have they haven't exercised them).
2. On at least two occasions 7 vehicles, inconsiderately parked, have restricted access to the five other dwellings, also police vehicles attending are unsettling for this close community which includes young children.
3. Ant-social behaviour from one of the two mature children in residence has been witnessed (but not reported).
4. Immediate residents report no effort made by Esland to communicate with them or advise on procedures.

September's Area Board Minutes record that an officer from Wiltshire Council is to meet with the company *"to improve communication and explain the need to engage with local residents"*

Quite frankly communication and engagement is now too little and too late and we require a more satisfactory solution from Wiltshire Council.