

COMMITTEE:

DATE: 8th February 2016

SUBJECT: Petition - Hillsborough School - 894530

REPORT BY: Alex Greene

CONTACT OFFICER: Alex Greene

IMPLICATIONS: Council reputation. Safety of residents

LEGAL

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING

OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: Farley Ward, South Luton

PURPOSE

1. The Purpose of this report is as follows:
 - To identify what action that the council may take to prevent parking on pavements within the Hillsborough School area.
 - To improve Street Cleansing Standards within the location
 - To remove refuse bins off pavements
 - To clean fly tipping and graffiti form council land and private property

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Committee is recommended to
 - To improve street cleansing monitoring and cleansing standards within the immediate location.

- To increase street cleansing schedule from once per fortnight to once per week within this location only
- To write to all residents within location reminding residents to remove their refuse bin from the pavement after collection day
- To investigate longer term solutions of yellow lining or a ban on pavement parking within this location
- Enforcement to take active role in identifying anti social behaviour

BACKGROUND

3. On the 2nd February 2016, Hillsborough School presented a petition to Luton Borough Council: The petition identified concerns raise from pupils from the school, these concerns are:
 - Rubbish on the streets
 - Dog mess on pavements
 - Cars Parked on pavements

REPORT

4. The Traffic Safety & Regulations Manager has stated '*The Council is aware of the problems caused by parking on pavements. At the current time our Civil Enforcement Officers can only take action where there is either a yellow line in operation or a specific order that bans parking on footways which is signed appropriately. If either of these are the case then this can be report to our Parking Enforcement team on 01582 548 523 who will arrange enforcement.*
5. Officers are currently investigating longer term resolutions to the problem which include consideration of a Borough wide ban on parking on verges and pavements.
6. In the meantime if the pavement is obstructed so that a pedestrian cannot walk along it then the Police have the power to carry out enforcement'

Cleansing Report / Action Plan

7. The area supervisor has arranged for the area to be brought back to an acceptable level of cleansing, he has been tasked with monitoring this location over the next 3 months to ensure that an acceptable level of cleansing is being achieved.

8. Graffiti within the highway and on council owned land will be removed over the next four weeks; this is dependant on weather conditions. It is not advised to use a pressure washer in freezing condition due to the Health & Safety concerns.
9. The cleansing supervisor has identified private locations that the cleansing division do not have remit or responsibility for, these locations are to be targeted and a quotation provided for the removal of waste and graffiti.
10. Private Housing Sector - have scheduled this in to visit the private land at the end of next week – 3/4th March 19. In the absence of any other address, I have assumed the location of the waste/refuse to be on Hillsborough Road.
11. If I can locate the owner of any private residential land re the above, then a notice will be served in respect of putrescible waste left on their land.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

12. Action from Enforcement is that Tara Lynch from the priority ASB team has agreed to arrange a mini ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION DAY (EAD) to address the petitions concerns. Date TBC.

APPENDIX

Petition attached.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

Environmental Protection Act EPA
Traffic Regulations Order – Local Authorities