

Paper Petition Details

Hawker Court – Car Parking

The following points have been ongoing concerns with the residents of Hawker Court and recently there has been a further incident compromising residents safety.

The low wall at the front of the car park encourages loitering and antisocial behaviour which is very unpleasant to witness and leaves residents feeling very vulnerable.

The grass verges are overgrown and not maintained to an acceptable or safe standard.

The pathway from the flats to the car park is a serious concern paving stones are dangerously uneven. Considering the majority of Hawker Court residents are elderly or live alone carrying heavy shopping can be hazardous this is unacceptable to leave the pathway in this state for years.

A serious incident occurred recently where a non resident left the car park in an unsafe and reckless manner damaging two of the residents cars this resulted in the police being called out. This incident has left residents feeling very vulnerable and unnerved when using their resident car park.

Residents would like the Council to consider the following options and arrange to meet with the residents to reach an amicable resolve to the car parking concerns for Hawker Court residents.

1. Remove all grass verges as they are never cut
2. Lay paving stones on the pathway to the car park evenly to enhance safety
3. Install iron railings all along the low wall to deter loitering / antisocial behaviour
4. Place a barrier at the entrance of the car park to prevent non residents parking
5. Allocate parking bays to properties and mark each bay with the individual property number

The majority of the residents of Hawker Court have been living in their homes for 15 years plus and feel forgotten for anything being done in the local area. A proactive response would be very much appreciated in dealing with this matter / concerns raised.

This petition was received on 14th September, 2018.

This petition was passed to the Team Leader, Parking Services and Housing Officer on 14th September, 2018.

This petition was responded to by the Neighbourhood Housing Officer on 16th October, 2018.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	17
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Council Response

I write in response to the tenant's petition received at our office on the 14th September, 2018 and our subsequent acknowledgement letter on the same date.

I am sorry about the incident of the car park and it was good that the case was reported to the police, my understanding on the day was that, they will review the CCTV and investigate the case; hopefully they will identify the culprit.

I have reported the uneven pavement to our maintenance and I have been assured that the work will be completed on 14th November, 2018.

We have contacted the Council's Parking Team and have requested that this location is added to their work programme for this financial year. They have agreed this and will now lead on carrying out all the necessary investigations, design work and consultation to introduce a parking scheme that will allow tenants to park more easily. They may be able to redesign the area to allow more spaces to be created. Over the next few months the Parking team will be in contact with residents directly about this scheme.

You will recollect in one of my meetings with the tenants that, I strongly advise against putting barriers in place, due to emergency access, barriers is an obstruction in an emergency, we will not be able to install it..

Should you wish to discuss this further, I am happy to come and meet all the tenants, please let me know the best time to come.