# **Paper Petition Details**

# Anti Social Behaviour - Parlaunt Road

We the undersigned request a meeting with the Councillors.

Path to be closed until issues are resolved with anti social behaviour.

No respect shown to residents. Damage to properties, damage to fence and rubbish dumped.

Noise from motorbikes ridden down path.

Groups of men four or more smoking weed or other substances then spitting on the path. Throwing stuff over our fence cans, bottles, wood and a bike.

# This petition was received on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023.

This petition was passed to the ASB Enforcement & Transition Lead on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023.

This petition was responded to by the ASB Enforcement & Transition Lead on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

| Final Results        |    |  |
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| Number of Signatures | 10 |  |

#### **Council Response**

I am writing in response to the above petition you submitted to Slough Borough Council, regarding the alleyway linking Parlaunt Road and Blunden Drive. I have responded to the issues and requests in the order listed on the petition.

# • <u>To have a meeting with Councillors</u>

The local ward Members arranged a meeting with residents on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023, to discuss concerns around Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). This meeting was also attended by Thames Valley Police.

# • Path to be closed until issues have been resolved

I can confirm that the alleyway is owned by the Council. It was intended as a permanent path when it was created at the time of the Blunden Drive residential development. The alleyway serves as a well-used walking/cycling route for members of the public, providing access to the local shops and amenities. The request to temporarily close the alleyway on the basis of tackling ASB has been carefully considered by the Council's Community Safety Team and discussed with the Council's Housing and Highways teams.

The Council must take the following into account when considering a request to close

a footpath: evidence to justify closure; alternative routes; impact of closure on the local community / current users of the footpath; feasibility in terms of restricting physical access; any access rights which may exist / the legal process required to close; required funding.

Its closure, even for a temporary period, would likely impact considerably on the local community, with the only alternative route being via Sutton Lane, which is a considerable distance on foot.

I regret to inform you that based on consideration of all the points above, the Council will not be taking action to temporarily close the alleyway.

Officers from the Council's Community Safety and Housing Teams have recently carried out an inspection of the alleyway and whilst closure is not currently being considered, the Council is looking at what can be done to design out the issues brought to our attention.

The Council has already cut back the vegetation in the alleyway to improve the appearance of the footpath; improve lines of sight; increase feelings of safety for users of the path; and help tackle fly-tipping.

#### • Anti-Social Behaviour

#### <u>No respect shown for residents</u>

The Council is working in partnership with Thames Valley Police to tackle anti-social behaviour in the local area. Officers from the Council and the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be carrying out Anti-Social Behaviour surveys with the addresses directly fronting the alleyway (78-108 Parlaunt Road evens) and some addresses close to the Parlaunt Road and Blunden Drive ends of the alleyway. These surveys will assist the Council and Police in obtaining further information about the ASB being experienced.

Behaviours that are anti-social are unacceptable as everyone has the right to live in an environment free from anti-social behaviour. Anti-social behaviour can disrupt and even destroy the quality of life of individuals and can damage communities as a whole. Criminal and antisocial behaviour has a major impact on the lives of many people and it is the aim of Slough Borough Council, the Police and our partners to improve the quality of life for all the residents of the Slough Borough and to take action against those who choose to disrupt the lives of others.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to report all incidents of crime and ASB. Reporting helps to build up an intelligence picture of what is happening and also helps to direct patrols and other resources which can help to tackle the issues.

You can report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Council using the online reporting form on the councils website – <u>Report antisocial behaviour | Instructions – Slough</u> <u>Borough Council</u>

You can also report incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to Thames Valley Police on the non emergency number 101 or online at https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report

If a crime is in progress at the time of the call or someone is in immediate danger please call 999.

#### • Damage to properties

Criminal damage should be reported to the Police in the first instance.

#### • Damage to fence

The Council is looking at what can be done to improve sections of damaged fencing. The Council's Housing Team have made arrangements for a section of damaged wire mesh fencing to be repaired.

The Council has noted the request for fencing improvements in the alleyway and is looking at the feasibility of this request. The Council has also been in contact with the adjacent landowner regarding damage to the boundary fences. The Council will report back to the residents directly once this has been looked at properly by Officers.

#### <u>Rubbish dumped</u>

The Council has removed fly-tipping from the alleyway. If you see anyone fly-tipping, it is very important that you report this to us. Where enough evidence is gathered, the Council will take formal action against the person responsible for the fly-tipping. You can report any incidents of fly-tipping using the SBC website form <u>Report</u> flytipping, flyposting or flyboarding | Instructions – Slough Borough Council

I hope the above information is helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.