



Report to Palfrey & Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership

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UPDATE ON RESPONSE TO GOWER STREET PARKING PETITION

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Neighbourhood Partnership on progress made since its meeting of 4 October 2005.

Recommendation

The Local Neighbourhood Partnership is recommended to ensure that residents of 76 to 90 Gower Street are made aware that any feedback on options detailed in the report to the Partnership on 4 October 2005 must be presented to Street Pride by 31 January 2006.

Report detail

A report was presented at the Partnership meeting on 4 October 2005, which asked the Partnership and the local community to consider their role in resolving verge parking issues. The report detailed options for residents' consideration, but advised that no funding had been identified. Residents were asked to give a clear indication of what proposals would be considered by them. No feedback on the options has been received from the residents.

To date only one resident has contacted the Council, to express a wish to purchase a small parcel of council owned land for use as 'garden land'. This request has been passed to the Council's Estates management team, who will seek the views of colleagues in a number of other service areas before responding to the request. It has been made clear, in previous reports to the Partnership, that the Council will take steps to prevent unauthorised vehicular access to the council owned ornamental grassed verge. This is likely to be in the form of bollards or trip rails. If the resident seeking to buy a parcel of land hopes to use it for parking purposes therefore, it is unlikely that the resident would wish to proceed with an application to buy the land.

In the absence of any feedback from residents, the Council intends to erect bollards, or a trip rail, or other suitable features to prevent parking, in the Spring of 2006. When this work has been undertaken, the damaged areas of the grassed verge will be reinstated, to bring the verge back up to an acceptable condition, for amenity purposes. It is appreciated that, for whatever reason, residents may not have had the opportunity to give their feedback. As detailed in the recommendations in this report, Street Pride officers would be pleased to receive feedback by 31 January 2006. If no feedback has been received by this deadline, works to prevent unauthorised access to the verge will commence.

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