



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SURREY HEATH)**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
IN BELMONT ROAD, WATCHETTS ROAD, GORDON ROAD
AND GORDON AVENUE**

5 JULY 2012

KEY ISSUES

To respond to the petition received by Surrey Heath Local Committee on 16 February 2012, worded as follows:

This petition is presented in the expectation that steps will be taken to control anti-social behaviour in Belmont Road, Watchetts Road, Gordon Road and Gordon Avenue. It is hoped that the following stages will take place:

1. Formal acknowledgement from the relevant authorities that there is a problem in this area.
2. Recommendations that appropriate security measures be taken, e.g. installation of CCTV cameras be implemented and additional police patrols at certain high risk periods.
3. Funding from the relevant agencies to achieve the necessary required improvements to security.

SUMMARY

This report sets out sets actions undertaken to date to address the issues raised in the petition, and asks members of the Committee to note that this is a police matter which will be picked up by the Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Inspector and his team.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to note the contents of this report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A petition was received by Surrey Heath Local Committee on 16 February 2012 on anti-social behaviour in Belmont Road, Watchetts Road, Gordon Avenue and Gordon Road. The petition asked for:
1. Formal acknowledgement from the relevant authorities that there is a problem in this area.
 2. Recommendations that appropriate security measures be taken, e.g. installation of CCTV cameras be implemented and additional police patrols at certain high risk periods.
 3. Funding from the relevant agencies to achieve the necessary required improvements to security.
- 1.2 The committee accepted the petition for a response, but noted that it would be of interest primarily to Surrey Police, and did not fall directly under the remit of the Local Committee.
- 1.3 The petition was forwarded to Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Inspector Martin Goodwin.

2.0 ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

- 2.1 Surrey Police have looked into this issue and have spoken to residents. They recognise that this is a route out of the town in the evenings and can be a location for damage, assault and antisocial behaviour. Below is a summary of the actions undertaken by the Police to date.
- 2.1.1 Crime statistics for the area for the last two years have been analysed and the location considered for nomination to JAG (Joint Action Group – which considers community safety hotspots within the borough). The level of reported crime in these locations is not sufficient at this present time to be nominated to JAG, but this will be kept under review.
- 2.1.2 Surrey Police have installed a CCTV camera, which is mounted on the Vets centre in Gordon Road. It has been in position for approximately 5 months and records 24/7 and is clearly signed. In addition, the local PC met with residents and offered a potential solution with them owning and managing their own CCTV, however this offer was declined.
- 2.1.3 There is a patrol plan for the area during the early hours of Saturday and Sunday by the SNAP and Nightguard Teams. This involves both overt and covert patrols of police officers and police staff to prevent and detect offences of anti-social behaviour. Offenders are dealt with robustly with a policy of zero tolerance.

- 2.1.4 Local officers have been carrying out leaflet drops asking witnesses of crime and anti-social behaviour to come forward and report it, so that the Police can ensure, as far as possible, that the figures reported reflect what is happening on the ground.
- 2.2 As a next step Surrey Police will organise a multi agency meeting with the local councillor and the petition organiser to discuss a plan, and will continue to address the issue within their current resources.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 This matter has been discussed with the local divisional member.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The actions highlighted in this report aim to reduce crime and disorder within this particular location in Surrey Heath.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Surrey Police have considered the petition and looked at ways in which the issue can be addressed. They will look to organise a multi agency meeting where a plan to deal with the issues, within the current resources, can be agreed.

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