

Questions for Full Council Monday 14th September, 2020

Question 6

Cllr. Duffy to Cllr King

Why is NBC being so slow to enact or put into effect recommendations from the Thorplands community resilience meetings to make Thorplands a safer place to live, e.g. installation of CCTV by shop?

Response

A multi-agency steering group, including community safety officers, the neighbourhood warden, the police, youth agencies, NCC, NPH, the ward Councillor and local community and voluntary groups, has been set up to look at the community safety issues in Thorplands, the first meeting was held during the last week of July and the second meeting just 2 weeks ago. Several actions have been agreed and are being followed up by partners, following consultation via a survey and two local engagement events, that have been developed and taken place, since the first meeting. An environmental visual audit of the area has also been carried out with the Crime Prevention Officer, detailing a series of environmental recommendations, this has led to a coordinated plan for fly tipping and rubbish with NPH and Veolia.

Funding has been identified and an application is being progressed, for youth work and basketball sessions to run from October – March. The anti-social behaviour team are working with the police to look at tackling individuals who are causing anti-social behaviour and a letter drop to every resident is being arranged to communicate the support that is available and highlighting reporting mechanisms.

With regards to CCTV, the Council is working in partnership with Northampton Partnership Homes on the current housing development in and around the Thorplands shopping area including CCTV and once the building works are completed the existing CCTV will be operational and any additional requirements will be assessed at that time.

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