

## **For Information only – Wyndham Park**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

As agreed by the Area South Committee in June, to update the Committee on the current situation regarding the access and community safety issues in the Sandewood Close/ Wyndham Park area.

### **Public Interest**

To address concerns raised by members of the public about anti-social behaviour and estate design in the Sandewood Close/ Wyndham Park area.

### **Recommendation**

That members note the report which is included for information only

### **Background**

Members will recall that the problem caused by drug dealing was raised by residents of Sandewood Close/Redwood Rd and the Ward Members. The removal, by the developers, of a fencing panel, at the request of some residents, had taken place. This allowed improved pedestrian access from residents of Wyndham Park, but other residents complained that it had also facilitated anti-social behaviour, specifically drug dealing in this area. It was further noted that this location was due to have pedestrian access in due course, under the approved outline plans for the key site, which included a bus gate allowing access to the new school due to be built to serve the area.

After the June ASC it was left that further discussions would be held to clarify the planning details of the S106 with relevant officers/ look at enforcement with the Police and the matter be brought back in October.

### **Community safety**

The issues that caused the original complaints have been dealt with by arrests, evictions and premises closure. Since then the area is suffering from no more or less Crime/ASB than anywhere else in the town. No further complaints about drugs issues at the walk way have been reported.

### **Planning aspects**

There is a requirement in the planning approval to have a pedestrian access at the location of the proposed bus gate. This was a key element of providing a scheme that integrates with the surrounding community and allows residents to walk to and from services. The removal of this link would require an application to amend the approved scheme. Planning has

received confirmation from a bus operator that they are willing to provide a service into the site but this will require the bus gate.

Somerset CC (Highways) provided reassurance to the members of SCC Regulation Committee that they would progress the bus gate, as members considered it to be fundamental to the success of the new school. This was included in the minutes of the meeting.

### **Financial Implications**

None

### **Corporate Priority Implications**

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### **Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

Estate design when fully implemented should facilitate walking and cycling to key facilities in the area. The pedestrian access and bus gate are important features linking the estate to the rest of the developed area.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

None directly arising from this report

### ***Background Papers:***