

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:- 15TH JANUARY 2002

Agenda Item No:-

7(b)(iii)

Public	Operational	Delegated: Yes	
Accompanying Comments and Statements		Required	Included
Environmental Impact Statement:		No	
Corporate Management Team Comments:		No	
City Treasurers Comments:		No	
City Solicitor & Secretary Comments:		No	
Head of Personnel Services Comments:		No	

Title:- REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS TO CLOSE DOWN RYDAL STREET PLAY AREA

Report of:- DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Report reference:- LD1/02

Summary:- A petition has been received from residents of Botchergate East, requesting the closure of Rydal Street Play Area, This report outlines proposals that should be implemented should the Play Area be closed down.

Recommendation:- It is recommended that, subject to a favourable response from the public consultation:-

A developer be sought to provide residential development on the site of Rydal Street Play Area.

The site be closed down, when a developer has bought the site.

Some or all of the proceeds from the sale are used to provide additional play facilities on the Fusehill Street site, subject to local planning conditions relating to the siting of play equipment.

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03 January 2002

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: Petition submitted by residents of Botchergate East

TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
15TH January 2002

REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS TO CLOSE DOWN RYDAL STREET PLAY AREA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 A petition has been received from residents of the Rydal Street, South Street area of Botchergate East, requesting that the City Council address the problems being experienced by residents relating to the Rydal Street Play Area. A copy of the petition is included in this report.

1.2 The problems relate mainly to mis-use of the play area by teenagers, and not from the use of the play equipment by the children for whom it is provided.

2.0 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

2.1 The play area is very close to adjacent property, and it is accepted that teenagers mis-using the play area would cause considerable nuisance to residents living adjacent to the site.

2.2 The only way to remove the problem would be to close down the play area, and develop the land. Just removing the play equipment and leaving the empty space would not resolve the problems being experienced by residents.

2.3 Closure of the play area would mean the loss of play facilities for children living in the Botchergate East area.

3.0 CONSULTATION

3.1 Whenever the City Council receives a request to close down a play area, the local community are consulted, due to the possible loss of a community facility. A questionnaire, a copy of which is included in this report, has been sent to all residents in the play area catchment area. The catchment area in this instance is considered to be the area enclosed by Rydal Street, Fusehill Street, Botchergate, and Brook Street.

3.2 The results of the questionnaire will not be available until 14th January, the closing date for responses. These results will therefore be reported to members at the Council meeting on 15th January.

4.0 FUSEHILL STREET PLAY AREA

4.1 There are two playgrounds, Rydal Street and Fusehill Street, located within the defined catchment area. If it is decided to close the Rydal Street site, it is essential that the remaining playground at Fusehill Street is improved, with new equipment provided, to cater for the extra demand of more children using it.

4.2 There would be little point in closing the Rydal Street site unless it could be developed for housing. Some or all of the proceeds for the sale of the site to a developer would be used to provide new and additional equipment at Fusehill Street.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 There is no doubt that the proximity of the play area to surrounding property, and the anti-social behaviour of teenagers, is causing problems to residents. There is no point, however, in closing down the site without providing alternative play facilities and developing the site so that it does not remain a congregation point for teenagers.

5.2 There is an alternative site in the area at Fusehill Street, where new equipment could be provided, funded from the sale of the Rydal Street site if it were to be closed.

5.3 The results of the consultation exercise will have to be taken into account in coming to a decision on the future of the play area.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that, subject to a favourable response from the public consultation:-

- (i) A developer be sought to provide residential development on the site of Rydal Street Play Area.
- (ii) The site be closed down, when a developer has bought the site.
- (iii) Proceeds from the sale are used to provide additional play facilities on the Fusehill Street site, subject to local planning conditions relating to the siting of play equipment.

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Director of Leisure & Community Development
3rd January 2002

Play area, Rydal Street Playground.

23/10/2001.

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Lighting Fires.
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NAME	ADDRESS
A.L. Winthrop.	22, Rydal Street, Carlisle.
THOMAS KAPLANA	35 RYDAL STREET CARLISLE
MARGARET MURPHY	39 RYDAL STREET CARLISLE
Helen Farish	37 Rydal street Carlisle
Elyzabeth Blandford	33 Rydal street Carlisle
S. Stottery	31 Rydal ST CARLISLE
R. Richardson	27 RYDAL ST CARLISLE
M. Kirkpatrick	25 RYDAL ST CARLISLE
M. McCann	19 Rydal ST Carlisle
A. Joppin	32 Rydal St
Ms. J.A. Jefferson	100 Rydal St.
Mr. Shenson	43 RYDAL ST
Mr. Houghton	47 Rydal St.
M. Cameron	45 Rydal St.

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Veronica Rowell	49 Rydal St. Carlisle
Mary Bulman.	35, Rydal St Carlisle.
Joyce Edgar	57 Rydal Street
E. Rudnick	61 Rydal St.
JONATHAN BROWN	123a RYDAL SE.
B. Jeasdale	118. RYDAL STREET
E. Jeasdale	" " "
M. Murray	3 Rydal St.
V. Kelly	6 Rydal St.
A. Stones	5, Rydal st
M. Steele	6, RYDAL St.
R. Duff	12 RYDAL St.

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J. Brosbie	10 RYDAL ST CARLISLE
Barbara	11 RYDAL ST CARLISLE
Jean Spooner	13 Rydal Street
G. W. Franko	17 RYDAL STREET
Mr. Arundel	23 RYDAL ST.
A. LITTLE	18 RYDAL ST
Almeida	20, Rydal Street
E. Annison	10 Rydal Street,
L. Annison	10 Rydal Street
E. Gray	24 RYDAL STREET.
Patricia	41 RYDAL ST
Mrs J Douglas	28 RYDAL ST.

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Miss N Irving	8, Rydal Place, South Street
Mrs. M. Ganner	6, Rydal Place South Street
Mrs. S. J. McKie	3, Rydal Place, Rydal Street,
Mrs. E. Richardson	7, Rydal Place South Street
Joan Green	5 RYDAL PLACE South St.
Betty Hill	2 Rydal Place
Janice	4 Rydal Place. Rydal St
William	1 RYDAL PLACE RYDAL ST.
M. Barrett	1 RYDAL PLACE
J. Broughton	25 South Street
M. Boyd	23 South Street
E. Boyd	23 South Street
R. Butler	46A South Street
P. Swanton	19 South St.

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S. Colman.	11 South St.
H. Buddy	7 Rydal Place
B. Ferguson	21 SOUTH ST.
E. Carwithes	40 SOUTH ST.
UBOEE	2 EDWARD ST

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<i>J Bell</i>	50 SOUTH HENRY ST
Mrs Harrison	51 South Henry St.
Mrs Sleighholm	57 " " "
MRS A E EVANEY	53 " " "
D. Adams	59 " " "
<i>J Bell</i>	69 SOUTH HENRY ST
<i>J Foster</i>	45 South Henry St
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<i>J Gillette</i>	81 South Henry St
K. Callaghan	91 South Henry St
	85 SOUTH HENRY ST

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Mrs Watkins	109 South Henry Street

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Miss M. Allan	89. South Henry St.
Mrs M Beattie.	93 South Henry St.
Mrs E. Armstrong	95 South Henry St.
Mr. W. Armstrong	95 South Henry St.
Mrs M G. Basson	97 South Henry St.
Scott Basson	105. South Henry St.
A. Evers	105 SOUTH HENRY ST
E. Carr.	58 South Henry St
T. Bailey	62 " " "
S. O'Donohoe	54. South Henry St
J. O'Donohoe	54 " " "
J. Soroka.	111. SOUTH HENRY STREET
S. Cairncross	111 South Henry Street
M. Soroka	111 South Henry Street.

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J & B Simpson	29 RYDAL ST CARLISLE
J Noble	113 SOUTH HENRY ST, C
P Forster	115 SOUTH HENRY ST, C
P Beattie	117 SOUTH HENRY ST CARL
J. Fraser	2 Myddleton Terrace C
B Logue	119, South Henry Street
Cherryhill	1 Myddleton Terrace
A. Miller	3 Myddleton Terrace.
L. Cannon Miller	3 Myddleton Terrace
Katman	13 South Henry St

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RYDAL STREET AND FUSEHILL STREET PLAYAREAS

This letter is being sent to all residents in the area bounded by Botchergate, Rydal St, Fusehill St & Brook St. It concerns playgrounds in your area (see plan overleaf).

Rydal St playarea has been the subject of complaints about nuisance and vandalism.

The City Council has been asked to look into the possibility of closing the Rydal St playarea and using the site for new housing. If this goes ahead it might be possible to use some, or all, of the money raised from the sale of the site to provide extra equipment at the Fusehill St playarea. This improved playarea would then be the only playarea in the neighbourhood. Planning regulations would restrict the new equipment to a small area along the fence next to the Community Garden. The Rydal St playarea is in need of renovation. The remaining climber is due for removal soon, as it does not meet modern safety requirements. If the land at Rydal St is kept as a playarea it could be several years before equipment and surfacing is completely renewed. We are writing to ask what you think the Council should do. If you have any queries please ring Parks and Countryside on 01228 817364.

Q1 How many children live or visit your house regularly? (WRITE NUMBER IN BOX)

Aged 0-4 years

Aged 5-10 years

Aged 11-16 years

Q2 Do any children in your house use these playareas?

Don't have children..... 1

Fusehill St..... 3

Rydal St..... 2

Don't use either of them 4

Q3 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

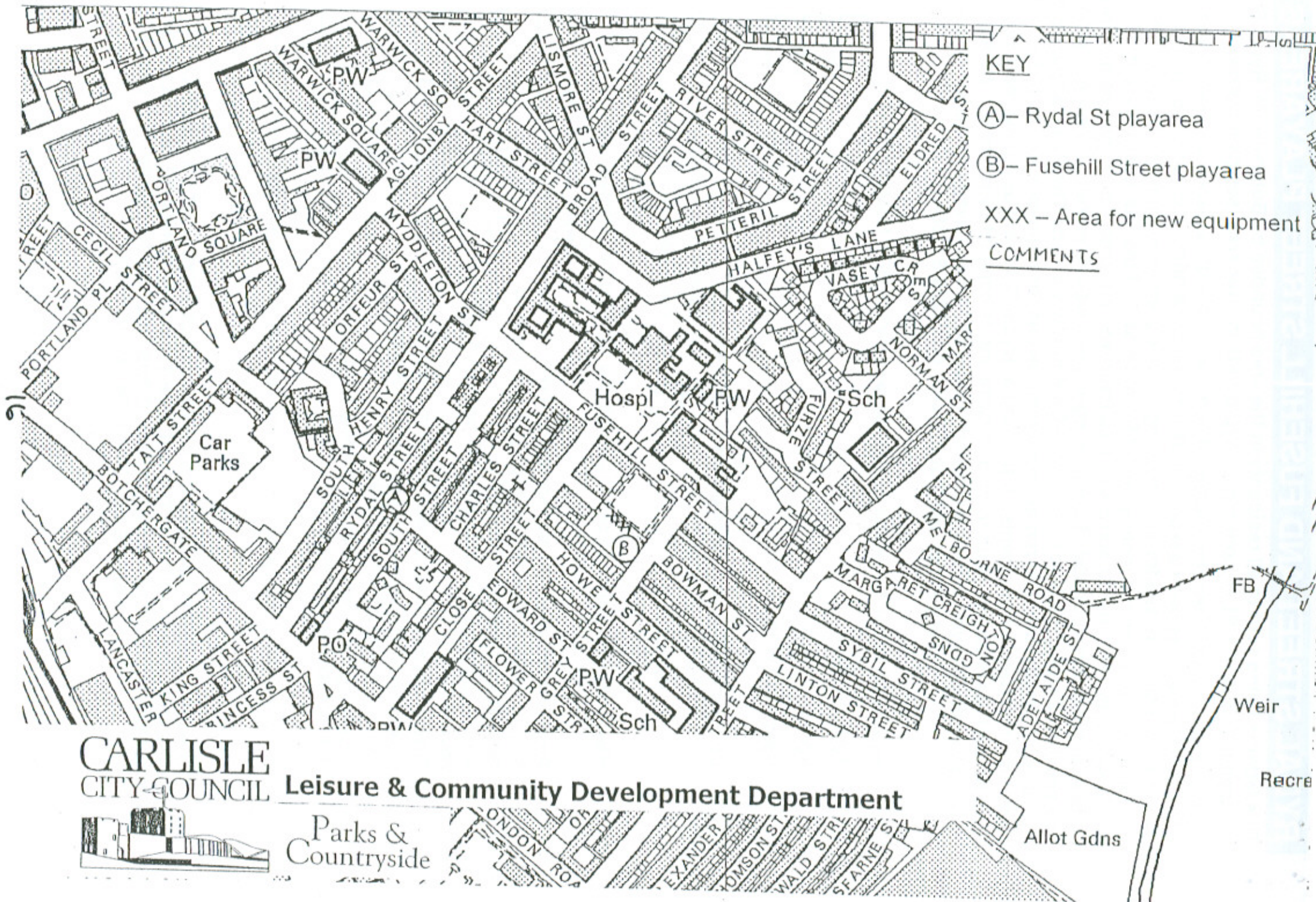
	Strongly disagree	Dis-agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Rydal St playarea should stay and be improved	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Some/all money raised from selling Rydal St site should fund extra equipment at Fusehill St	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Rydal St playarea should close and be developed for housing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fusehill playarea does not need any extra equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
If the old play equipment was removed from Rydal St, young people would still meet there	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Developing the Rydal St site with housing would discourage young people meeting there	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

Q4 Would you like a teenage shelter or similar facility built on the edge of Melbourne Park?

Yes 1

No..... 2

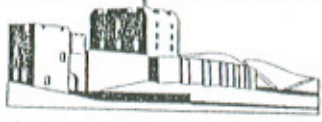
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT RYDAL ST OR FUSEHILL ST PLAYAREAS PLEASE WRITE ON THE BACK OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GREYSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE BEFORE MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2002



- KEY**
- Ⓐ – Rydal St playarea
 - Ⓑ – Fusehill Street playarea
 - XXX – Area for new equipment
- COMMENTS**

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