

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:-

THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting:-

30TH OCTOBER 2001

Agenda Item No:-

7(b)(iii)

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

Title:- DOWBECK ROAD - PROPOSED PROVISION OF SPORT & IMPROVEMENT OF PLAY FACILITIES

Report of:- DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Report reference:- LCD.90/01

Summary:- A petition has been received from Dowbeck Residents Action Group. The group are asking for the provision of a small hard surfaced kick-about pitch on some waste land located at Dowbeck Road. They are also asking for improvements to be carried out to the existing Play Area located opposite the proposed 5 a side kick about area.

Recommendation:- It is recommended that:-

- (i) Council receive the petition and authorise officers to help the Dowbeck residents Action Group to investigate sources of external finances to fund the proposed works.
- (ii) A further report be presented to the Executive Committee when these investigations have been completed.

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19 October 2001

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To: THE CHAIR, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
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DOWBECK ROAD - PROPOSED PROVISION OF SPORT AND IMPROVEMENT OF PLAY FACILITIES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Dowbeck Residents Action Group have submitted a petition, signed by 251 people, asking the City Council to upgrade or to assist in upgrading the Play Area at Dowbeck Road, and to create a 5-a-side football pitch with a high surround fence on the area of land opposite the Play Area.
- 1.2 An area of grass, under the control of the Housing Committee, marked **(A)** on plan, is proposed as the site for a tarmac surfaced 5-a-side kick about area, with mini-goalposts at either end. A 2.4 metre high steel palisade fence would be erected around the site, with a 1.2 metre wide matching pedestrian access gate. A solid rebound wall, with associated basketball hoop could also be provided if required.
- 1.3 It is proposed to provide a 2.4 metre high steel palisade fence around the existing Play Area marked **(B)** on plan on the other side of Dowbeck Road. A matching vehicular and pedestrian gate would be provided on the Dowbeck Road frontage, with pedestrian gates also located on the path leading into the Play Area from the two culs-de-sac on Stanhope Road.
- 1.4 Existing play equipment could be replaced with new equipment, and rubber safety surfacing could be provided under the play equipment.
- 1.5 It is proposed that all access gates would be locked over night.

2.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 There is currently no City Council funding allocated for these proposals. The proposed scheme would cost in the region of £40,000.
- 2.2 Possible sources of funding available to the Action Group could include Lottery funding, land Fill Tax grant etc. City Council Officers would help the Residents in finding funding sources.

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3.0 PLAY AREA STRATEGY

3.1 The City Council's Play Area Strategy is currently being reviewed, with a 10 years plan proposed to come into effect in April 2002. Any possible funding to add to external funding sources to upgrade the Play Area could be made available in the first year of the strategy plan, utilising the existing Play Area maintenance and improvement budget. The amount of funding available would depend on the level of funding resourced from external sources, and would be considered in a further report.

4.0 PLANNING CONSIDERATION

4.1 Planning permission would have to be sought for the proposals. New play equipment would have to be sited in the same location as the original equipment to comply with Local Planning guidelines.

5.0 HOUSING LAND

5.1 The future ownership and use of Housing Amenity Land is currently under consideration, as part of the L.S/V.T Housing Stock proposed transfer negotiations with Riverside

5.2 Depending on the outcome of these negotiations, the proposal relating to provision of the kick-about pitch could be affected.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:-

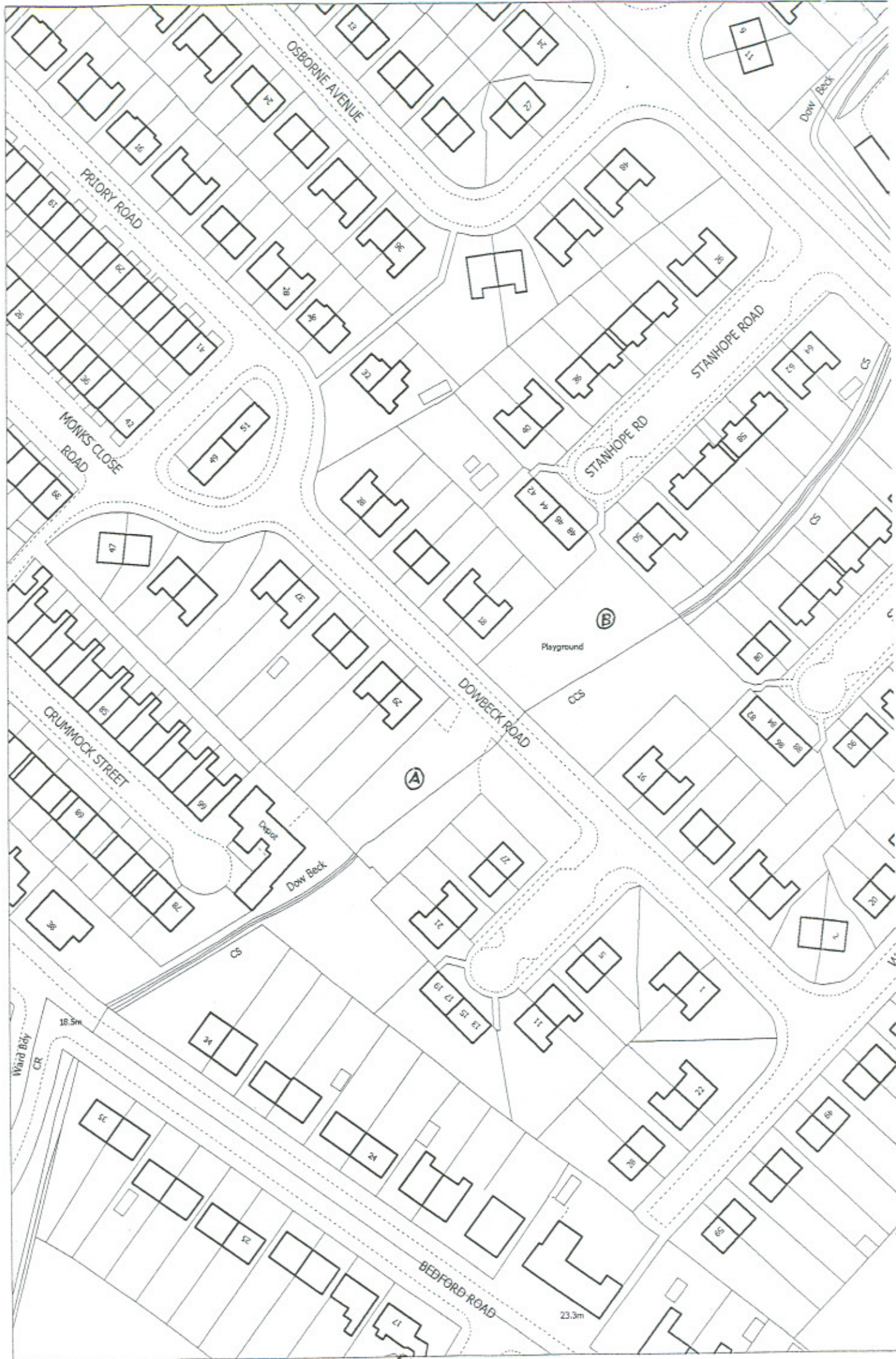
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OSBORNE AVENUE

PRIORY ROAD

MONKS CLOSE ROAD

CRUMMOCK STREET

Ward Bay CR

DOWBECK ROAD

BEDFORD ROAD

STANHOPE ROAD

STANHOPE RD

Playground

Dow Beck

Dow Beck

18.5m

23.3m

(A)

(B)

