



**PORTFOLIO AREA: HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

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**Title:** PETITION FOR A FENCE TO PROTECT REAR PROPERTIES  
426-450 LONDON ROAD BACKING ON TO DALE END ROAD  
PLAYING FIELD

**Report of:** DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Report reference:** LCD 33/02

**Summary:** To report on a petition received from local residents to protect their rear fences.

**Recommendations:** The Executive are recommended to approve.

- 1) The erection of fencing to the rear of the properties along London Road.
- 2) To fund this work from the Environmental Maintenance budget in 2004/05 or earlier if savings are identified.

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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 and Plan

## 1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 A petition has been received from the residents of London Road whose properties back onto Dale End Road Playing Field. They have requested a fence be erected along their rear boundaries due to the damage being caused by youngsters using the park.

## 2.0 SITE LOCATION

- 2.1 The site is bounded on the northern edge by London Road and to the west by Dale End Road with countryside to the other two boundaries. The park is used as a general recreation area with a play area and football pitch.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total length of the boundary, which the residents have requested to be fenced, shown red on the attached plan, is 160 in Metres. To erect a 1.8 metre high green coated palisade fence would cost in the region of £12,000. The existing budget for undertaking new works is £15,000 and is mainly used for resurfacing footpaths within the parks and open spaces. The majority of this budget is committed to the continuing resurfacing of Bitts Park, and other areas that are highlighted by the footpath condition survey reports for Health and Safety reasons. At its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, the Executive approved that finance be vired from the Ecological Maintenance budget to fence off the western side of Melbourne Park and subject to budget approval fence off the eastern side next financial year.
- 3.2 Due to this commitment and also the financial pressures on resurfacing footpaths within the parks, no money is available until 2004/5. However, it may be that if savings come to light either towards the end of this or next financial year, then the work could be undertaken earlier.

#### 4.0 **Recommendations:**

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