
Meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and the Advisory Panel

14th January 2008

Report of the Director of City Strategy

PETITION FOR CCTV – BISHOPTHORPE ROAD

Summary

1. This report brings to the attention of the Advisory Panel the receipt of a petition (see Annex A) that requests the installation of CCTV in the vicinity of Bishopthorpe Road / Scarcroft Road and also asks for the relocation of the recycling bins on Bishopthorpe Road car park.

Background

2. A Review Report on the Council's CCTV system was presented to the Executive on 24/7/2007. This highlighted that a Community Camera system was under development, with funding secured for several locations across the city. Based upon the analysis of crime information, the area around the Bishopthorpe Road / Scarcroft Road junction, has already been identified as a site appropriate for the installation of a camera. Work on this project is progressing to identify a location and a method of connecting the camera to the system. A likely timescale for this project is summer 2008.
3. There are at present recycling facilities at Bishopthorpe Road car park for 3 paper; 4 bottle; 1 can; 1 book and 1 cloth banks. These recycling banks take up space that could accommodate approximately 5 to 6 cars. These facilities are very well used by the local community and there is no realistic scope for relocating them elsewhere within the community, however it may be possible to relocate them within the car park. In addition, as this shopping area is well used any relocation of the facilities would likely lead to a reduction in recycling and/or increased vehicle trips as residents make one off trips to recycle rather than combining recycling with a shopping trip.

Consultation

4. No consultation has been carried out with local residents or businesses.
5. Ward Members have been advised of this petition and their comments / responses are included in Annex B for information.

Options and Analysis

6. The options available are set out below:
 - A. Inform the lead petitioner that work is in progress with regards to the installation of CCTV and that there are no plans to relocate the recycling facilities.

This option is not recommended.

- B. Inform the lead petitioner that work is in progress with regards to the installation of CCTV and request that the Waste Strategy Team investigate alternative locations within the car park for the recycling facilities.

This is the recommended option.

Corporate Priorities

7. Considering these matters is part of our focus to meet the needs of our communities and reducing the tonnage of biodegradable waste and recyclable products going to landfill.

Implications

8. There are no Financial, Human Resource, Equality, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

12. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

13. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to:

Advise the lead petitioner that work is in progress with regards to the installation of CCTV and that the Waste Strategy Team will investigate alternative locations within the car park for the recycling facilities.

Reason: To keep the local community informed of the current situation.

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Specialist Implications Officers: None

Wards Affected: Micklegate

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: NONE

Annexes:

Annex A – An extract from the petition.

Annex B - Ward Councillor and Political Party Representatives Comments.