

Request by Member for Scrutiny Review



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name: Councillor K Angold - Stephens	Date of Request 12 March 2007
Supporting Councillors (if any): Councillors P House, Mrs C Pond, A Lee	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised: <p>Parking of vehicles on grass verges is endemic throughout the District, in some cases the needs of car ownership leaves residents with no alternative. Solutions in some areas may be costly to implement. The Task and Finish Panel would assess the scale of the problem, potential solutions, practicality of household contributions to costs, the damage to the environment, the safety of pedestrians, the sustainability of any improvements and the annual budget provision to address the outstanding problems in an acceptable timescale.</p>	
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Public Interest Justification: <p>Large volumes of complaints from residents, especially where they are forced to park on verges even when very muddy or in the road because of parked cars and many from residents concerned about the damage to the environment and the effect on street scene, and the safety of pedestrians, particularly the very young and elderly.</p>	

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

Evidence of decline in neighbourhood pride or care for their environment leading to decline including an increase in graffiti, fly tipping and environmental damage.

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

Poor, probable red, huge backlog of problem areas and insufficient funding or apparent motivation.

Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

Housing are currently reviewing priorities on Housing Land but funding still short of what is needed to catch up with demand in reasonable timescale. No list of priorities exist for other land as highlighted by the Task and Finish Panel for Residential Parking set up on Summer 2005. The setting up of a database was approved by the Cabinet in March 2006. In addition it was proposed that the budget was reviewed once the new Highways arrangements/ local forum was set up .Neither had happened.

Office Use:

Pick score:

Considered By OSCC: