

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: PETITION – REQUEST FOR NO BALL GAMES SIGN TO BE ERECTED ON GREENRIGG ROAD, CUMBERNAULD
From: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND ESTATES	
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise committee on the service view of the petition received from 15 residents who requested No Ball Games signs to be erected in front of homes 56 to 68 and 347 to 405 Greenrigg Road, Cumbernauld.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The 15 petitioners are not specific about the location or number of signs requested but the area is a combination of hard surface paths and roads as well as some small grassed areas and shrub beds.

2.2 In recent years committee has decided to refuse to erect no ball games signs on paths, roads or grass areas for the following reasons:

- Signs are advisory since in practice they are difficult to enforce
- Signs do not target any specific group
- Signs have no defined area of coverage

2.3 Past experience shows that the erection of signs can relocate the problem and can create neighbour disputes as some parents consider the sign to be a personal attack on their children.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The service believes that the playing of ball games can be considered anti social behaviour depending on the number and age of the participants as well as their individual and collective behaviour. The antisocial task force has been asked for their assistance in resolving this matter.

3.2 It is recognised that such antisocial behaviour may require police involvement.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Committee support the proposal not to erect a no ball games signs at this location.



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