

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: STARRYSHAW ROAD, SHOTTS
From: HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICES		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has received a petition from a number of residents regarding a lane in an area of Shotts behind Starryshaw Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 The petition complains of the lane and area surrounded by Earn Crescent and Starryshaw Road. It is to the rear of the properties and adjacent to a lock up site providing rear access to the houses.
- 2.2 A fence has been erected to resolve this problem by separating the area from an adjacent lock-up site.
- 2.3 There is a small electricity sub station located in the area.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 Having investigated the complaints it is considered reasonable to secure the site by the erection of metal double gates on the access lane entrance from Earn Crescent. The gates will allow access for purposes of maintenance to the area for the sub station, the common ground and the properties themselves.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The principal consideration is the sub station, especially for emergency access. Scottish Power have been approached to ascertain their views in this regard and we await response. In the event of the area being secured they will be given a means of entry.
- 4.2 Although many residents have created an alternative route to their rear gardens a number of properties still have gated access to the area. A survey is underway to establish the number of residents, if any, who actively use the lane.
- 4.3 A number of properties have been purchased and within the title the owners have been given a right of access over the area to the rear gardens.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1 The cost of the gates, around £600 will be met from revenue funding.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That Committee agree to the securing of the area by the erection of lockable gates subject to the agreement of all affected residents and Scottish Power.
- 6.2 That Committee note the contents of this report.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Papers available from within the Housing and Property Services Department.



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