

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7 MARCH 2005

Reference from the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum meeting held on 6 January 2005: Matters Raised by the Cottesmore Tenants' and Residents' Association.

Proposed closure of an Alleyway

1. At the meeting of the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum on 6 January 2005, the Forum received a report of the Acting Head of Housing Services which provided the Forum with the officers' response to the issues raised by the Cottesmore Tenants' and Leaseholders' Association.
2. During discussion on this item, residents raised concern regarding anti-social behaviour on the estate arising from individuals gathering in a particular alleyway on that estate.
3. Officers advised that there were legal implications involved which needed to be taken into account prior to a closure. Clear evidence of anti-social behaviour attributable to the alleyway was required to take action. The police had been asked to provide crime statistics regarding the issue and when this information was received a consultation on the estate on a closure of the alleyway could be undertaken provided the criteria for closure were met.
4. The Forum raised concerns regarding the problems arising from the alleyway and asked that the viability of closing the alleyway as soon as possible should be considered.
5. The Forum therefore **RESOLVED**, inter alia, **That a reference be made to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee to consider the viability of enforcing a closure of the alleyway as soon as possible.**

(The issue falls under the provision of the Highways Act 1980 and within the remit of this Committee, as set out in Section 3A of the Constitution)

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Papers:

Attachment outlining the current situation as advised by Officers.

Report item referred to at the Tenants and Leaseholders Consultative Forum meeting on 6 January 2005.

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