

Cabinet Member for Policing & Equalities

10 February 2022

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities - Councillor A S Khan

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services

Ward(s) affected:

Tile Hill

Title: Petition – Provision of a tarmac path around the outside edge of the Ponderosa, off Jardine Crescent, Tile Hill

Is this a key decision? : No

Executive Summary:

This report responds to a petition submitted by Councillor Male, a Woodlands Ward Councillor, bearing 324 signatures which requests the Council to allocate sufficient funding to provide a tarmac path around the outside edge of the Ponderosa in Tile Hill

The petition reads:

“We the undersigned petition the Council to allocate sufficient funding to provide a tarmac path around the outside edge of the Ponderosa in Tile Hill”.

The petition goes onto provide the following justification:

“The Ponderosa is an under utilised outdoor amenity in Tile Hill, bordering Mount Nod. The addition of a tarmac path around its outer edge would significantly improve access for the local community and encourage greater use of the field for exercise and outdoor activity. A path would also allow wheelchair users and those with pushchairs greater access to this great outdoor space”.

This petition relates to an area of land known as the Ponderosa which lies adjacent to Jardine Crescent in Tile Hill. The site is approximately 38,012 square metres or 3.81 hectares in size and contains several football pitches and an associated changing rooms. The changing rooms are leased to Mount Nod FC who use the pitches as their home ground.

The cost of installing a tarmac path along the outer edge of the open space would cost approximately £130,000 to complete. The Parks Service does not have the existing resources to undertake this proposal.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is recommended to:

1. Consider the content of the petition and note the concerns of the petitioners'
2. Note that there is insufficient funding for a new tarmac footpath to be provided from the existing Park Service budgets.
3. Agree that when opportunity and resources allow the installation of a footpath at the Ponderosa will be considered to improve access and use of the open space by the local community.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel, or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

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Context (or background)

- 1.1. This petition relates to an area of land known locally as The Ponderosa or more formally as Jardine Crescent Sports Ground, which lies off Jardine Crescent in Tile Hill. The site is approximately 3.81 hectares in size. It contains several football pitches and associated changing rooms which are leased to Mount Nod FC who use the pitches as their home ground.
- 1.2. It is recognised that the Jardine Crescent Sports Ground is an important area of open space and very much valued and well used by the local community.
- 1.3. The creation of a peripheral footpath has been considered. Creating a self-bound gravel footpath (with timber edging boards) would cost approximately £77,760 - £97,200. A Tarmac path would be significantly more expensive at approximately £130,000 to complete. The Parks Service does not have the existing resources to undertake this proposal.
- 1.4. The Councils Park Service recognise the importance of installing good footpath networks in its green spaces, particularly peripheral footpaths which do much to encourage greater access and use of open spaces as has been recognised.
- 1.5. The creation of a new footpaths in the park will continue to be considered, if and when funds are made available. We will continue to explore and exploit all funding opportunity both external and internal to provide footpaths

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The option to do nothing has been considered and we will continue to explore and exploit all funding opportunity both external and internal to provide footpaths

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is recommended to:

1. Consider the content of the petition and note the concerns of the petitioners'
2. Note that there is insufficient funding for a new tarmac footpath to be provided from the existing Park Service budgets.
3. Agree that when opportunity and resources allow the installation of a footpath at the Ponderosa will be considered to improve access and use of the open space by the local community.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

No consultation has taken place on this issue

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

It would be difficult to state a timeline for this to be completed as the work would be considered as and when a funding opportunity arises.**5. Comments from the Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer)**

and Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation

5.2 Legal implications

None

6. Other implications

None

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's Plan?

Parks and green spaces are highly valued by the citizens of Coventry and contribute greatly to improving the quality of life to those that live and work in the City, help address health inequalities and provides valuable wildlife habitats

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Risk will be managed through the existing Place directorate risk profile.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Continued maintenance of the site will be delivered using existing resources.

6.4 Equalities / EIA Implications for (or impact on) the environment

No equality impact assessments have been undertaken.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

No direct impact

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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