

Parks Security: Locking of gates

Options Appraisal

Option summary	Estimated financial impact	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Continue with current locking regime (end the current locking trial at Eastwood and revert back to the FPG decision)</p>	<p>Potential impact on revenue budget if the trend from earlier this summer were to resume Savings in excess of £35k p/a achieved with the changes agreed by FPG would be consolidated</p>	<p>Rationale for decision as shown in main report remains accurate</p> <p>Significant annual saving sustained and likely to exceed any additional costs of trends in ASB over a sustained period</p> <p>Encourages community involvement like that shown by the Friends of Stand Road</p> <p>When combined with increased partnership activity as shown in the main report is likely to be more successful and sustainable in the long term</p>	<p>May not initially resolve the recent ASB trends at Eastwood and to a lesser degree Queens</p> <p>May appear to the public to not address their concerns locally</p> <p>The Police could continue to refuse to increase their activities if the gates are not being locked</p>

<p>Reinstate the locking of gates at Eastwood Park and consider locking all gates at Queens Park, otherwise continue with FPG decision</p>	<p>The savings achieved to date would reduce by £12,000 Could potentially be offset by savings from reduced ASB costs, however this assumption cannot be substantiated</p>	<p>Would give a clear message to the public that we are addressing local concerns</p> <p>Could reduce ASB however this cannot be substantiated</p> <p>Would show goodwill towards the Police in terms of partnership working</p>	<p>Significant reduction in the savings from the FPG decision</p> <p>Creates a precedence that could further reduce the current financial savings</p> <p>May not be effective and therefore waste resources</p> <p>Does not encourage the local community to consider a community locking scheme</p> <p>Goes against the original rationale which remains accurate</p> <p>Allows the Police to continue with their stance to not increase resource allocation while the gates are not being locked</p>
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<p>Continue with FPG decision but install self-closing gates at Eastwood and consider them at Queens</p>	<p>An initial investment of £13,150 increased if this approach is taken at Queens This however would then sustain the £35k saving and thus pay for itself within the year</p>	<p>Savings sustained after initial investment</p> <p>Would give a clear message to the public that we are addressing local concerns</p> <p>Could reduce ASB however this cannot be substantiated</p> <p>Would show goodwill towards the Police in terms of partnership working</p>	<p>Given that the exact cause of ASB cannot be substantiated this could be a waste of resources, however we will probably never be able to determine this</p>
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Introducing self-closing gates at Eastwood would in practice mean that when staff go home they would lock the gates except 2 pedestrian gates and the vehicular gates where self-closing mechanisms would be fitted

We would need to ensure that signage relating to the closing times of the self-closing gates are entirely clear and consider a warning mechanism such as a flashing light to further assist the public. An additional budget would be required for these.