

ACCESS TO GROVE NURSERY GROUP VIA GROVE WOODS (Min 388/00)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the current situation regarding the suggested new path through Grove Woods, leading to the Nursery Group building. This was initially detailed in the previous meeting of this Committee on 21 November 2000 and then updated in the meeting of 30 January 2001.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following the site visit on Saturday 16th December, 2000 where Members and Officers met with representatives of the Grove Nursery Group, it was felt that a more suitable and direct route would be through the adjacent land that was on the school site.
- 2.2 Further investigation into the use of this adjacent land would be undertaken in addition to further consultation with the nursery Group.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Further communication has taken place with the Nursery Group regarding them negotiating direct with the school over the suggested use of the adjacent land described above.
- 3.2 Advice was restated to the Nursery Group that as the Lease was with the school the onus was with them to ensure appropriate access is available to the Group for the duration of that Lease.
- 3.3 The Nursery Group could also refer to the fact that the change in their operational times which has caused the access issue was a recommendation by OFSTED and therefore would possibly carry more weight with the school.
- 3.4 The Nursery Group was also reconsidering their initial request for access via Grove Woods due to the confirmation of their total maintenance responsibility for the path that would still remain a public right of way and the potential ongoing cost that they would incur.
- 3.5 The Nursery Group Committee was going to meet to discuss the matter further with a view to contacting the school direct for a solution rather than pursuing the option of access through Grove Woods.

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- 3.6 There has been no further communication from the Nursery Group since and therefore it is assumed that they are still progressing the matter with the school.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The consideration of the use of alternative land for the pathway would therefore not have any effect on the land within Grove Woods.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

that the initial request for access through Grove Woods is no longer required by the Nursery Group whilst they discuss alternative options with the school, and therefore no further action is required.
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