

RECYCLING BANKS AT ST JOHN FISHER PLAYING FIELD – MONITORING REPORT

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. To update members on the impact of the fence erected around the recycling banks at St John Fisher Playing Field.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. At Council on the 7th December, 1999 Members resolved to retain the recycling banks at their current location and erect a 2 metre anti climb fence to the north, east and south boundary of the existing hard standing (minute 432/99).
- 2.2. Work to erect the new fence and remove the existing wooden rail was completed on the 7th June 2000. At that time both local residents and Members were informed that the work had been finalised and that a 3-month monitoring period had commenced. The monitoring period has occurred over the summer months and has included relatively warm light evenings and the school summer holidays. This is expected to be the time when problems are most likely to occur and give rise to complaint.
- 2.3. No complaints have been received by the Council since the new fence was erected.
- 2.4. The Council's Recycling and Parks Officers have visited the site on a number of occasions. They have not witnessed any children playing on the banks or act of vandalism relating to the banks.

3. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The Council's Community Safety Officer has reported no complaints or adverse comments relating to the recycling banks. There has been some complaint concerning youth nuisance at residential property in the neighbourhood but there is no evidence that this is linked with the recycling banks.
- 3.2. Rayleigh Police comment that they have received two complaints since the beginning of June, both relating to allegations of youths climbing on the recycling banks and breaking bottles, but they have no evidence to substantiate these.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The recycling banks contribute to the Council's recycling rate.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The site is currently and will continue to be closely monitored.

6. PARISH IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The banks are situated in the Rayleigh Town Council area.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To leave the banks in their current position with the new anti-climb fence.
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