

Report to Royton District Executive

Petition regarding trees at Glenn View and All Saints Close, Royton.

Officer Contact: Nik Anderson Oldham Council, Ric Dawson
FCHO

Report Author: Liz Fryman
Ext. 5161

10 October 2016

Reason for Report

To update the District Executive regarding progress following the receipt of a complaint about trees at Glenn View and All Saints Close.

1 Background

- 1.1 The council received the attached petition on 27th May 2016.

The petition was submitted as a letter of complaint and outlined the problems residents at Glenn View and All Saints Close have encountered due to trees on land close to their properties. The letter was signed by eighteen residents.

- 1.2 The land identified is owned by FCHO (First Choice Home Oldham) and they have a contract with Oldham Council for maintenance and management.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The Council Constitution requires that the District executive meet with 21 days of receiving a petition and make its recommendation. In line with this requirement, the District Executive petition meeting took place on Tuesday 31st May. It was agreed that as Oldham Council are contracted by FCHO to maintain the trees on this piece of land, Nik Anderson, Senior Arboriculture and Agriculture Officer would contact the lead petitioner and arrange to meet the residents on site, along with the relevant FCHO officer.

Following this meeting, it was recommended that Nik Anderson would draw up a specification of works, to be agreed with FCHO. This will then be shared back with residents.

- 2.2 A letter was sent to the lead petitioner on 1st June 2016 explaining that the District Executive had met and outlining what the recommendations were. This was followed by a letter from Nik Anderson and Ric Dawson (FCHO) on 17th June, asking the lead petitioner to make contact, so a meeting could be arranged on site.

3 Update

- 3.1 Ric Dawson, FCHO spoke with the lead petitioner on Monday 4th July to discuss possible meeting dates.

- 3.2 Ric Dawson and Nik Anderson subsequently met with the lead petitioner who went through the issues regarding the trees. FCHO then placed an order with Nik Anderson to get the necessary work done, which was completed on 28th August 2016.

The work completed for FCHO at the rear of Glen View was to fell one beech and one sycamore, as well as significant pruning to 4 x beech trees.

There were another three trees that were affecting residents but we were unable to attend to them as they are now within private ownership.