

27th March 2020

Dear Resident,

We are writing to you as you live in the vicinity of the Park Lane underpass. There is a longstanding issue with anti-social behaviour and criminal activity both in the underpass and in the surrounding area.

Some of you have reported incidents to the Police and local councillors, and we'd like to build on this community engagement to work together and find a viable long-term resolution to a situation that's been going on for some considerable time.

There is a perception that 'nothing is being done', although police patrols have been increased and we are reviewing CCTV coverage and lighting in the area following recent reports from residents.

However, we need to focus on stopping those involved gathering in the area and this is where we need your help. In order to apply for permanent measures to be put in place a strong evidence base is required. This means contacting the Police by telephone whenever an incident is occurring or when you notice that damage has occurred e.g.

- **Crime in progress** such as you see someone damaging a car – ring 999
 - **Crime in progress** such as you see someone running off after damaging a car – ring 999 and say which direction they are heading
 - **Crime** but there are no suspects nearby such as you notice damage to your car after the event – ring 101
 - If you feel threatened but are safe in your home ring 101
 - **General noise and music** - if it is coming from groups in the underpass ring 101. For noisy neighbours - contact the Environmental Health team on 0300 123 5015 (office hours) or online at https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/environmental_health/noise_nuisance/noise_nuisance.aspx
- In addition, please keep a log of dates/times, how long the noise lasted and how it affected you.

It's important to persevere with waiting for a 101 call to be answered, as this will help the police to build an accurate picture of the overall issue including the number of incidents, 'peak' times and the impact on residents.

We also need people to make formal statements. Statements are the only way we have of taking more formal action. In many cases incidents are resolved by the ASB Unit however for those that need formal action we can only do this with statements to present to a court.

If you are willing to get involved, or have any questions, please get in touch with your councillors (contact details below).

The restrictions on public gatherings announced on March 23rd to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic should halt the problem in the short term, however please be assured that we are aiming for a long-term resolution.

Yours sincerely,

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