

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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Sent: 04 August 2020 09:37
To: Skinner Jill; Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Howard Close vandalism
Attachments: fence letter.docx

Dear Jill

Please find attached a letter we have prepared about the damage we have been experiencing for the Town Council's consideration together with some of the photos of the latest vandalism.

With many thanks for your help.

Regards

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[REDACTED] Howard Close
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4 August 2020

Dear Councillors

We moved to Swaffham in 2016 to a new development of three properties in Howard Close..

Our communal drive borders an alleyway which runs between New Sporle Road and the A 1065 opposite Tesco. Our boundary is made up of a fence set in concrete posts, about 70 metres long.

We started getting some vandalism on our fence at the end of 2016. We contacted the police who came and looked at the damage but could do no more. Since then, our fence has been damaged on a regular basis, usually at night. Sometimes we are able to repair the damage, but we have had to replace complete panels, at a cost of about £60 each, fairly frequently. It has become so bad that we always have panels in reserve.

We woke up on Sunday morning, 26th July, to the worst damage we had yet seen. Seven panels had been wrecked. We attach photos of the damage.

This time we contacted the police again. Their response was that they would not investigate as there was nothing they could do.

In desperation we contacted Mrs. Skinner, the Swaffham Mayor, and she kindly came to see us. We are grateful for her concern.

The situation is such that we are now living in dread of what we will find when we get up in the morning. We feel extremely vulnerable and it is causing us a great deal of stress. In addition, one of the houses is for sale and buyers are turning away when they are made aware of the problem. Our properties are losing value.

In view of all this, we are now seeking the help of the Council to try to resolve the issue. We have discussed ways of alleviating the problem and it seems to us that building a strong fence on the alley's side about a foot from our fence, would give us protection. The alleyway is well used during the day, mostly by people going to Tesco. Tesco might support the Council in a scheme which would make this public footpath safer for all. It is also full of rubbish and we have seen rats in it.

We hope that you will be able to find a way of assisting us.

Yours sincerely

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