

Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team

12 Ashbourne Parade Hanger Lane W5 3QS

Saturday 16th September 2017

Dear Nim,

Thank you for inviting the Hanger Hill Police team to the meeting on Wednesday 13th September 2017. There are a number of issues that have come to light and will be worth considering -

The first issue is the density and height of the shrubbery; this needs to be cut down where possible to improve visibility. At this point in time you can not see over the other side unless there is a crossing. It would be recommended to be thinned out and cut down as much as possible while aesthetically still looking nice. This will stop a lot of the antisocial behaviour in the area; such as drinking in the bushes and people fly tipping. It would also be beneficial to reduce burglaries in the area as better visibility means less crime.

I would certainly consider using some sort of prickly bushes (e.g. holly) when you start planting while still looking aesthetically pleasing, it will deter members of public from walking through.

I know some residents believe this will affect their privacy but visibility is the key!

I do understand that while putting up a barrier around the whole of CHERRY TREE WALK would cost a lot of money; a consideration could be putting up low fences around higher footfall area; to eliminate persons walking through.

The walk ways are fine but the first walk way (which I believe was the best) still had several visibility issues. We would recommend that area of overgrown shrubbery is cut down. This is not only a concern for people but also drivers of motor vehicles having obstructed views.

The lighting mentioned to John Stanton from Ealing Safer Communities team is a good way of reducing anti social behaviour in the area as well, good visibility should mean less crime.

I would recommend trying to get rid of the bench in the area I have seen many street drinkers using this which increases anti social behaviour.

It's been a pleasure to attend and speak with residents who have a keen interest and passion to improve the local area.

Kind Regards,

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