

Neighbourhood Service Priority Plan - Fawdon

NS Ref.	What is the problem?	Where is it?	What are we doing about it?
508	<p>North Kenton Park & Fawdon Park - there are various issues including cleanliness, general appearance, general maintenance and anti social behaviour. Litter, glass and graffiti are a particular problem in these areas.</p>	<p>North Kenton Park and Fawdon Park</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Response Team and the Graffiti Squad regularly attend to green spaces in the ward, litter picking and removing graffiti from affected areas. The Graffiti Squad has responded to increased incidences of graffiti around the North Kenton Sports Centre recently.</p> <p>A 'Clean Up' event took place during October in North Kenton Park. The local Neighbourhood Response Team and up to 80 volunteers carried out a litter pick and general clean up of the area. The event was a great success and included pupils from Kenton Technology College, local residents and volunteers from the Welford Centre and Marks and Spencers.</p> <p>Environmental improvements have been carried out in both parks with funding from Environmental Ward Stewardship and Parks and Countryside.</p> <p>SNAPS meetings (Safe Neighbourhoods Action & Problem Solving group) which bring together the City Council, the Police and YHN Newcastle take place in Fawdon ward and specific issues in Fawdon and Kenton Parks are discussed. A separate 'Stand Alone Problem Solving' meeting is being arranged to discuss specific issues around Fawdon Park in addition to action towards youth disorder and ASB in the Park with the involvement of the Family Intervention Project and Youth Offending Team.</p> <p>Street Wardens work in and around the parks and green spaces engaging with the community and youths that congregate in these areas.</p> <p>Developments in the local area, for example the site on Redland Avenue and the North Central Regeneration consultation, may also bring investment into green spaces and parks in the ward, as any developer is required to improve any areas impacted by development and related construction.</p> <p>Fixed Penalty Notices will also be issued to adults caught buying alcohol for children under the legal age.</p>
841	<p>Landscaping and reinstatement works.</p>	<p>Red House Farm Estate</p>	<p>The Great Park developers plan to landscape the area between the Great Park and Red House Farm to reduce the visual impact of the new estate. No timescale has been given for completion of this landscaping.</p>

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26	Future development of the old Hillsview school site. There are issues with mini motos and fly tipping . The area also suffers from poor street lighting .	Off Carsdale Road and Redland Avenue	The Neighbourhood Response Team regularly clears the site following on from complaints regarding fly tipped rubbish. The Police are also aware of issues with mini motos accessing the site and fencing has been repaired to restrict access.
			Yuill Homes and Home Housing carried out a consultation with local residents at the local Customer Service Centre regarding a possible planning application for the development of 140 new homes. The application will include affordable homes and if successful, the building work will be phased over a three year period. Discussions are ongoing regarding the size of the development in this area.
566	Site development.	Site of previous Coxlodge School and then Star Centre - at corner of Jubilee and Kenton Road.	Applications to develop this site have now been received. Consultations have been carried out with local residents and Councillors to identify their views on the proposed developments, and a final decision will be made by the Development Control Committee. The successful development must fall in with the Council's brief regarding size and quantity of properties in this location.
692	The footpath known locally as 'the black path' is overgrown, it is used by people fly tipping rubbish and it is being vandalised with graffiti . The area also suffers from poor street lighting .	The footpath runs from Kingston Park Road to Kenton Bar - adjacent to the Western Bypass.	The Neighbourhood Response Manager is utilising the Neighbourhood Response Team and Graffiti Squad to carry out regular cleansing activities. Restricted access to areas of the path makes cleansing work more time consuming. There are also plans to promote awareness of Council Services, in particular the Bulky Item Collection service .
			At the same time the team are considering evidence relating to the fly tipping culprits. This is provided to Public Health Officers to take enforcement action and issue fixed penalty notices .
			Future developments at the Redland Avenue site will hopefully improve the condition of the path as the proposed new homes will provide natural surveillance and deter fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism .
839	Regeneration plans.	Newlyn Road	Only 1 block of flats remain on the Newlyn Road site and so far, no definite plans have been decided as to what will replace them. Planning permission has been submitted for a number of 2 bed bungalows near the Newlyn Road site on Apsley Crescent and Hillsview Avenue, and building work is due to start soon.

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859	There is a problem with people parking on main roads, footpaths and junctions in this area when the football pitches are in use.	Kingston Park Road	The Football Club has built a new Club House with a car park for around 100 cars. However parking is still a problem in this area. The Ward Councillors have met with Leisure Services , who are working with the Football Club to address this problem. Parking Enforcement Officers have also attended the area at peak times to discourage motorists from parking on footpaths and grass verges, however further actions are being considered to resolve this issue successfully.
870	A Crime and Community Safety Forum has been established in the ward.	Ward wide	The next Forum is due to be held in early December 2008. This Forum will be attended by the Police Inspector, Ward Councillors , Your Homes Newcastle , the Neighbourhood Response Manager , the Ward Coordinator, local Tenants and Residents groups and the wider community. It is an opportunity for residents to discuss any issues they have in their local area with the relevant people. Further information can be sought from the Fawdon & Kenton Ward Coordinator , Rob Gillie.
896	Underage drinking and anti social behaviour	Various parts of Fawdon ward	Fawdon Ward is a 'Designated Public Place' which means that the Police have the power to confiscate alcohol. Persistent offending could result in a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice , arrest, or even a fine of up to £500 if the person is prosecuted. The 'Alcohol Watch' scheme and Bottle Return scheme have been introduced into a number of Off Licenses in Kenton and Fawdon wards. The 'Alcohol Watch' scheme involves labeling bottles of alcohol mainly bought by underage people, which are then traceable back to Off Licenses in the area. There are ongoing discussions over how to tackle underage drinking and different approaches are being identified, including the '21 Scheme' where customers must prove they are 21 before purchasing alcohol.
960	Uncertainty over the future of the Barnados building	Kirkwood Drive	Barnados have sold their building on Kirkwood Drive and residents are concerned about what the building will be used for in the future. Contact between council officers and representatives from Barnados is ongoing and any information updates will be shared with local residents.
975	Uncertainty over the future of Fawdon Park House	Fawdon Park House	Residents of Fawdon Park House are currently being re-housed as a decision has been made to empty the block of flats. There are a number of options available for the future use of both the land and the building; however no decisions have been made.

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