

## A Report Showing Additional Comments Made On The Consultation Questionnaire Sent To Gardeners - February 2007

The Questionnaire was sent out to 361 gardeners, of these 101 responded.

### GARDENER COMMENTS ON THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED:

**"Please note: these are Hungerhill Gardens, not St Anns Allotments"**

Overgrown plots **"Overgrown plots are ok, but need to eradicate problem plants, knotweed, snowberry etc from come overgrown plots."**

New car parks **"Please don't cut down mature trees or pull down decent hedeges to make car parks."**

Paths,roads, car parks, allotment centre, display plots **"Waste, pointless, useless."**

Display plots **"Us existing ploholders are happy to open our plots for the public to see, why bother with high maintenance of plots if it requires staff to be paid."**

Pipes and taps **"Do not use, why pay water rate?"**

Visitors **"Depends what so-called visitors' are !!! - silly question."  
"Inviting delinquents onto site is counterproductive!"  
"We need a policy on visitors."**

Groups **"But now reached saturation point!"**

Gates open for visitors/deliveries

**"No!"**

**"This is actually what happens."**

**"Ban vehicles from the site.Why are they necessary?"**

Locks and gates **"The main gate of the main ? and big car park is always left open by drivers. I have witnessed this on several occasions. Pedestrians always lock the gate behind them (the Ranson Road side). It's all very well to have locks but I don't know how you get people to actually use them."**

**"Mixture - Experiment with all three. Try (vehicle gates locked, small gates open) and if this doesn't go back to ( new/ better locks, leave the system how it is."**

**Leave it open? Are you mad! St Anns!!"**

**"It's the locks that want looking at. You cannot turn lock to open when locks are from other side."**

Traffic/Car Parks **"I am disabled, and people parking in the avenues cause problems"**

**"Will be a problem if cars not managed.**

**Need a policy which reduces traffic on site".**

One way system **"How would you enforces this if someone chose to disregard?"**

**"Depends how you do it."**

### FURTHER COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE:

**"Is it possible to establish a coppice rotation system in the area set aside for nature management within the Stonepit Coppice section? This would be excellent for wildlife, would show the historical (ancient probably) use of the site and could provide valuable materials for use on site eg stakes and binders for hedge-laying, stakes for garden use and pea sticks. Even charcoal could be made for sale."**

**"CCTV at entrances or in the streets next to entrances would discourage fly-tipping"**

**"Will there be any plans to remove asbestos from the allotments?"**

**"Help clear inherited rubbish."**

**"Please note that the privatisation of the council housing has resulted in the degradation of services to tenants, when a massive improvement was repeatedly promised. These fanciful schemes for altering the allotments are bound to end in disappointment and a worsening of the condition, perhaps with a a few individuals making money through sinecure etc. It is advisable for anyone with genuine interest in allotments to confine themselves to the most modest programme,"**

**"I have only had allotment in 2nd year. Between 2 families have 3 allotments, but 2 of 3 were very overgrown. In 1 of them the bramble was higher than apples trees - could not actual;y see them plus the rubbish on tem - not garden rubbish. If we werer not 2 families we could not have attempted to clear them. I think there are many people who would like allotments but could not clear them. This should be a first priority as I other areas there are waiting lists for allotments.....people will block the lanes so if we are bringing stuff to unload, always have to ask people to move cars or struggle to get by. They should leave cars in car parks."**