

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS**

In accordance with Rule No. 3.3.3 the following questions were submitted to the Council from Members:

**Question from Councillor Laurence Goff**

'I have received several complaints as an elected member for Newark Devon Ward.

Residents have been disrupted with parking issues from football teams each weekend, they would like to know what the District Council are going to do about the football teams taking over the mostly elderly residents' spaces around Valley Prospect. They are around the Sconce and Devon Park area outside the Tom Mann gate.

I want to know are the District Council planning to have more parking spaces inside the Sconce and Devon Park that would help in this matter. This is a nightmare for mostly elderly residents with blocked driveways from the many vehicles. They are also starting to stop buses and emergency vehicles having excess in the neighbourhood around the Valley Prospect area mostly over the weekend during the football season.

I would also like to know how we are going to resolve this matter in the public interest of health, wellbeing, and safeguard the residents?

I understand this is also a highway matter a Petition has been given to Cllr Keith Girling as a Nottinghamshire County Council elected member for Newark West Division.'

**Reply from Councillor Roger Jackson – Portfolio Holder for Cleaner, Safer, Greener**

"The Football Club work very hard alongside Newark & Sherwood District Council, the County Council and local residents in Valley Prospect and the surrounding roads of Sconce and Devon Park to reduce intrusion on football match days. The club supply a Marshall to assist with parking, and they pay this person out of the club funds. They place cones along the approach to the park and on the roads outside to restrict parking. Parents are directed to park further away and informed about the bus route. They use the overflow carpark for managers and officials and always leave the disabled parking spaces free.

The Club emailed all parents at the start of the season to ask them to walk, bike or park further away if possible and to not block driveways or double park as it is a bus route.

The NSDC Park Ranger monitors the situation on his weekend rota days and assists the club as best he can. It would be nice to provide additional formal parking areas, but this would come with a considerable cost and would involve the loss of valuable park land or sports pitches."

**Supplementary Question from Councillor Laurence Goff**

We have to reassure the local residents that we are doing our best to prevent this from happening.

**Reply from Councillor Roger Jackson – Portfolio Holder for Cleaner, Safer, Greener**

We will try and police this the best way we can, working with the Football Club and Highways Authority to try to alleviate these problems. It is also down to the Football Club to continue to encourage parents to park further away from the park.