Design and Access Statement

Littleham Walk Entrance

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Scope & Origin

Following the stock transfer of homes from Manchester Housing to Eastlands Homes in March 2009, Groundwork was commissioned by Eastlands Homes to carry out an environmental improvement feasibility study across the Hampden housing estate. A number of landscape improvement themes were identified as part of the study. These included defensible space creation, boundary replacements, green space improvements and access control. In particular, the study identified access control and security as a key priority for the estate.

Following the completion and presentation of the study a number of community consultation events were held on the estate to determine the opinion of residents with regard to the improvement proposals identified. Greater Manchester Police and Eastlands Neighbourhood Nuisance Officers were also consulted to ensure the proposals were supported.

The specific proposals seek to secure and improve a boundary within Hampden Estate, Gorton.

The sites are currently being used as pedestrian, cycle and even motor-cycle short-cuts through the estate, and contribute to a rat run of routes which pass very close to properties and create a potential haven for anti-social behaviour and security risks.

One area in particular on Littleham Walk was identified as requiring boundary improvements to hinder cyclists and motorcyclists from cutting through a semi-private residential area close to properties and to improve the appearance of the estate from Hampden Crescent.

Proposals

The site is 17m² in size, and is located to the front of 15 and 18 Littleham Walk. The boundary will run parallel to Hampden Crescent.

The proposals are straightforward and involve installing an entrance feature made from steel vertical bar railings which sweep down from 1.4m height down to 0.9m height with a bollard to restrict access but allow wheelchair and pushchair users passage. Railings to be powder coated Black RAL 9005. The design and function of the boundary is to deter cyclists and motor cyclists.

Please refer to the plan **1676 (PL) 21** for proposals and elevations of the boundary treatment works.

Residents/tenants adjacent to the proposed boundary treatment works will be fully consulted to ensure they understand proposals.