

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

Councillor: Councillor C. Golby  
Cabinet Member for: Housing and Communities  
Report by: Assistant Director – Social Housing & Community Safety  
**SUBJECT: Park Lane Local Lettings Plan**  
Date Decision made: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023  
Place: Committee Room D, Town Hall, Nuneaton  
Officer Present: Nicola Botterill - Assistant Director – Social Housing & Community Safety

**DECISION:**

IC03 **RESOLVED** that the Park Lane Local Lettings Plan is approved, implemented and operational forthwith.

**REASON FOR THE DECISION:**

There has been an increase in ASB and the impact of crime occurring from Park Lane, Nuneaton since the 1 January 2023.

Warwickshire Police have collated all the incidents relating to several addresses at Park Lane flats from 1 January 2023 and in total there have been 36 incident reports to the police.

These reports vary in response categories; however, all required police attendance, which places strain on police resources due to the repeated nature.

A large majority of these incidents appear to have occurred whilst residents are intoxicated or have taken illegal substances, or both. This has also been the case even when perpetrators are being supported by substance abuse specialist organisations.

Incidents of crime and ASB are occurring almost daily causing significant impact to Council resources as well as resources for Warwickshire Police's response and Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

NBBC has recently had to submit three Without Notice Emergency Injunction applications to the County Court within a very short space of time. The criteria to meet a Without Notice Injunction is serious and being successful in achieving the Order goes to show the seriousness of incidents occurring. One of the Injunction orders has been breached that requires a pre-committal application and will likely lead to possession proceedings.

NBBC have also issued three Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in partnership with Warwickshire Police, as well as issuing multiple warning letters.

A nomad camera has been in situ in Park Lane since October 2022 and remains in place due to ongoing issues. It is also having to be relocated to cover more of Park Lane than it did previously.

This Local Lettings Plan will restrict specific housing applicants from being allocated a property at Park Lane, Nuneaton such as:

Anyone with a history of serious anti-social behaviour (anyone who has received an ABC, ASBI, CBO, Civil Injunction or who has been implicated in a previous Closure Order elsewhere in the Borough) and/or criminal behaviour such as; intimidation, drug dealing or discrimination/harassment (due to any of the protected characteristics in the equality section) will be restricted from being offered ANY property.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- To amend or reject the Park Lane Local Lettings Plan.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Clare Gough', is written over a horizontal line.

Democratic Services to complete.

PUBLICATION DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

DECISION(S) COMES INTO FORCE: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023