

## **REPORT ON: UPDATE ON BORDERSIDE TO SHAGGY CALF LANE GATING PROPOSAL**

### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to update members about the Borderside to Shaggy Calf Lane Gating Proposal.

### **2. Update**

Out of 600 questionnaires sent out, 120 were returned; this is an 18% response rate.

The data received has been input and is still being analysed by Esther Deacon the Community Safety Project Officer for this area. The plan is to meet with residents in this area in early June to provide them with the results of the consultation and set out an action plan for the area.

A CCTV camera was erected at the alleyway for a period of three months and Esther has been busy considering the footage and data provided. The camera is no longer at this location.

The usage of the alleyway is as follows;

- 400 people per day have been recorded using the alleyway during the three months the camera was there.
- The main usage is during the hours of 12 – 6pm, but there were also substantial numbers of people using the alley between 7 – 11pm
- On some days there were single people using the alley at midnight then at 3am, at 5am and then at 7am onwards when numbers began to increase.

Esther related that the footage did show a group of hooded youths walking through the alley on one occasion. However, they were using the alleyway legitimately.

While the camera was up no anti social behaviour was recorded on it, though it should be noted that there were a few occasions when the screen went blue for a while and no pictures were transmitted. Apparently, this does happen sometimes with all the cameras. Unfortunately, at these particular times there were a couple of incidents which led to the adjoining residents fences being damaged.

Esther stressed that while the evidence from the camera and the responses from the consultation are still being considered, she is veering away from

recommending pursuing a gating on this alleyway due to the amount of use it receives.

The damage to the resident's property remains a problem and Community Safety will have to consider what action can be taken to alleviate this.

Esther would be happy to attend the next LAF meeting to give a further report on this matter as she will then have had the opportunity to meet with both residents and managers to gain their opinions.