



Security on the Estate

The Trustees hope proprietors have had a good summer with their families and neighbours on the estate. We take this opportunity to update you on the significant activities that have taken place over the last few months, and that are planned for the rest of the year.

Security

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in some youths being attracted to the estate (due to its open nature, the good weather and close proximity to the tram stop).

Anti-social behaviour by youths, as well as interference with the garages has been reported to the police by both residents and the Trust. Advice from the police has been to call 101 on every occasion (999 if incident needs immediate support), and to provide descriptions and obtain crime reference numbers to ensure crime statistics reflect actual crime (and are not under reported), which will in turn determine police attention. The Trust has also been in contact with Gavin Barwell MP and Councillor Vidhi Mohan, and has had assurances of action.

There are a number of security measures that could be taken in the medium to long term, but that will need careful analysis from a budgetary point of view vs. their benefit, and the Trust will investigate options with the new agents (HML Andertons who are writing to introduce themselves, as part of this mailing to you). They commence contract after 4th September, and will be seeking your contact details on behalf of the Trust, so please update them with your most current details including email addresses (which going forward will aide with communication in-between newsletters where possible, as a quicker and more efficient communication method). Substantive newsletters will still be sent via post to ensure all receive these.

Anti Social Behaviour

Due to the good weather, there have been further reports of older children playing in common garden areas, in one instance resulting in a proprietor's window being broken. There are 'no ball games' signs in garage compounds, but extending to lawn areas would incur a cost and could deprive younger children from playing in them. The Trust will in conjunction with the agents, develop further policy and advice in line with its remit. Proprietors are asked to be considerate of others; older children should not stage ball games and respect others properties.

Lighting Project

Following the extensive update on the lighting project, we are now in a position to advise the successful inception of trial lights. A comprehensive trial has commenced and recognising there will always be personal preferences (as advised previously), a lighting sub committee of both trustees and owners/residents was set up to look at all aspects (technical and value for money) and this committee will be pleased to hear from all proprietors via the email address below during the month of August 2014:

Lighting Sub-committee email: lights@turnpike.org.uk

The current recommendation from all aspects is the Kingfisher "civica" light (for which two samples have been obtained at no cost, and have been placed side by side (at the Park Hill Rise entrance of Turnpike Link) to measure lighting levels. Using the most comprehensive test of lights (in the recent history of the Trust), both horizontal and vertical facing lights have been installed including Sodium and Metal halide (including more efficient Cosmos lamps) for tests.

The tests have so far confirmed that vertical lights with the tapered light fitting is likely to be the most suitable, as its tapered design spreads the light more efficiently and its transparency ensures there is no loss of light, unlike other verticals with opaque sides.



Vertical lights as per the original design of the estate are effective for our configuration, but Sodium lights are neither more effective nor suitable for any future provision of CCTV. The “Civica”, the modern version of our original lights will have new electronic switchgear and unlike other verticals does not shine lights into 3rd story windows, but will spread more light into road areas and paths which need the light most.

Supplier	Style	Lamp	Location	Lamp Post	Picture
Cu Phosco	Vertical	Sodium	165 TL	40	
Tam Light	Horizontal	Halide Cosmos	189 TL	37	
Kingfisher	Vertical	Halide Cosmos	217 TL	18	
Kingfisher	Vertical	Halide Cosmos	237 TL	19	
Tam Light	Vertical	Halide	119 TL	12	
Lamptech	Vertical	Halide	61 TL	3	
Cu Phosco	Vertical	Halide	30 LG	7	

Varying intensities of lamps have been tested, and the recommended solution is likely to dim the lights further between the hours of midnight and 6am to conserve energy (and keep lighting pollution to a minimum in late hours). Expensive and inappropriate solutions of extending poles and trimming foliage have been ruled out for economical and logical reasons.

In the end, the lighting sub committee’s recommendation to the Trustee Board will be driven by compliance with British standards, lighting design aspects and security considerations. We hope to have a final decision soon, with the aim to have full implementation before we get into deeper winter, and the Trust will advise again accordingly.

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