

## Matters referred to Scrutiny from Cabinet or Council

### Exempt Information

None.

### Executive Summary

The following Committee has referred the following matter to Scrutiny :

Committee	Matter referred	Scrutiny Committee
Council (18.07.23)	Securing Dosthill Park	Infrastructure, safety and Growth

### Background

The below Petition was discussed at Full Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> July –

The following petition has been received by Tamworth Borough Council, from petition organiser, Ms R Griffiths of Tamworth. The petition will be presented on behalf of Ms Griffiths by Councillor J Oates, Ward Councillor. We the undersigned petition the council to Secure Dosthill Park so that travellers cannot gain entrance onto the park. Some work has been done to make a dirt mound around the perimeter but it isn't big enough and due to weather and people cycling over it the dirt isn't holding so isn't robust enough. It needs a lot more dirt.

### Justification:

The petition was set up after the illegal encampment by travellers on Dosthill Park last summer. It was the second time in 2 years. They are able to gain entry either cutting locks or digging up bollards. They cause a lot of mess and disruption. Locals are unable to use the park and they forced shops to close due to criminal and threatening behaviour. It is terrible how people who live and work in Dosthill and surrounding areas have to put up with it. Shops have had to lose money and stock and residents can't use the local park when they are there. The council and police took far too long to sort out the problem and it has been no deterrent for the travellers as it seems no one wanted to deal with the problem

Following on from debate the following motion was moved

That the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Committee pick up this item and see if they can come up with a way forward.

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