

Report to Mousehold Heath Conservators
23 July 2021
Report of Parks and open spaces manager
Subject Installation of a Letterbox at the Rangers House Access Track

Purpose

To seek approval for the installation of a letterbox next to the access track to the Ranger's House.

Recommendation

To approve the installation of a letterbox to allow the Rangers House drive bollard to be raised to reduce fly-tipping and other anti-social behaviour in the area.

Mousehold Heath management plan objectives

The report helps to meet the Mousehold Heath management plan objectives:

- B) To protect Mousehold Heath and ensure that it is a safe and secure place to visit.
- C) To ensure that Mousehold Heath is clean and well maintained

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority great neighbourhoods, housing and environment.

Financial implications

Any financial implications arising from this report will have or will be met from approved budgetary provision.

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Report

1. Historically the area surrounding the Ranger's House has been subject to fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour, partly due to its easy vehicle access, and it having no natural surveillance from Gurney Road.
2. In the past a security bollard was installed at the end of the the drive leading up to the house to prevent fly tipping and reduce anti-social activity in the area. This action has prevented unauthorised vehicle access deterring fly tipping and reducing anti-social behaviour, when the bollard is raised.
3. The Royal Mail will not deliver mail or parcels to the house and so the bollard must be left down during the day.
4. In recent months there has been an increase in vehicles on the drive and vehicles have left at speed when approached by the owner.
5. Installing a letterbox and leaving the bollard up during the day, would remove the need for the bollard to be down every day and prevent unauthorised vehicular access to the heath.
6. It would minimise the risk of fly tipping and anti-social behaviour and so reduce vehicle usage of the drive reducing maintenance costs in the future.
7. Appendix A shows the proposed location of the letter box (Map1) at the side of the access track to the Ranger's House set back from the highway just behind the security bollard.
8. The cost of the letter box is £445 and it would be installed by a Mousehold warden and a volunteer so that there is no additional charges. The project would be funded from within the general repairs and maintenance budget. Appendix A (Image 1) shows the proposed letter box.

Appendix A

Map 1: Proposed letterbox location

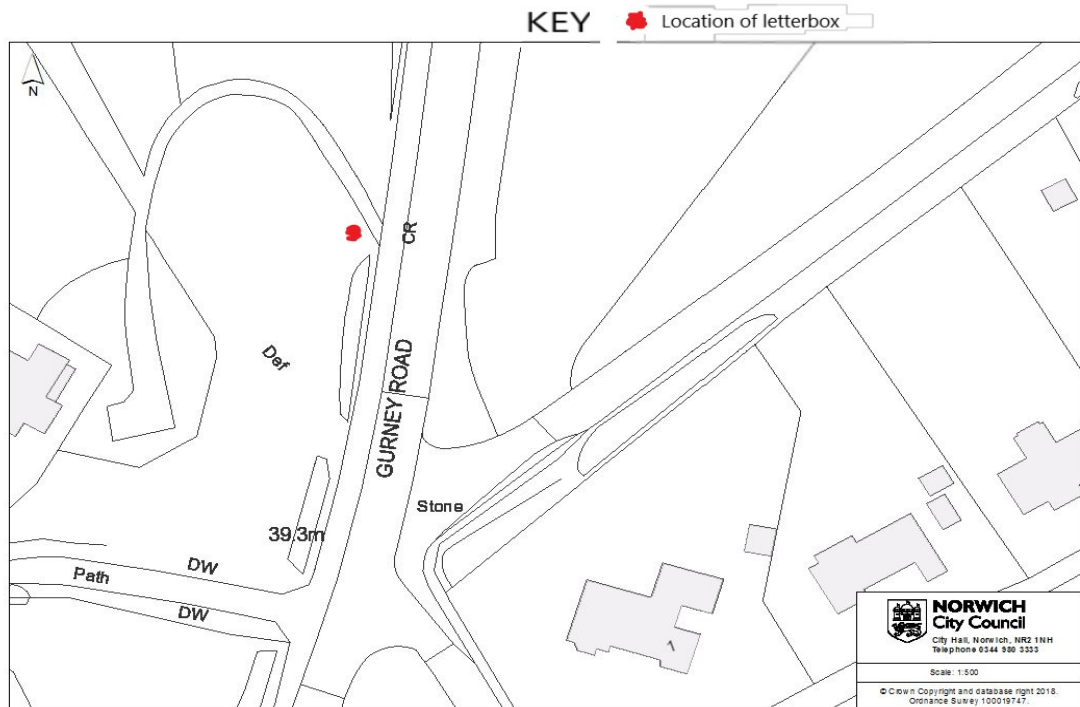


Image 1: Proposed design

