THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & HEALTH

CREATION OF CAR PARKING BAYS AT DIGBY	FOR DECISION
GARDENS, DAGENHAM	

This report includes recommendations on issues, which are the Executive's responsibility.

Summary

Digby Gardens is a vehicular cul-de-sac, and the Leisure and Environmental Services Department has submitted a proposal to convert two amenity greens into parking bays. There is currently no delegated authority for Officers to make this decision.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to approve the conversion of two amenity greens to parking bays to alleviate a parking problem in that vicinity.

Wards Affected: River Ward.

Reason

This decision will facilitate a great improvement for local residents and will ease traffic congestion in that vicinity.

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1. Consultation

- 1.1 Consultation has been effected with ten residents who live in the local vicinity. Eight residents responded to the survey, and five of the eight expressed their wishes for parking bays to be provided.
- 1.2 The three Ward Councillors have been consulted, and all three agree that extra parking bays will prove very beneficial for local residents.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Leisure and Environmental Services Department have identified a parking problem in Digby Gardens, via the Highways Maintenance Programme. As a result of complaints by residents regarding parking problems, it was decided to consult residents with regards to the provision of extra parking facilities.
- 2.2 The proposed work consists of providing eight parking bays to the two amenity greens that are situated at the head of the cul-de-sac. Each amenity green will have four parking bays.
- 2.3 The consultation exercise has been completed.

3. Context

3.1 This report is being presented to Members, as there is currently no delegated authority for Officers to make this decision.

4. <u>Conclusion and financial implications</u>

- 4.1 The provision of extra parking facilities will benefit local residents and a consultation exercise has been undertaken.
- 4.2 A positive decision will allow the provision of extra parking facilities in an area where traffic congestion caused by parking is a problem.
- 4.3 The scheme will be funded by the Leisure and Environmental Services Department from the Highways Improvement Budget.

Background Papers

None.