

**CONSULTATION MEETINGS AT BASS'S CRESCENT, SMALLTHORN PLACE AND PINE GROVE**

**BASS'S CRESCENT, CASTLE GRESLEY - 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2002**

Attended by 14 tenants/carers, Councillor Southern, Councillor C. Rose, Ellen Mortimer, Chris Logan, Tony Ward, Sandra Whiles, Dawn Dawson

Issues that arose during the discussion included:-

1. What formula would relate to home loss payments?
2. Are home loss payments restricted solely to people on Housing Benefit?
3. Would any proposals for the decommissioning include the wheelchair accessible bungalows?
4. What priorities would tenants wishing to move have on the waiting list?
5. Perception being given that the only option the Council wants is for people to move
6. Wished to see further information on the questionnaire and to be given a choice
7. The Council needs to recognise the worry caused by recent publicity concerning provision of Drugs Centre etc.
8. Tenants feel let down and abandoned
9. Clarification of timescales requested
10. General discussion about service charges and any options for restricting increases
11. Request for information to be sent out on where Sheltered Housing exists

## SMALLTHORN PLACE, WOODVILLE - 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2002

Attended by 16 tenants/carers, Councillor Taylor, Councillor Southern, Sandra Whiles, Tony Ward, Shelley Whiddett, Dawn Dawson.

Issues that arose during the discussion included:-

1. General concern about environmental problems in the area, including youths on motorbikes
2. Concern about apparent lack of maintenance and improvements to Smallthorn Place over many years
3. Discussion about reasons why people may not wish to move to Smallthorn Place, including the location and services
4. Suggestion that by re-naming Smallthorn Place and putting the residential warden back in the scheme may become more popular
5. Suggestions about knocking two flats into one to make family flats
6. General discussion about questionnaire, giving options for people to consider
7. Suggestion that the Council should invest significantly in Smallthorn Place
8. Difference of opinion as regards whether Smallthorn Place is a community where tenants help each other, or not. Some tenants disagreed with this suggestion
9. Concern whether issuing homeless payments would be a waste of money and it would be better to improve Smallthorn Place
10. Concern that the Council has already made a decision to decommission Smallthorn Place
11. Concern that any option would need contribute to wider issues and not worsen the current crime and disorder problems in the area

**PINE GROVE, NEWHALL - 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2002**  
**(Meeting held at Granville Court)**

Attended by 10 residents/carers, Councillor Southern, Councillor Mead, Councillor Bambrick, Dawn Dawson, Tony Ward, Chris Logan, Karen McMurrugh

Issues that arose during the discussion included:-

1. Tenants would not wish to see young people living on the site
2. Suggestion that stairlifts could be put in to access the first floor flats
3. Recognised poor bus service with difficulty in accessing local shops
4. Tenants generally not against middle aged people moving into the first floor flats, but feel strongly that the first floor flats are not suitable for families with children
5. General agreement to basing Community Police Office in first floor flats if this option is feasible
6. Highlighted that any new tenants would normally be placed as introductory tenants if not existing Council tenants
7. Tenants highlighted the need for improved ventilation
8. General discussion about the likely level of support in people's service charges

Questionnaire;

Name:

Address:

Are you happy for the age limit in the upper floor flats to be lowered?	YES / NO
If not, please give your reasons.	
Please circle the age group you think would be most suitable? would like to make	40 and above  45 and above  50 and above

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Questionnaire;

Name:

Address:

<p>Which would your preferred option be? Please tick the option you support.</p>	<p>1. To move to other accommodation, with support from the Council [ ]</p> <p>2. To stay where you are, recognising that there may be a service charge increase [ ]</p> <p>3. To stay where you are, and agree to the allocation of the empty properties to younger people. [ ]</p>
<p>If you would consider a move, please state the area which you would like to move to.</p>	
<p>Now that you have had time to consider the suggested options, please give other comments you would like to make</p>	

