

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Agenda item     7**

**Application ref. 17/00097/FUL**

**Former Silverdale Colliery, Scot Hay road, Silverdale**

Since the preparation of the main agenda report the applicant has a further objection has been received which raises similar concerns to those already reported. In addition the views of the **Police Architectural Liaison Officer (PALO)** have been received which are summarised as follows:

- Issues of noise and anti-social behaviour can arise out of play areas but there are many existing play areas that generate no or few reported problems.
- A sustainable society must be inclusive which means addressing the needs of children and young people.
- There are two key factors to consider, one is the social supervision a play area receives and therefore play areas should be located with safety of children in mind. Secondly the success of a play area depends upon active management. With the cooperation of all parties and engagement of the neighbourhood policing unit, potential problems can be avoided or promptly addressed.
- Without purpose-built play provision it is reasonable to assume that children will seek their own entertainment, wandering further afield more regularly and consequently exposing themselves to a greater risk of harm.
- In this case the play areas are well sited from a crime prevention perspective focussed on the children, and any issues of conflict arising for adults should be readily perceived at an early stage in order for interventions to then take place. The mitigation of anti-social behaviour should not be addressed by the lack of provision of well-located play facilities.

Your officers comments

The comments of the PALO supports the recommendations set out in the main agenda report. The recommendations therefore remain as set out in that report. It is considered prudent and necessary to include within the recommendation the reasons as to why it is considered expedient to take enforcement action. The recommendations are amended as follows:

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. REFUSE - in the absence of a second Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) the development does not appropriately provide for the needs of the occupiers of the dwellings contrary to Policy C4 of the Local Plan and the aims and objectives of the NPPF.**
- B. That Members resolve that it is expedient to take enforcement action for the reason set out at recommendation A, and that Legal Services be authorised to issue enforcement or any other notice and to take and institute on behalf of the Council all such action and prosecution proceedings as are authorised by and under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to secure, within six months, the provision of a second Locally Equipped Area for Play as required by condition B8 of planning permission 06/0337/OUT and to address any other outstanding issues associated with play provision on this development as your Officer considers appropriate.**