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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Agenda Item 13**

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON SITE OF THE FORMER SILVERDALE COLLIERY**  
**Reference 17/00258/207C2**

PC Coomer provided comments in writing prior to a site meeting that took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July which are summarised as follows:

- There haven't been a large number of complaints regarding the park but it is possible that there is an under reporting of the issues as people tend to have an in-built threshold before which they report something.
- In other areas Newcastle station receives a higher level of reporting of issues with drugs/needs, vandalism etc.
- The decision about equipment is ultimately a local political matter. PC Coomer cannot comment on how much use or enjoyment the local community receive from the equipment and that would be the variable that would need to be balanced against the nuisance which local residents experience.
- His experience is that the more benches and flat surfaces are available in an area the more anti-social use can be expected.
- Strong lighting can increase reporting and act as a deterrent, but can make a space more convenient to gather. Lots of bins can keep a space tidy and keeping equipment free from graffiti tends to increase public respect for the space.

**Officers Comments**

The balancing exercise referred to by PC Coomer is undertaken in main agenda report and first supplementary report.

**The RECOMMENDATION remains as set out in the main agenda report.**