

ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

FAIRLANDS VALLEY PARK LIGHTING PETITION

The following motion is to be moved by Councillor Simon Speller and seconded by Councillor Loraine Rossati in response to the above petition.

“That this Council expresses its sincere thanks to Jennifer Huygen for her endeavours in bringing this matter to the attention of the Council.

The Council is committed to maintaining and enhancing our green spaces for the enjoyment and use of the community.

This petition is particularly timely, coinciding as it does with the start of our strategic review of the green spaces within Stevenage, of which more details can be found here:

<http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/news-and-events/news/help-shape-the-provision-of-future-green-spaces>

It is therefore proposed that:

- This request be included for consideration as part of the public consultation regarding the development of the new Green Spaces Strategy;
- Officers be asked to identify budget costings for the installation of reflective edging / markers for use on the pathways;
- Officers be asked to seek the views of the Police and the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust regarding community safety and ecology considerations;
- Subject to the outcomes of the wider consultation and strategic review of our green spaces, that this request be considered for inclusion in the accompanying action plan; and
- Officers be asked to identify any suitable external funding opportunities that might support this request, in the context of the extremely challenging financial position of this Council and local government in general”.