

FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL – Non-Confidential Report

Committee: Full Council

Meeting Date: 17 February 2025

Report by: Clerk

Subject: A27 Underpass

Agenda Item: 13.4

The following complaint was received from a lady who has previously complained to the Council about this issue. As a result of this complaint the PC in conjunction with the District Council held a 'day of action' on both sides of the underpass which included providing information and litter picking.

Grants cannot be obtained to 'do up' the underpass because it is the statutory responsibility of National Highways to maintain it. NH was contacted in the past and they will keep it safe but will not make cosmetic improvements due to limited budgets.

This location is on the border between Fishbourne and Chichester City.

Complaint (copied to Chichester City Councillors, the MP and the Mayor):

I fear its a 'hear we go again' message. Thank you in advance for your patience and attention to this issue and to share with relevant people so they are aware and can act.

There is still fly tipped mattresses and rubbish up the side of the underpass - this has been there for weeks.

Now this morning as we take our children to school, parents with pushchairs and children have to navigate dumped mattress and bed frame outside westward house. This has been there since yesterday. Lets hope its a planned collection but its unlikely.

The underpass also has dog poo left un-collected.

The inside and outside appearance of the underpass is truly a disgrace.

8 parents and 10 PRIMARY AGED CHIDLREN just with me, went through this morning. The state of this area must be addressed by the councils and all other responsible parties. (fishbourne parish/chic council/highways)!

This is not an unknown issue. It feels it is an issue that people who have a duty to address , and use our council tax appropriately. IT FEELS IGNORED.

We would like our council tax to be used to address this issue. It really is unacceptable.

The other glaringly obvious anti-social and illegal practice that also happens around this area is drug dealing. I have seen this happen, in daytime. I don't believe this is is also unknown or new information to any of council members.

There are strong smells of pot/and stronger substances. Many Westward House residents have open alcohol problems (as walk down the road, drunk or under the influence of something), walking with open beer or bottles. They also have lit joints, openly smoking on the way to and from Tescos.

I have copied this message to two parents group of Fishbourne School as I know many who walk this way feel the same.

Action from Council: to decide on any appropriate action