

Manor Farms Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

October 2007



CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Key issue	Action to be undertaken	Responsible agency	Timescale	Progress update
1. Lots of rubbish down alleyways and across the estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further intensive clean up needs to be undertaken in the area to address these problems – may need to hire in external machinery to address these issues 	Aire Valley Homes Leeds, Streetscene, Groundwork	January – March 2008	Intensive clean up carried out in June – a request is to be made via the Inner South Environmental Co-ordination group for a further couple of days to be allocated to the estate and a funding request to be put forward to Area Committee for equipment hire. Ginnell at the side of St Mary's Church is a particular problem hotspot which needs to be targeted in future action days.
2. Problems with fly tipping and dumping around the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage people to report fly tippers to enforcement and provide them with details on how to do so 	Enforcement, Aire Valley Homes Leeds, Streetscene, Groundwork	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Information is coming through to Enforcement and action being taken by officer covering the area, as appropriate. Regular updates to be given at steering group meetings. Enforcement are also putting out details on how to report through fly tipping / dumping
3. Local residents not being fully aware of procedures with wheelie bins and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide residents with information on bin collections and recycling 	City Services Education Team, Streetscene, Neighbourhood Warden	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Information already been circulated house to house by Neighbourhood Warden – further details to be included in the NIP newsletter.
4. Conditions of gardens – litter, rubbish, missing fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden letters to be distributed to tenants to get them to improve the condition of their gardens New tenants to be made aware of penalties that could be imposed if they don't keep their gardens in a good condition 	Aire Valley Homes Leeds, Streetscene, Enforcement, Groundwork, Neighbourhood Warden	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Letters already being sent to tenants by Neighbourhood Warden and Aire Valley Homes. Details of prosecutions need to be communicated to residents that do keep gardens tidy to show action is being taken. Quarterly estate walkabouts are taking place and problem properties / areas are being identified.

5. Loose dogs around the estate and problems with dog fouling in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the dog warden is carrying out regular patrols across the estate • Progress the installation of notices about dog fouling on street signs and lamp posts 	Enforcement, Streetscene Services	March 2008	The dog warden or an update from the dog warden to come to the November NIP steering group
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INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

Key issue	Action to be undertaken	Responsible agency	Timescale	Progress update
1. Ensure that support is given to the residents group to make it sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support provided to group to increase membership, provide skills to conduct the meetings / draw up minutes and promotion of meetings / group 	Area Management, Aire Valley Homes	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Area Committee's Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker and Aire Valley Homes Tenant Participation Officer continuing to support the group
2. Communication to residents that changes are happening in the area and how they can become involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular newsletter is produced and distributed to all the households in the NIP area • Multi-agency community day is held for residents in the area 	Area Management, Aire Valley Homes	Quarterly newsletter and one community day to be held	First newsletter to be distributed in December to all households in the target neighbourhood. A community day to be organised in 2008 once NIP is fully up and running.
3. Poverty in the area – this could potentially have an impact on families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information and advice for local people on Fuel Poverty issues • Arrange for a Credit Union / Citizens Advice Bureau session to visit the area 	Primary Care Trust	March – June 2008	Discussions to take place in November to drive forward these actions
4. Provide support to Manorfield Hall to make the community centre more sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the issues surrounding the ownership of the facility • Look other organisations which could use the facility 	Area Management	December 2007 – March 2008	Further work to be undertaken by the Area Management staff to ensure the future viability of this facility

	to generate more income for the building			
5. Promote the usage of Middleton Park to local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add in a list of facilities / activities available at Middleton Park in newsletter Request Friends of Middleton Park to carry out a target project on the Manor Farms estate to encourage use 	Parks & Countryside, Friends of Middleton Park	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Contact to be made with Friends of Middleton Park to ask them to link into the NIP

MORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Key issue	Action to be undertaken	Responsible agency	Timescale	Progress update
1. Lack of local centre for young people to access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possibility of existing local facilities being used as a local youth base 	LCC Youth Service, Area Management	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Discussion has taken place with regards to setting up a youth club at Manorfield Hall with support of Police and Cupboard Project – further work needs to be undertaken on this matter
2. Not enough activities in the area for young people leading to anti-social behaviour problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of current provision covering the area and explore possibility or re-aligning current activities to hotspot times 	LCC Youth Service	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Work being undertaken to expand the patch of the detached youth provision that operates across the Newhalls area to cover Manor Farms Estate

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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1. New tenants are feeling intimidated by people on the estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try and programme in a number of new tenants moving into the vacant properties at once to support each other 	West Police Yorkshire, Aire Valley Homes Leeds	TBC	Awaiting an update from Aire Valley Homes
2. High number of fires taking place across the estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of Fire Safety Advice to each household Monitor number of fires in 	West Yorkshire Fire Service	Ongoing throughout lifetime of NIP	Number of fires have dramatically reduced in the area due to rubbish being cleared from the estate

	area and take action as appropriate			
3. Not enough evidence to take action on crime or prosecute individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV to be installed to capture evidence to assist the Police 	West Police Yorkshire, Aire Valley Homes Leeds	TBC	No definite date of CCTV installation but there have been concerns raised surrounding the location of the cameras. Also require clarity on the duration of the monitoring contract for the cameras
4. Motorbikes being ridden around the street and on the old Miggy Pit site behind Manor Farm Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A crackdown operation to target nuisance motorbike across the are • Provide information to residents so they know how to report problems with motorbikes 	West Yorkshire Police, Parks & Countryside	One or two operations throughout the lifetime of the NIP	Bike patrol can be called upon from Holbeck or Bradford divisions if particular problems arise – will be easier to track offenders once CCTV is installed. It is suggested that an operation is carried out in the new year as people in the area may have received motorbikes as Christmas presents