

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 7th December 2021

Title: Letters to residents

Purpose of Report

For committee members to consider the issues of residents leaving green waste in and around Shudrick stream.

Recommendation:

Members to delegate officers to write a letter to residents in the area of Shudrick stream to refrain from dumping green waste in any public area and to dispose of green waste through the proper channels.

Background:

1. A member of the public wrote a letter to the Town Council reporting the problem of green waste being left in or around the Shudrick stream area.

Report:

2. A build up of green waste can cause issues with the flow of water along Shudrick stream through the housing estate and beyond into Winterhay Lane.
3. The recent flooding events in Ditton Street and Station Road has lead to different agencies such as the Environment Agency and Persimmons, clearing green waste from these areas in an attempt to reduce the likelihood of flooding in the future.
4. Residents in the area of Shudrick stream need to be more aware of the possible consequences of their actions should they continue to leave their green waste in the vicinity of the stream.
5. Officers could write to households in the area of the stream to remind the residents of the usual channels of disposing of green waste.

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Dear Councillors

FLOODING PROBLEMS

Whilst out on my daily walks I often return via the footpath which runs parallel with Canal Way. It is a lovely walk by the stream but it is being ruined by some residents throwing their garden rubbish onto the banks to the stream.

This practice is causing a build up of debris which is choking the progress of the water and is also extremely unsightly. Eventually, this will cause the water to back-up into the town.

I believe that every resident has a duty and responsibility for the care of our lovely town and perhaps a letter from the Council to the residents whose homes are by the stream, asking them to use either the green bin service, composting or the recycling centre to dispose of their rubbish, may help to improve this matter.

Yours sincerely