

## Report to the West Place Board

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

### Lakeside Parking Proposal

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 There have been ongoing issues with parking around the Lakeside Towers for a long period of time. There are 74 garages available for parking for all of the towers in the Lakeside area and these are currently let. Due to the number of residents, carers and visitors to the towers parking continues to be an issue of significant priority for the local residents.

#### 2. Current Position

- 2.1 All 74 garages are let and have a specific policy attached to them as follows:
- Must be a tenant or owner of a flat in the tower blocks
  - Only one garage per property
  - The garages can only be used to store cars and are checked on an annual basis.
- 2.2 The issues with parking continue to escalate with the Police now ticketing cars for obstructive/illegal parking, tenants giving up their properties due to ongoing parking issues, footpaths blocked and access for the Fire and Ambulance Service severely restricted.

#### 3. Proposal

- 3.1 Use Gentoo land located behind the current garages to create an additional 18 parking spaces for residents of the Lakeside Towers.
- 3.2 The work would include lifting and replanting trees located there, creating a tarmac base and marking out the individual car parking spaces, available on a first come, first serve basis.
- 3.3 3 quotations were obtained for the work from Cousins, Excalibur and ACT with the lowest price coming in at £21,200.
- 3.4 Gentoo have confirmed they would be prepared to use some of the devolved budget to cover 50% of the cost of the capital works at £10,600 and cover the cost of future maintenance.
- 3.5 The Place Board are asked to consider if under the Environment and Street Scene priority SIB could be used to match fund Gentoo and allow the creation of additional parking spaces.
- 3.6 Gentoo have confirmed they would be unable to cover the full capital cost of such a programme.

#### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Place Board recommended match funding the programme with £10,600 SIB with a condition that potential future street lighting requests will not be met by Sunderland Council.