

# FRIENDS OF MONEYHOLE PRESS RELEASE

## RESIDENTS ACT TO STOP PARK MENACE BY PROPOSING SOLUTION TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Panshanger residents turned out in arctic conditions today to tell Grant Shapps about their proposed solution which will reduce anti-social behaviour at Moneyhole Lane Park.

For many years Panshanger residents living near the park have been plagued by inconsiderate car owners using the car park to race around, play loud music, and make a lot of noise which keeps residents awake at night. The Council own the car park, and it is managed by Finesse Leisure.

“The police cannot patrol the park at all hours. Preventing cars entering the park will stop these late night disturbances and the youths who gather around the vehicles” says Ian Barnes, a local resident.

“The Council must listen to the residents and address their concerns going back years. We would like John Dean to honour the first of his five promises to the residents of Panshanger – *“We will work with the police and other agencies to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.”* TK Choo, local resident.

Fed-up local residents want the Council and Finesse to put in a permanent solution to this long standing problem. The proposal is for an automatic rising kerb barrier, as installed at several other car parks in the town. The proposal has been costed and a representation made to the council and councillors for funding from the Community Chest.

“So far Panshanger has been awarded far less from the Community Chest than most other wards, this proposal fits the bill perfectly as a neighbourhood improvement” – Will Davis, local resident.

Residents are putting forward this proposal as no other workable, effective and practical solution has been offered. We are of course open to considering other ways of reducing the menace of anti-social behaviour at Moneyhole Park.

A petition signed by 159 residents was presented to the Council’s Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 23 Nov. 09. We await their considered response.

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