

## Appendix 2

### A summary of the consultation and discussion with the police.

A conversation with the local police Senior Officers team began in August/September 2014 in respect of the then draft proposal to cease locking pedestrian gates in a small percentage of parks where this was still the practice.

The police view was then and has remained that this is a Council business decision. The view point was reiterated by the Borough Commander at a public meeting in December 2014. It was noted that the Council does fund additional teams of PCSOs, the majority of whom work in local parks.

The police have also noted that the Community Safety Unit has analysed some crime and ASB figures before submitting the proposal to leave pedestrian gates unlocked and that the report notes that crime levels will be reviewed periodically to inform ongoing arrangements.

### Additional comments on the crime rates.

The graph below demonstrate that from a peak of reported crime in 2010, crime trends in parks have reversed and now continue to fall (by about a quarter) as at 2013/14. We do not have the full year figures for 2014/15 but believe that the reducing numbers have continued during this year.

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