

## ANNEXE A

The working group identified a number of issues with the existing policy:

1. 'No Ball Games' signs are erected following pressure from the community but cannot be enforced so cannot resolve the problem for the complainants.
2. Although residents are advised during consultation that there are no byelaws in effect, many still expect Police and ASB Officers to take action against children who play ball games.
3. 'No Ball games' signs have been seen to encourage an intolerance of normal youth behaviour. Communities need to be reminded that there is a difference between playing ball and committing acts of criminal damage and anti social behaviour.
4. 'No Ball Games' signs penalise all local children rather than the minority who are responsible for unacceptable behaviour.
5. Police and Anti Social Behaviour Officers have powers within legislation to deter perpetrators responsible for behaviour capable of causing harassment, alarm or distress and to react to perpetrators of criminal damage.
6. Property developers often plant shrubs now to make areas more attractive. This and other landscaping techniques can deter crime and anti social behaviour. In South Derbyshire the Police Crime Reduction Officer is consulted on all planning applications.