



18 Quantock Road

Taunton

TA2 7NL

Dear Sir

Please find the enclosed petition in accordance with your petition scheme.

We are petitioning the Council to provide effective preventative measures to stop travellers illegally setting up camp on Kingston Stream Open Space. Although the petition states specifically removable concrete bollards, following a residents meeting yesterday evening, people are willing to consider alternatives, providing these are effective i.e. NOT wooden trip rails.

Mendip Council are only one of many local councils in the UK to have taken serious steps which act as a strong deterrent. Please see enclosed pictures of stone boulders placed strategically at the park in Street, Glastonbury to prevent unlawful access. In addition to these measures there are councils in the UK who now have permanent injunctions to prevent illegal traveller camp sites. These include Harlow, Wolverhampton, Surrey, Basingstoke and Hampshire.

We urge Taunton Deane Borough Council to follow suite; differing methods need not be expensive and would definitely cost less than the money currently being spent on Council workers' time, Police time and clean-up operations.

The petition has in excess of 650 signatures, which we feel demonstrates the strength of feeling shown by local residents regarding this matter.

We would request that a motion be tabled at the full Council meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and that two questions be put to the council by myself, these being:

1. We ask the council to install effective preventative measures and secondly to take definitive action to prevent the unlawful encampment on Kingston Stream Open Space adjacent to Wellsprings Road, as soon as possible.
2. We ask the council to take steps to obtain an injunction to prevent illegal camp sites on Kingston Stream Open Space, as other councils have implemented in their own areas.

We would like some form of definitive action to be decided upon and to be undertaken as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course

Yours faithfully

Liz Goldsworthy