

From: CORDEIRO, Francesca (IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST) [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2019 09:23
To: Linda Lennon
Cc: Ric Glenn; Michael Webber; Stuart Ballantine; Judy Fish
Subject: Re: Chester Terrace Garden

Dear Linda

Thank you for your email

We understand that the advice being given on the Police UK website is necessarily of a rather general nature & is not relevant to the special circumstances of individual sites & particularly Chester Terrace.

Subsequent to receipt of your email we have now spoken with the Police Officer, PC Grant Bailey 1665CN, who attended the Terrace following the recent robbery at number 24.

He has confirmed that the **evergreen trees & evergreen shrubs** in the Chester Terrace Gardens provide important & valuable security screening from the Outer Circle pavements & roads & thereby help safeguard & protect the residents of Chester Terrace & their houses.

It would therefore be a matter of considerable concern to Chester Terrace residents if the CEPC acts in any way that reduces the security screening provided by the Chester Terrace gardens.

Under these circumstances we therefore look forward to receiving the CEPC's formal email assurance that they will not reduce the height, depth & width of the trees & shrubs in the gardens.

Furthermore can you also please confirm that the CEPC will urgently make arrangements to use part of the financial budget, paid for by Chester Terrace residents, re the gardens, to purchase **sizeable evergreen shrubs & mature evergreen trees** in order that there are no material "holes" in the security screening in the Chester Terrace Gardens – many thanks in anticipation of your personal help re this important matter.

PC Grant Bailey 1665CN informed us that he spoke with Martyn Floodgate, following the recent robbery, recommending the installation of centrally

controlled CCTV for the Terrace & we wondered what is the CEPC position on this matter ?

Best wishes

Francesca

On 3 Feb 2019, at 19:17, Linda Lennon [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Francesca,

I apologise for my delay in joining this exchange but I have been on holiday. The only point I would like to make is that in respect of security, the advice on the Police.UK site in respect of burglary is that you should look to improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges.

I recall this advice very clearly as when I managed Criminal Courts I often did joint visits with the police to Residents Forums; Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-Ordinator meetings etc and therefore sat through many advice sessions about how best to protect both yourself and your property. This tip was included as high hedges can provide natural cover for a person bent on criminal activity as makes them less visible to others. As mentioned above it is still on the Police website also.

I hope this is helpful.

Best wishes

Linda

From: CORDEIRO, Francesca (IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST)

Sent: 26 January 2019 18:05

To: Ric Glenn

Cc: Michael Webber; Linda Lennon; Stuart Ballantine; Judy Fish

Subject: Re: Chester Terrace Garden

Dear Ric

Thank you for your email, which was rather confusing.

The facts are that the trees & shrubs in Chester Terrace's Gardens, undeniably, provide important security screening for residents.

I discussed this matter with you, at length, when we met (with Michael Webber) in the gardens last year & when I specifically drew your attention to the importance of having an adequate screen from the Outer Circle pavements & road so that people couldn't easily see into the houses on the Terrace...

All residents are grateful for the work you & your team do in the gardens, to maintain their general well-being, however this issue of security screening is of utmost importance & priority & I am understandably concerned, on behalf of all the residents, if the CEPC tries to destroy or reduce the security screening by unnecessarily reducing the height or breadth of the existing trees & shrubs.

The recent burglaries on the Terrace highlight the critical importance of this matter & we therefore seek the active support & help of the CEPC, in this regard.

Moreover, there is a more than an adequate financial budget, paid for by residents, re the gardens, for the CEPC to be able to purchase sizeable evergreen shrubs & mature trees & I would be grateful if you would therefore arrange for this to be actioned so that there are no material "holes" in the security screening – many thanks in anticipation of your personal help re this matter.

Best wishes

Francesca