

## News Update on the Problem of Vandalism in Silverknowes

A meeting was held on 16th December 2011 attended by groups representing Silverknowes and Muirhouse to discuss the state of anti social behaviour and vandalism in Silverknowes caused by groups of youths from Muirhouse.

The main topic on the agenda was to consider the possible closure of the pedestrian access links between Muirhouse and Silverknowes as a means of providing a solution to the problem

The Minutes of the Meeting are available on our website [www.dmsa.org.uk](http://www.dmsa.org.uk) .

The most important outcome from the meeting is that it was agreed that two separate surveys would be undertaken in January 2012 in order to inform understanding on the issues around closure of the access points.

The first survey would be to provide an analysis of the present pattern and frequency of use of the access points by the public; who is using them, when are they being used and for what purpose?

The second survey would be of residents opinions around the closure options and would be undertaken among residents either side of the access points.

After these surveys have been completed and the information has been analysed the plan is to have a follow up meeting in early February to decide the next steps .

### Residents Opinion Survey

The Council have already delivered about 600 copies of the survey form to residents in streets east of Silverknowes Road who are closest to Silverknowes Eastway, since these residents are considered to have been the ones most badly affected by this problem. (This is not to imply that there are not problems elsewhere).

**There are clearly very strong opinions on either side of the arguments around closure of the access routes so if you want your views to count it is very important that you complete the form ( or follow the guidance for accessing the survey online ) by the specified deadline of 27th January.**

If you have not received a form it can be accessed online at [www.surveymonkey.com/silverknowes](http://www.surveymonkey.com/silverknowes)

If you do not have internet access and wish to have a copy of the survey form the DMSA will be able to provide a limited number if you contact us directly. Contacts:

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