

# Estate Walkabout Report

June 2022

Dalkeith

## **In attendance:**

Midlothian Council: Housing Officer Robert Docherty

Tenant Participation Officer Hazel Thomson

This walkabout took place on Thursday 23 June 2022. The walkabout was advertised to all tenants residing in this area of Dalkeith. A flyer was sent to all households to advertise this event and details to reach us via telephone or email was supplied on this flyer so tenants could raise any issues prior to the walkabout event.

Two telephone calls were received before this walkabout and feedback was given either during this walkabout or after event detailing any further action the council would take with the tenants issues raised.

We met at the start of Shadepark Gardens and also covered Musselburgh Road and Shadepark Drive.

## **Shadepark Gardens**

There was one garden in this street which had household items dumped in their garden area and another garden was messy. The alleyway leading from Shadepark Gardens to Shadepark Drive was badly overgrown with bushes and trees blocking this area and restricting any light into this pathway.

**Action:** Reported the garden which was messy to our Temporary Let Housing Team to follow up. Other household with the items dumped in garden space is a private let and notified Landlord Registration section to follow up with landlord this issue and garden being overgrown.

## **Musselburgh Road**

The general area on the day of this walkabout was in a good condition and we found no outstanding issues to follow up.

## **Shadepark Drive**

Three local residents raised their concerns while this walkabout took place around the concrete steps leading down near their houses having large gaps and being slack. Residents did mention on a few occasions recently some damage has been done with vandals near their houses which resulted in broken metal fencing near the play park area and waste bin is now missing a lid. There was two open space areas with trees and bushes which the council maintain needing some attention. On occasions when the grass is being cut near the play park area it's not always been collected which can easily blow into their property with it

being a large area that's just been cut. One garden in this street was messy and there was a badly overgrown tree near the house.

**Action:** Housing Officer will do follow up action with tenant with messy garden and overgrown tree. Reported to Contact Centre all other issues.

**The next walkabout is in Penicuik and Auchendinny on 29 June at 10am**