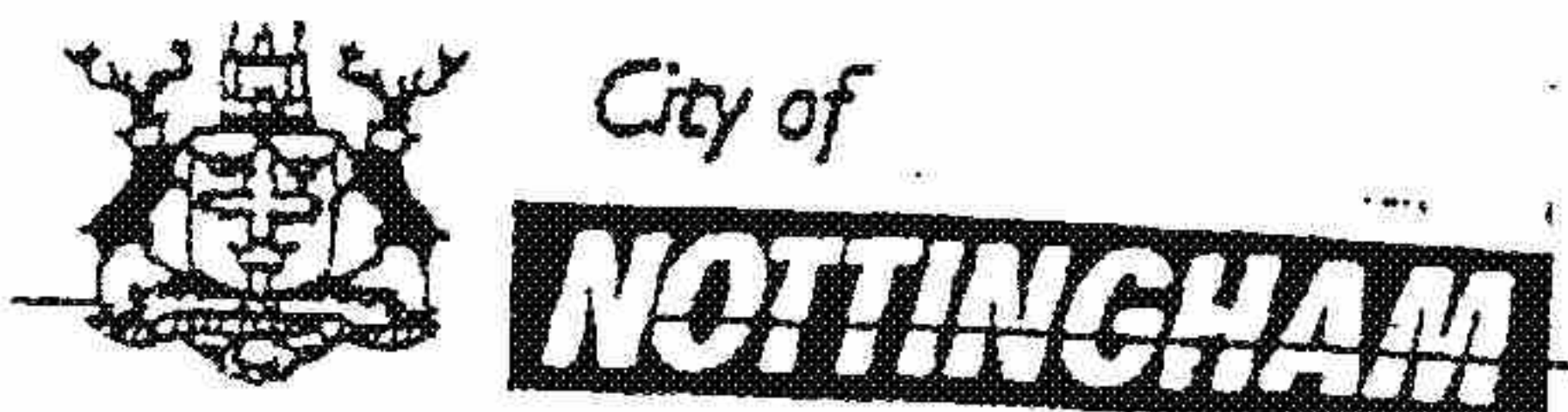


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USE OF WOODBOROUGH ROAD SITE BY SEX WORKERS

On a recent visit to Woodborough Road to look at the progress of the refurbishment to the children's home, it was brought to my attention that the site, adjacent to the workshop, is being used by sex workers and their clients. Each morning and particularly after weekends, the Handyperson/Driver (attached to Woodyard Lane children's home) has the task of cleaning up the area littered with used condoms and hypodermic needles.

Apparently this is not a new problem and even occurs when the staff and children are in residence. The site is accessed, usually during the silent hours, by the vehicle entrance off Woodborough Road, situated between The Lindens and the children's home. If the barrier at this entrance was locked at night, the problem referred to would be reduced. However, people appear reluctant to secure the barrier at the end of each day. A barrier operated by a swipe card may prove more user friendly than the current system operated by lock and key.

Used condoms and hypodermic needles present a serious health and safety risk for all who live and work at this complex. Rather than us having to rely on the good will of the Handy person/Driver to clear up the debris, is it possible for us to be able to access the City Council's Street Cleaning Department (Environmental Services) to undertake this work?

Could I use this opportunity to raise with you a separate security issue. The refurbishment of Woodborough Road Children's Home will be completed within the next 3 months. The property has already been broken into twice during the refurbishment work. On these occasions, items were stolen and the property damaged. As the refurbishment nears completion there is potential for even greater damage to be caused if the property is broken into. Do you know how we could arrange for the property to be secured at night - particularly during the period mid July to mid August. During this time work will be complete and a phased return from Woodyard Lane will be underway. This will involve leaving valuable and attractive items at Woodborough Road unsupervised at night. I would welcome your help with and comments on the above matter.