

PE1818/B

Petitioner response of 12 November 2020

I am disappointed to see that the response is likely to be that nothing will change. Whilst my suggestion of licencing may not be the right solution, and I appreciate it may take some time / difficulty to manage, the fact still remains that these large play items are often misused.

It would have been welcome if the committee / government were even to publish some boundaries/regulations about their appropriate use in a residential capacity, so as to aide reducing friction between neighbours.

As per my previous note, this petition was never raised to stop children playing outdoors, but if there is anti-social use of them, it will stand to reason that the adults in charge of supervising the children (or even adults using them) are less likely to be socially responsible with regards to noise.

Issuing some regulations about their use may have been a suitable compromise and a step forwards towards helping neighbours resolve those types of issues unofficially.

I am certain I am not alone with the frustration these play items bring (along with impacts of privacy if they can see into neighbours gardens when they are in use) and I thought I heard your panel all mention they have received complaints from their constituents about these being used inappropriately.