

**Outcome of Matt's meeting with Councillor Alan Lewis on Monday evening to raise some of the issues in the Village:**

**Cllr Alan Lewis**

Monday 26/07/21

Maghera

Tonight I had a walk around Maghera Village with Vice-Chair of the community association Matt McConnell.

- ✓ Broken / Sunken Kerbs (photographed & sent to section engineer)
- ✓ Weeds (photographed sent to council requesting sprayer visit)
- ✓ Dog foul (I'm delivering signs on Thursday)
- ✓ No bins (forwarded to neighbourhood services to conduct survey of area for provision)
- ✓ Blocked drains (jetting has been requested)
- ✓ Neglected play area (council to investigate ownership)
- ✓ Speeding Vehicles (requested this be added PCSP / PSNI / DFI List of areas of concern for SID provision, requested Speed checks to begin this week)

I have forwarded all to council / DFI for immediate attention & have committed to working with residents going forward to resolve any issues they have ✓

And further from this meeting Councillor Lewis got back to Matt today regarding the play park. Reply below

**Tuesday 27/07/21**

This afternoon I met with council's Outdoor Leisure Officer Damien Morgan at Maghera.

Happy to confirm that the play area was created by Down Council, it was included in NMDC's recent play strategy and was considered viable. Unfortunately, it has been neglected and as a result has fallen below standards.

I've secured agreement to;

- 1) Upgrade the play-mats (replace with wetpour) 2022/23 - With only £50k in this years budget, it was impossible to get it pushed in this year-
- 2) Power-wash equipment, ground and general area. - Immediate
- 3) Fresh paint for equipment / fencing. - Immediate
- 4) Bin repair & regular emptying schedule. - Immediate
- 5) Regular cutting schedule for grass area. - Immediate
- 5) Weeds to be cleared and maintained. - Immediate.
- 6) Upgraded Play equipment (included in future play strategy evaluation)

Hope this helps.

Best wishes  
Alan