Report on Langvout Square.

Comment by tenant **“We are living with the results of them doing nothing.”**

The single story dwellings round Langvout Square are occupied by South Lanarkshire social housing tenants, several (four) of them have been in touch with myself and Lesley Craise recently about the external conditions surrounding their homes.

One tenant has spoken to eight further residents and all would like the pavements, car parking, lighting and general surroundings to be repaired and improved. **They want to be involved and consulted about any changes.** They wish it to be recognise that these houses are occupied by tenants some of whom are house bound, many of whom have mobility issues and all of whom need a safer, more pleasant environment. They are described as high amenity homes apparently by SLC, but the outside areas are rundown.

**Conditions at present assessed by Thelma Ingram**

**The tarmac paths** are uneven and undulating, the site is on a slope and so are the paths. They are edged with wooden boards which have rotted, many are missing and none are intact. The tarmac is disintegrating and worn not just at the edges.

**The car parking** is the same as that provided when the first four blocks of housing went up. Some years later extra linked houses were built but no extra parking was provided. A grit bin occupies one of the parking spaces. Quite a number of the tenants have carers going in several times every day, whilst others have cars themselves. Getting into a car can be difficult as the roads are not immediately outside many of the houses and parking spaces are end on. There are no disabled spaces. They would like more parking spaces.

**Lighting** – The lighting is mainly look after by SLC Lighting Department, the rest is looked after by the Housing Department. The residents experience long delays when lights need replacing, the area is not really lit in places especially when the tenants’ house lights go off for the night.

In addition the brick surrounded drying yards have uneven tarmac and wooden poles to hoist, the newer houses have some whirligigs. They have black bin collections only, getting the bin out can be difficult for some.

The **site** has grassy mounds on which are some trees, there is **one** wooden bench. The grass is mowed but the edges have been treated with weed killer so the grass areas are surrounded by increasing earth margins. There are no flowers or interest in the public areas. The word grim was used to me by those I spoke to.

**ACTION** The residents invite us, the SLC Councillors and any of the SLC departments responsible to come and meet them so they can show us what the exterior surroundings are like for them, and to work with them to make things safer and designed for their needs.