**Clamping down on off-road bikes**

With the light nights of summer fast approaching, we are aware of the

concerns that residents have about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) caused

by off-road bikes. We want you to know that Southway is working with

the Police and the Council to address the problem.

The Police have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices and confiscate

the bikes being used. They also have a specialist off-road motorcycle unit, who focus

on the problem. Meanwhile, Manchester City Council can issue different types of

order to the perpetrators, such as an ASBO, Community Protection Notice or an

injunction. To assist the Police and the Council, we are asking you to give us as

many details about the problem as possible, so that we can understand what action

and resources are needed to tackle the issue of off-road bikes. The most effective

way we can address it is if we know who the culprits are, as all legal powers

available depend on this.

If you have any information about who is riding bikes illegally, or using them to

carry out ASB, it is vital that you report them. Details about which properties the

bikes are taken to, what the riders look like, and a description of the bike and

location concerned are all very helpful. Previous reports from residents stating ‘they

have heard’ the bikes are unfortunately not actionable and, in some cases, mistaken

for other vehicles. You can report off-road bikers by calling the Police’s non-

emergency line, 101, phoning Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or by

phoning Southway on 0161 448 4200. When we know the identity of the culprits, we

can collaborate with the Police and the Council, and do all that we can to clamp

down on off-road bikes for good.