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| **Report No. 2022/27****Appendix:** **Agenda Item:**  | **Council: Full Council****Date of Meeting: 1 September 2022** |
| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** |
| **Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe** | **Title: Cutts Close** |
| **Title: Cutts Close - Camera Access** |
| **Applicable Strategy:** 1. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play.
2. Improve and increase facilities within the town.
3. Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community.
4. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.
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There is a Camera on the lamp post on the corner of Station Road and Ashwell Road.

Currently due to lower branches obstructing the Camera views of the Cutts Close Shelter and park have reduced the capability of the camera.

The Police recently made an arrest in this area of two adults and one youth in relation to drug related offences.

There has been a lot of ASB and littering in this area, through a monitoring of this area over 12 day period in July Cllr Lowe collected over fifty bags, mostly empty, that are associated with drugs; mainly cannabis.

Cllr Lowe had a meeting with RCC and Leicester Police about the ‘evidence’ of drugs and ASB, this followed a meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The objectives of the meeting was to establish what the Police and RCC would or could do about the ASB and drugs related incidents.

RCC and the Police have suggested that the raising of the crown could help them keep an eye on the Shelter and parts of the park where ASB / littering is happening.

* 1. Council request quotes for the raising of the Crown or reduction of some lower branches to help the RCC and Police perform their duty in helping to reduce ASB and other activities.
	2. The Council lease with RCC, Hugh Crouch, to ensure any works are carried out effectively.

The two following stamped trees appear to be in the line of site, both with work identified on the Tree Inspection report 6 Sept 2021 - 10 Sept 2021

Tree 0479 Common Lime

Tree 2096 Sweet Chestnut