

North Dudley Area Committee – 5th December 2007

Responses to Questions Raised at Previous Meetings

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee on the current status of responses to questions posed at previous meetings of the Committee.

Background

2. At the meeting of this Committee on 19th September 2007, it was indicated that written responses would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are attached as appendix 1.

Finance

3. There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

Law

4. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

5. The proposals take into account the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

6. That the Committee note the report and the appendix to the report.



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List of Background Papers:

Question slips submitted at the meeting
Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers

APPENDIX 1

Responses To Questions Raised at Previous Meeting held on 19th September, 2007

Public Forum -

A member of the public raised concern regarding the future plans for garages in Brook Bank Road, including the exiting right of access. The Principal Housing Manager, North Dudley Area, has written advising that, together with a number of other garage sites, the garage and access referred to was declared surplus to the Council's requirements in 2004. No final decision had been made regarding the future of the site, but all correspondence and petitions will be taken into account.

Ward Issues –

Councillor Evans raised the need for the removal of the barrier in Priory Lane car park to enable easier parking at the Health Centre in Sedgley. The Engineering and Transport Manager, Directorate of the Urban Environment has written advising that it is considered that danger could be introduced by the opening up of Priory Lane to general traffic. Priory Lane could rapidly turn from a quiet series of cul de sac to a local distributor route, with motorists driving along it between Catholic Lane and Vicar Street. The removal of this important safety scheme could be viewed as a retrograde step in the light of the needs of unprotected users and accordingly the request cannot be acceded to under current circumstances.