

Halesowen Area Committee - 11th March 2009

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions Asked at the Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd January 2009

Purpose of Report

1. To receive responses to questions asked at the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd January 2009.

Background

2. The issues set out below were raised at the last meeting of the Committee, progress on which is as follows:-
3. Historic Buildings in Halesowen Town Centre

In response to the attention drawn by a member to the historic timber architecture situated at the rear of the pet shop in high street, Halesowen, numbers 75, 77 and 79 High Street are all Grade II listed buildings, with number 75 being the property with the early timber framing. Since it is understood that the shop premises are now closed, the Historic Environmental Section of the Directorate of the Urban Environment, in conjunction with the Town Centre Manager, are maintaining vigilance on the property. The member who raised the issue has been apprised of this information.

4. Protection of Trees at Royal British Legion, Bundle Hill, Halesowen

In response to the question asked at the last meeting of the Committee on the current situation regarding the making of Tree Preservation Orders on trees on British Legion Land at Bundle Hill, it has been confirmed that the site is currently covered by a Tree Preservation Order that consists of three area orders, a group order and three individual orders. The orders have been in place since 1981.

The Tree Protection Officer in the Directorate of the Urban Environment visited the site in 2008 and is satisfied that all the significant trees on the site are benefiting from protection.

The member of the public and the ward member who raised the issue have been apprised of this information.

Finance

- 5 There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law


- 6 Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

- 7 The report takes into account the Council's policies on Equality and Diversity. Since this is a feedback report on issues raised by members, there are no direct implications for children in noting the report.

Recommendations

- 8 That the contents of this report be received and noted.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the meeting of the Halesowen Area Committee held on 22nd January 2009.