

Stourbridge Area Committee - 18th June 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of a written responses made to a questions asked at previous meetings.

Background

2. At meetings of this Committee held on 20th November 2006 and 22nd January 2007, it was indicated that a written reply would be sent to the questioners on the following questions.
3. A member of the public commented on why a recent planning application for a take away/restaurant in High Street Lye, had been approved, despite numerous safety issues having been raised during consideration of the matter. The Planning Regulations and On-Line Services Manager has written to the questioner advising that the planning assessment had concluded that, as the application related to a restaurant use (and not a takeaway as previously the case) customers would stay longer and therefore be unlikely to park in the zigzag marked area outside the premises. She also advised that the final recommendation of any planning application was a balanced judgement in the light of all material considerations and that there may be instances where the advice of a consultee was outweighed by other mitigating circumstances.
4. In response to a request for an assurance that the Dell Stadium would continue to be maintained, the Head of Sport and Leisure has written to the questioner advising that The Dell Stadium provides an important facility, which has the potential for further development although it will need refurbishment in the future. He further advised that the most cost effective option would be to undertake renovation of the track at The Dell Stadium at the appropriate time. There was no justification for a second track at the present time.
5. A member of the public questioned whether it would be possible to use Kirkstone Way as an alternative for delivery lorries using Sandringham Way. The Group Engineer, Highways has written to the questioner advising that there had been a significant increase in consumer demand for fresher produce and that an ever

expanding range of goods had resulted in more frequent and larger delivery vehicles on a daily basis. The Group Engineer, Highways, also explained that the traffic calming measures referred to, did not prohibit goods vehicles from using Kirkstone Way, and that it would not be appropriate to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit delivery vehicles from using Sandringham Way as they had a legitimate need to use this road for access into Sainsbury's service area.

Finance

6. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

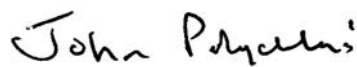
7. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

13. The report takes into account the Council's Policy on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

14. The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.



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List of Background Papers

Question slips handed in at previous meetings of the Stourbridge Area Committee.
Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers.