

**North Dudley Area Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**

**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 23rd September, 2009, 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

Responses To Issues Raised at Previous Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009

Petitions

a) Local residents presented a petition requesting that customers of the Savers Express Supermarket in Upper Gornal be allowed to park on double yellow lines in front of the shop for up to fifteen minutes.

The Petition was referred to the Director of the Urban Environment for consideration.

Following investigations, the Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety has written to the owner of the shop to advise that as parking in front of the shop would obstruct the public highway and prevent the movement of vehicular traffic, parking on the double yellow lines would not be possible for any length of time.

b) Local tenants presented a petition to the Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, objecting to the unkempt state of some void properties in Hartland Avenue, Coseley and to the adverse effect on surrounding elderly residents, on account of mini motor bikes gaining access to the fields at the back of the properties from the void properties. The petition was referred to the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, with a request that a report on the matter be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee. Local tenants complained.

The Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services investigated the issue and reported back to the Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009. Following consideration of the report, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, residents spoke with the Area Housing Team Manager regarding concerns which still existed. Following his discussion with local tenants, the Area Housing Team Manager has arranged for the situation to be closely monitored, with the Housing Manager making weekly site visits and speaking to the tenants who raised the concerns on the evening of North Dudley Area Committee meeting. The Area Housing Manager advises that no major problems have occurred since the last meeting of the North Dudley Area Committee.