
Halesowen Area Committee – 4th September 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions Raised at the Halesowen Area Committee held on 2nd July 2008

Purpose of Report

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

Background

2. At the meeting of this Committee held on 2nd July 2008 a question was asked on behalf of Quinton and District Association of Approved Driving Instructors with regard to the closure of the Quinton Test Centre and the proposed closures of the Kidderminster and Gornal Driving Test Centres. The Area Liaison Officer is seeking further information from the Driving Standards Agency and will report verbally.
3. A Member of the public queried whether public footpaths would be provided from Pool Road car park entrance to Summer Hill following the removal of the concrete barriers that had been placed whilst the works took place. The Group Engineer (Transportation) has responded to the questioner and has indicated that a full topographical survey of the embankment fronting the Queensway adjacent to Pool Road Car Park would be carried out to ascertain the scale of the scheme required to address the pedestrian needs in the area. Following a site visit investigations will be undertaken to improve alternative pedestrian access from Hagley Steet to Pool Road via the car park access road in advance of the removal of the temporary pedestrian arrangement associated with the Queensway bus stands.
4. Following a request from a Member, the Group Engineer (Transportation) has investigated the sequencing of the pedestrian lights near the junction of Summerhill and Queensway and found that there is a considerable delay to pedestrians at certain times. The relevant officer has been instructed to investigate further and to make any appropriate adjustments to rectify the situation.
5. A member of the public referred to the electronic speed indicator on the A456 between Hayley Green Island and Hagley Wood Lane and queried why it had been removed and whether it would be replaced. The Group Engineer (Transportation) has investigated the issue and found that the sign was removed having been damaged in a road traffic accident. It is understood that the sign will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Finance

6. There are no direct financial implications arising from the 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

8. The report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and there are no direct implications for children and young people in noting the report.

Recommendation

9. That the Committee notes the contents of the report.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the Committee held on 2nd July 2008