

North Dudley Area Committee – 3rd December 2008

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 24th September, 2008 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 Questions Raised at Previous Meeting held on 24th September 2008 concerning the directorate of the urban environment

Public Forum

1. A member of the public expressed concerns regarding drivers exceeding the 30 mph speed limit on Cotwall End Road, partly due to the road signs advising motorists of the speed limit being hidden by overhanging trees.

Trees and bushes have now been cut back and some signs improved. White “30 mph speed limit roundels” have been laid along the carriageway in Cotwall End Road. Cotwall End Road was closed for a day whilst all of the work took place.

Ward Issues

1. Councillor Mrs Ridney raised:
 - a) Concerns regarding an overgrown path on the side of the Coseley School leading to Canal Road.

DUE Green Care have been asked to tidy the footpath.

- b) Concerns regarding inconsiderate parking on Henne Drive, by parents dropping children at school. She requested that parking restrictions be introduced to prevent parking on both sides of the road.

During the 2009-10 financial year, an investigation will be carried out to determine appropriate Traffic Regulation Order and traffic management measures necessary for Henne Drive. It is possible that further pedestrian guardrail might be introduced this financial year, to assist pedestrian pupils.

2. Councill Mottram raised:
 - a) Concerns regarding inconsiderate parking at Coseley Station which had led to complaints from residents who objected to their drives being blocked.

Councillor Mottram recently met officers and representatives of Centro to discuss the possibility of Centro introducing further overflow commuter car parking for Coseley Station.

- b) Concerns regarding heavy traffic in the Ivy House Lane, Coseley area.

During the 2009-10 financial year, an investigation will be carried out to determine the justification for including Ivyhouse Lane in a future year's annual Local Safety Scheme or Safer Routes to School Scheme.

- c) A request for speed cameras in the Bourne Street and Brook Street areas. He also requested that consideration to given to including the area in a Local Safety Scheme.

The West Midlands Camera Safety Partnership will be asked to investigate the justification for including Bourne Street/Brook Street in a future annual Safety Camera programme. Consideration will also be given to including Bourne Street/Brook Street in a future annual Local Safety Scheme programme, for the installation of Speed Visors.

- d) A request for an update to be given on the Roseville Business Watch's request for the introduction of a one way system which Centro had objected to.

Officers are awaiting a response from Centro and bus service providers concerning the one-way traffic flow proposals.

3. Councillor Simms raised concerns regarding the fencing at Tipton Road which needed repairing.

New pedestrian guard railing has been ordered for sections of Park Road and Tipton Road to assist pedestrian primary school pupils. The issue of maintenance of the school fencing is being discussed with representatives of Children's Services.

4. Councillor Mrs Millward requested that traffic enforcement officers be requested to address parking problems in Longfellow Road and Roberts Street and/or the introduction of parking restrictions in the area.

Parental parking issues in Longfellow Road are currently being considered, for the possible future introduction of waiting restrictions. Enforcement of the existing yellow lines in Robert Street now takes. The area forms part of an enforcement route for Civil Enforcement Attendants.