

Stourbridge Area Committee - 10th March 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

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

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 21st January, 2008, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners on the following questions:
3. In response to comments regarding street cleansing in Mount Road and Sandyacre Way, Stourbridge, the Street Cleansing Team Manager has written to the questioner, advising that the carriageway is swept every eight weeks, although there are no cyclical arrangements for litter picking. The site has been cleansed on request via complaints to the Dudley Council Plus. The Team Manager will arrange for the Area Officer to inspect the area referred to and to take any remedial work. If appropriate, a four weekly litter pick, would be initiated and monitored to measure the effect and future arrangements for improvement.
4. In response to concerns expressed by a member of the public relating to cycleways in the Withymore area and the Dudley Canal Conservation area, the Assistant Director, Development and Environmental Protection (Directorate of the Urban Environment) has written to the questioner advising in detail of the up to date situation with regard to both issues.
5. In response to concerns expressed by a member of the public relating to an unsafe boundary retaining wall in Redhill, Stourbridge, the Principal Engineer of the Directorate of the Urban Environment has written to the member of the public confirming that the Council is aware of the problems and is working with the owner to ensure the satisfactory remedial works are carried out.
6. In response to a petition submitted at the meeting by residents requesting consideration to be given to the installation of traffic calming measures in Worcester Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, the Group Engineer Traffic and Road Safety has written to the first named person on the petition to advise that an investigation into the possibility of the traffic calming measures will commence during the 2008-09 financial year. Dependent on the results of the investigation,

consideration will be given to including Worcester Lane in a list from which future annual Local Safety Schemes will be selected.

7. At the meeting of the Committee in December, 2007 members of the public expressed concerns relating to bus access to Stourbridge Health & Social Centre, Vicarage Road, Amblecote, to which the Group Engineer Traffic and Road Safety wrote and received a verbal response from the Bus Network Manager. Following a further request for a written response the Bus Network Manager has now written to the Group Engineer Traffic and Road Safety advising him that he had revisited the site and confirmed that the distance from High Street to the entrance of the Health Centre car park on John Corbett Drive is 175 metres and the distance from Vicarage Road to the pedestrian entrance to the Health Centre on Vicarage Road 133 metres. The Passenger Transport Authority's target is a maximum walk of 400 metres to a bus service.

Finance

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

Law

9. 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 Policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

9. 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.