
North Dudley Area Committee –8th April 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 28th January 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 Questions Raised at Previous Meeting held on 28th January 2009

Public Forum

A member of the public expressed concerns relating to difficulties for people with visual and hearing impairments taking part in consultation on local issues, if documentation in an appropriate format was not available at the start of consultation period. In response the Head of Marketing and Communications has written to the member of the public advising that the marketing and communications team take their responsibilities to consult all members of the community seriously. She also advised that the team were reviewing their processes and procedures to ensure a consistent approach in the forthcoming months. Whilst the team endeavour to make alternative formats available, they needed to be mindful that they balance resources against need and to this end they engaged with access for disabled people and carers, as well as the Directorate of the Urban Environment disability group and Access in Dudley team.

Responses To Questions Raised at Previous Meeting held on 28th January 2009 concerning the directorate of the urban environment

Public Forum

1. A member of the public raised concerns relating to difficulty with access to Beechfield Grove and the Bramford Estate due to cars driving on the grass verge between the junction of Beechfield Grove and the main Chad Road, especially late at night together with a request to erect a further bollard to make driving on the grass verge difficult.

When new funding becomes available in May, an investigation will commence in Beechfield Road and Chad Grove, in order to determine the best means of assisting vehicular access and protecting verges.

2. A member of the public raised concerns regarding irresponsible parking at the junction of Providence Road and Ivyhouse Lane, particularly around licensing open hours of the Ex Servicemen's Club at the corner of the junction.

The junction of Providence Road and Ivyhouse Lane has been added to a list from which future proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders will be selected.

3. Members of the public raised concerns regarding several property issues affecting their home at Hickmerelands Lane.

In response the Group Engineer Traffic and Road Safety has written to the questioners answering the matters raised.

Ward Issues

1.
 - a) Councillor Mottram requested an explanatory letter regarding the current situation concerning the proposed 'gating' Order for 'The File Cutters' footpath.

A response has been sent from Legal Services.