

**Stourbridge Area Committee - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Responses to Questions**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To inform the Committee of a written response made to a question asked at a previous meeting.

**Background**

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007, it was indicated that a written reply would be sent to the questioner on the following question:
3. A member of the public expressed concern at the alleged lack of a written response to a question raised at a previous meeting, relating a planning application in High Street Lye and the lack of response to his telephoned complaint regarding the issue. In response, the Assistant Director Development and Environmental Protection has written, apologising for the incorrect response, which was caused as a direct result of a misunderstanding. She further advised that the Planning Application referred to was refused on 5<sup>th</sup> February, and explained the reasoning for the refusal. The applicants had appealed against the decision of the Council and a hearing date would be notified in due course. With reference to the site at 157 High Street Lye, the Assistant Director Development and Environmental Protection advised that following her investigations she had ascertained that, as had previously been explained to the questioner, the premises at 157 High Street, Lye had the benefit of an extant implemented permission and therefore no enforcement action was warranted.

**Finance**

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

**Law**

5. 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**

6. The report takes into account the Council's Policies on equality and diversity.

## **Recommendation**

7. 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.