
Halesowen Area Committee – 14th November 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions Raised at the Halesowen Area Committee held on 6th September 2007

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 6th September 2007, questions were raised under the Public Forum item and the responses to those questions are as follows:-
3. The Area Liaison Officer reported that a member of the public had submitted a complaint prior to the meeting about the introduction of loud music in the thoroughfare of Halesowen precinct and consequently she stated that she would no longer be visiting the shops in the centre. The Centre Manager has been contacted and was made aware of the complaint. The response was that the music had been provided at the request of traders within the centre but that this would be reviewed at the next traders meetings, when customer feedback would be considered.
4. A complaint was made about the parking in Whittingham Road and it was commented that the matter was particularly worse at weekends. People parked on both sides of the road and ignored double yellow lines and it was queried whether the Halesowen College could be approached with a view to opening their car park at weekends. The Area Liaison Officer had written to the Principal of the college who had responded that because of security and management issues it would not be possible to make the college car parking facilities available for public use at weekends. The Principal has also been in correspondence with local residents over a range of issues including parking facilities and will keep the Area Liaison Officer informed of developments.
5. A member of the public commented that a survey had been undertaken on various roads including Rosemary, Hollybank and Brookwillow Roads to ascertain parking and speeding problems and to seek the views of residents. He reported on the findings of the survey and indicated that residents wanted double yellow lines on the corners of roads, as it would assist the Police Community Support Officers with enforcement. It was also requested that double yellow lines be placed from Rosemary Road to Hagley Road as people were parking on both sides of the road. Concern was also expressed that there was a short distance when turning off the 40 mph road into a 30 mph road and it was suggested that markings be placed to remind people of the limit. A meeting to discuss the issues raised is due to be held on 5th November 2007 and an update will be given to the Area Committee on 14th November 2007.

6. A member of the public referred to eco-friendly properties that had recently been built and indicated that a footpath from Old Hawne Lane to Francis Court was supposed to have been put in place by Accord Housing as part of the development. However, Accord Housing had stated that the Council had refused the appropriate permission for the footpath and the reason for this was queried. He also complained about the Yeltz Bar on Old Hawne Road and that people were throwing litter over the wall and also that parts of the concrete had been taken off the fence. Accord Housing and the Council's Legal team are now working together to address the problems identified and progress will be reported to the Area Committee.

Finance

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Law

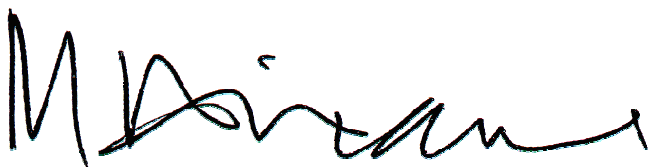
5. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

6. The report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and whilst, there are no direct implications for children and young people in noting the report, any decision made by the relevant body in relation to the closure of Cradley Hill School will impact on those groups.
7. This report will have no specific effect on children and young people. There is no requirement for consultation with children and young people or the involvement of children and young people in noting the report.

Recommendation

8. That the Committee note the contents of the report.



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List of Background Papers
Minutes – 6th September 2007