

Update of Issues Raised on 28 June 2006

Public Forum

1. A question was raised as to whether Section 106 funding was available for the provision of leisure facilities for young people in the area.

**Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local planning authority to enter into a legally binding agreement or planning obligation with a land developer over a related issue. This obligation is more normally referred to as a Section 106 Agreement. A planning obligation can only be used if:-**

- It is relevant to planning and is directly related to the proposed development
- It would make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms
- Planning conditions or other procedures cannot achieve it

**As a general rule, straightforward planning applications will not require a planning obligation whereas large scale development may. However, each application is judged on its own merits.**

**In some circumstances part of a Section 106 agreement can relate to the provision of additional leisure facilities, such as play areas and open space, but in each case this will relate specifically to the nature of the development taking place, being proportionate to the scale of development and also geographically in the context of where new facilities are to be provided in relation to the original site being developed.**

2. Councillor Mrs Millward raised the issue of parking on street/footway causing access problems for local residents on Hopyard Lane near to its junction with Straits Road.

**An Officer from the Traffic Section arranged a site meeting with Councillor Mrs Millward to discuss the issues raised.**

Ward Issues

1. Councillor Davies requested that the sign for Jack Newall Court be erected as a matter of urgency.

**The design and location of a sign is a concern due to a need to reduce street clutter. An alternative measure to include the name on the street name plate is being investigated and an update will be given to Members at their meeting.**

3. Councillor Mrs Ridney raised the issue of weeds growing through the new road surface on Pemberton Road/Dickens Avenue.

**The matter was passed to the Environmental Management Division of the Directorate of the Urban Environment for investigation. These roads have now been put on the programme for weed spraying.**

4. Councillor Mottram raised the issue of the highway drainage problem at the Junction of Pemberton Road/Dimmocks Avenue.

**The offending gully pot has been dug out by hand and a substantial number of 'plastic bottles' were removed. It is hoped that the gully will now function correctly and feedback from local residents would be appreciated.**

5. Councillor Simms reported that Officers had visited the landfill site at Bourne Street, where it had been reported that youths had gained access and fires set. Officers had also reported that the site had been fenced off, but Councillor Simms and Councillor Mrs Ameson had visited the site and had easily gained access.

**The matter was referred to Environmental Protection Division of the Directorate of the Urban Environment. Community Safety have been contacted to investigate the alleged criminal damage being caused on this site and to property belonging to householders bordering the site. A letter has been written to the land owner to request that the site is made secure against unauthorised access, requesting a response within seven days.**