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**Halesowen Area Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Responses to Questions Raised at the Halesowen Area Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 concern was expressed about the litter across Stour Valley Nature Walk along Butchers Lane and that consequently people had rats in their gardens. A litter pick was carried out along the bank during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008. However, Officers have pointed out that the operation has been undertaken as far as possible within the constraints of health and safety due to the steep bank. Following a request from a Member a further litter pick of the area was carried out in the first week of June.
3. A Member requested that further consideration be given to works recently carried out in Careless Green; adjacent to Wollescote Primary School where bollards, erected to improve the safety of pedestrians using the footpath near the junction of Crabbe Street, have restricted the footway width. A site meeting has taken place with officers and consideration is being given to a small scheme to alleviate the problem by modifying the kerb lines and carriageway markings from the "Safer Routes to School" programme. Any forthcoming proposals will be fully consulted with ward members and a further report may be made to a future meeting for the consideration of the Area Committee.
4. At the meeting of the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 it was agreed that the Area Liaison Officer, on behalf of the Committee, be requested to write a strong letter to Centro expressing dissatisfaction in the removal of buses in Halesowen and also pointing out the lack of consultation. A response to that letter has been received and a copy is attached for your information.

**Finance**

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

**Law**

6. 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**

7. The report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and there are no direct implications for children and young people in noting the report.

## **Recommendation**

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



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## **List of Background Papers**

Minutes of the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008