

Whitefield & Unsworth Township Forum: Issues raised 17/01/17

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Resident	Would it be possible to have refreshments (tea/coffee) for the residents at the Forum meetings? We are willing to pay for them	Elms Community Centre Committee	The matter of refreshment was discussed at the Management Meeting of 6 February 2017. It was agreed that jugs of water and glasses would be provided but that we neither have the funds or personnel to be able to provide and supervise a hot drink. Cllr Paul Adams
2	Resident	Would it be possible to check conditions of microphones	Elms Community Centre Committee	Cllr Adams has contacted a company to look into the PA system. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
3	Resident	What is the progress with Aldi/McDonalds meeting to discuss the car park?	Cllr Mallon	Meetings have been held with Aldi/McDonalds and there are ongoing conversations. Issues will be addressed. Cllr Mallon
4	Resident	Elm Road has become a race track. There is a proposal for speed humps from Mather Road. Suggest one way system Mather Road/Morton Avenue – parking for Morrisons won't be stopped and humps not needed which is a cheaper solution for the Council. The condition of the road however is poor.		20mph limit has been suspended at present. Will speak to resident after Forum. Cllr Adams Elms Road was originally included in the 20mph StreetSafe initiative and would have featured some physical measures proposed for this road. This initiative, however, has been abandoned so these proposals will now not go ahead. With respect to one way systems, unless they are introduced over short lengths of road, experience has shown that they usually increase vehicular speeds (due to

				<p>the knowledge that there will be no possible conflict with oncoming traffic), cause significant severance for an area or just cause problems to migrate elsewhere on the network. Greater Manchester Police would also be unlikely to support such a proposal if it requires excessive enforcement to make it work and there is no funding available to undertake any physical measures (if they could even be incorporated to assist in reducing contraventions). Furthermore, the accident statistics for Elms Road over the last 3 years (the period over which they are taken into account) show that there have been zero reports submitted to the Transport for Greater Manchester database that all GM Authorities and the Police use (it is actually populated by data gathered by GM Police as part of their attendance at sites of accidents).</p> <p>Speeding is a matter for the Police and they are responsible for ad hoc mobile enforcement in the borough. If you wish to enquire about having some ad hoc speed enforcement undertaken on the roads of concern then you can contact them on 101 to express your concerns or alternatively you can contact your Neighbourhood Policing team on 0161 856 8204 (Whitefield Police Station) or at buryssouth@gmp.police.uk. Whether they will be undertake any enforcement on these roads will depend on if they can set up their enforcement equipment safely at a site on these lengths of road and whether they have staff resources available to undertake such enforcement.</p> <p>Additionally, The Greater Manchester Casualty Reduction Partnership (Drivesafe) can also provide speed enforcement at mobile locations throughout the borough. If you feel that Elms Road should be considered as a 'community concern site' for mobile enforcement then I</p>
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5	Tony Scott-Norman (York Street Home Watch)	<p>Major problem of street litter along Bury New Road. A lot of other Councils use waist level street bins on lampposts.</p> <p>We would be prepared to approach businesses to sponsor the bins and empty the bins as volunteers.</p>	Street cleaning	<p>A fantastic idea, once installed we at cleansing would empty the bins on a regular basis or when needed.</p> <p>If any residents would like to get involved in litter-picking their local area, either individually or has a group, we will supply litter-pickers bags and latex gloves and will also pick up the full bags at a location of their choice, all we ask is not to litter-pick busy main Roads.</p> <p>Cost of bins would be somewhere between £70 - £100. Contact if require further information.</p> <p>Pete Burns Senior Supervisor</p> <p>P.Burns@bury.gov.uk (0161 253 7454)</p>
6	Patrick	<p>Commend the Council on new local of litter bins which are being used in the Besses area. They are filled quickly and do overflow.</p> <p>There is a green area with bench at the Aldi junction. Have taken a photo before the Forum which is dominated by cans, beer, cider and is populated late into the evening.</p>	<p>GMP/Residents</p> <p>All to note</p>	<p>We have worked with Home Watch Scheme and done litter picks with groups in the area. Happy to support</p> <p>PCSO Andy</p> <p>If you find pockets of areas that need litter picking, or any other problem within an area, please go to the Council's online report a problem page www.bury.gov.uk/reportaproblem</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p>

		Regularly go and clean up as a volunteer. Is there any way this area can be tracked? Maybe Police patrol?		
7	Resident	Flytipping issue at Philips Park Road West along Ringley Road (mattresses/bin bags etc.)	Environmental Health	<p>The fly tipping issue is known in this area. Have found that non residents are fly tipping. It is a cost to the Council, but looking at resolutions going forward. Inform the police/councilors and log the problem at www.bury.gov.uk/reportaproblem</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p> <p>We obtained the name and address of one fly tipping perpetrator we found in the rubbish and they were prosecuted. They were not from the Bury area.</p> <p>PCSO Andy</p> <p>The rubbish is on private land so the only person who can legally remove it is the land owner.</p> <p>The small amount of waste, located in a rural area, away from any other property, does not constitute a statutory nuisance and the council will therefore not take enforcement action. In the past we may have checked ownership and written to the land owner asking them to remove the waste but we can no longer justify the time and cost involved when our role is enforcement.</p> <p>The resident could try to find out which farm the land belongs to and approach the farmer asking them to remove it. The farmer probably does not know that the waste is there.</p> <p>Ron Dean Environmental Health Officer</p>
8	Sharon Bannister	Moss Lane double lines created more of a problem with people double parking. Can this be reviewed?	Highways Network	<p>Prior to extending these restrictions we had the situation of parking causing visibility problems at the Metrolink bridge which was on a bend and the brow of a hill.</p>

				<p>Although some of the parking has displaced further along Moss Lane, the yellow lines do not terminate at the same point on both sides of the road and were deliberately staggered to avoid double parking.</p> <p>If they are extended further though there is the possibility that the parking will displace towards the junction of Park 17 and Furness Avenue and this is likely to cause problems for drivers turning out of these side roads.</p> <p>Although, the parking situation at present can restrict the width of the carriageway, drivers can see the problem ahead of them and amend their behaviour to meet the conditions.</p> <p>In view of the above, there are no plans to introduce further restrictions at this location.</p> <p>Jacquie Wright Group Leader, Highway Network Management</p>
9	Len Lott	<p>There are more restaurants and businesses and nowhere to park – we have double yellow lines where we don't need them. Is it possible to relax the enforcement of double yellow lines in the centre of Whitefield near the restaurants post 6pm?</p> <p>Request that the double yellow line parking restrictions on Bury New Road, Whitefield, between Elms Street and Moss Lane junctions be officially suspended from 7pm in the evening for a period of say six hours. From Monday to Friday this action would in fact coincide with the lifting of the bus lane restriction.</p> <p>The lifting of the restriction could be</p>	Highways Network	<p>Unfortunately we cannot agree to this request. Double yellow lines are introduced to ensure that the flow of traffic is not impeded (a requirement of the Traffic Management Act) and for Road Safety reasons.</p> <p>Although the times suggested would coincide with the northbound bus lane not being in operation, there are also double yellow lines throughout the bus lane to prevent parking. Consequently, when the bus lane is not in operation traffic can use all lanes, whereas if we permit parking to take place we would lose a running lane.</p> <p>The section of Bury New Road between Stanley Road and the access to Slattery's car park is not marked out as two lanes as the road is not wide enough to accommodate two large vehicle but cars do and can form two lanes. Therefore if the yellow lines on this stretch were to be relaxed once again we would lose capacity as all traffic</p>

		<p>considered for either one or both sides of Bury New Road.</p> <p>This action would greatly reduce the present parking availability problem in our very desirable central restaurant area which has developed over the past couple of years.</p>		<p>would have to flow in a single lane.</p> <p>Although I appreciate that after evening peak the traffic flows would be reduced, Bury New Road is a major road (A56) and carries a significant amount of traffic 24 hours a day and is not therefore a road where we would wish to promote on street parking for the restaurants which I am sure took the parking situation into consideration when establishing their businesses.</p> <p>Jacquie Wright Group Leader, Highway Network Management</p>
10	Resident	I have used the Park at Albert Road, Thatcher Lane and after it has rained it floods at the dip. Could the Council look at the drainage? Have to wait several days for the issue to be sorted naturally.		<p>The drain has recently been cleared out. Will discuss with resident after Forum</p> <p>Cllr Whitby</p>
11	Residents	What is the significance of the bikes painted on Park Lane?	Highways	<p>The 1057 cycle surface markings have been introduced on Park Lane to help identify the recognised on road 'quiet cycle route' which runs along Park Lane after the route leaves Philips Park near the motorway.</p> <p>These markings have been paid for by TfGM as part of a contribution to the Streetsafe initiative where identified 'quiet cycle routes' run through areas where 'Streetsafe' schemes have been promoted.</p> <p>Ken Asquith Area Traffic Engineer</p>
12	Pam Taylor	Want people to be aware of the impact of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) will have on local people. Before Christmas Rochdale submitted application form to build 2,000 houses at the Pilsworth border.		<p>GMSF Phase 1 deadline was yesterday (16 Jan) and now closed to further comment at this time.</p> <p>Phase 2 consultation is scheduled to begin in October 2017 with more detail on possible sites. Hopefully will know by then what Rochdale are planning. Everyone will</p>

		None of these are to be affordable houses. This means probably 2,000 additional cars on the road. The likelihood of increased congestion especially at Junction 19. Combine this with the Park66 proposal and it will create bigger problems. We have submitted comments.	Planning Policy	<p>have the opportunity to submit further additional comments at this time into Phase 2 of the consultation process.</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p> <p>All planning applications (and the GMSF sites) will take full consideration of transport issues.</p> <p>Cris Logue Head of Service (Strategic Planning and Economic Development)</p>
13	Resident	Not a lot of residents knew about GMSF. Would it have been possible for the Council to leaflet all residents?	Planning Policy	<p>One of the objections discussed is that Council's haven't made enough people aware of the GMSF consultation. This would have been raised by many during the consultation process.</p> <p>Cllr Kersh</p> <p>This is a known problem. Cllr Shori attended a meeting and was reported on in local press. There will be a leaflet going out to all residents.</p> <p>GMSF is still in consultation phase. You still have opportunity to engage in Phase 2. Suggest residents get together to discuss in groups and send in comments on the consequences and perceived risks.</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p> <p>The consultation was carried out in full accordance of Bury's Statement of Community Involvement. But additional work will be done in future consultation rounds.</p> <p>Cris Logue Head of Service (Strategic Planning and Economic Development)</p>
14	Resident	Could there be a radio announcement regarding the GMSF so that more	Planning Policy	<p>The GMSF was discussed in various media – including TV and Radio e.g. the Leader did an interview for BBC</p>

		residents can be informed about this?		Manchester Cris Logue Head of Service (Strategic Planning and Economic Development)
15	Tony Scott-Norman (York Street Home Watch)	The consultation was posted all over the internet. There is no way in this climate the Council can leaflet every house, it's too expensive. Why are some political parties going against GMSF?		There will be people who don't keep up to date. There were Council meetings and press articles. Incredible amount of opposition and if had enough time to be consulted. The Government is asking LA's how many homes between GM wide split into LA's and a call for sites on green belt. Initiatives thereafter are down to GM and the LA's within them. Cllr Kersh
16	Pam Taylor	The community was involved in the original plans which replaced the old Unitary Development Plan (Spatial Framework). Now that it is at GM level local feeling is that it is out of our hands		In 2013/2014 Bury submitted a previous Core Strategy which was rejected by government on the projected housing needs. Government target is 12,250 new homes required in Bury. Council position is to prioritise brownfield sites. It is a 20/25 year plan. Should Bury refuse to work to the final agreed plan, the Council will put in place special measures and Government will have a say on what happens. I strongly encourage you to engage in Phase 2. Cllr Mallon
17	Resident	The roots of all trees in Elms Road area are coming up through the pavement. On high winds the roots are moving.	Trees	Trees are regularly monitored. Please speak with your local Councillor and/or report the problem online at www.bury.gov.uk/reportaproblem Cllr Mallon Les Beardwood notified 23/01 Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator

18	Cllr Caserta	Please could the font on the funding form be reduced which states 'declined' and have a little more information so the public are aware why it was declined.	Ruth Shedwick	I will liaise with the Business Support officer Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator, Prestwich Whitefield & Unsworth
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Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
7 February 2017