

# Whitefield & Unsworth Township Forum: Issues raised 18/11/14

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Harry Greenhalgh	Aldi car park needs to be made into one large car park. Currently so badly laid out, is hard to manoeuvre. Cars park on pavement causing damage. Near misses of traffic at junction from Bury New Road and High Lane.	Cllr Mallon	Cllr Grimshaw suggested Cllr Mallon approach each business directly asking for co-operation
2	Joan Cavanagh	Contacted Simon at United Utilities who said he would reimburse for a taxi to the medical centre. Not been able to contact him.	Simon Merritt	Simon took the receipt for the taxi
3	Pam Taylor	No sign of activity on site for a while. When will work start? And why only 1 pipe instead of 2 pipes as originally stated? If only 1 pipe being laid, can half the road be opened? Is the work going to be sustainable? Are you coming back in another 2 years as previously?	Simon Merritt	<p>Expecting water diversion to start 19 November. Anticipated 5-10 days, then can start moving on to other services should be on site next week (w/c 24 November). Understand frustrations, when we hit a problem, we want to inform the public asap, but try and wait for info to manage expectations in order to give approximate timescales.</p> <p>Only 1 pipe is being used, but the circumference is much larger, therefore the trench needs to be bigger, so we are unable to open half the road.</p> <p>There shouldn't be a need as this is a new asset. They are accommodating for future usage to avoid reworks.</p> <p>We hope to get to the bridge by 19 December. If we finish early we will open the road early.</p> <p><b>Simon Merritt</b> <b>United Utilities, Project Co-ordinator</b></p>

4	David Askew	<p>Ringley Road overhanging trees causing problems.</p> <p>Street lighting on Ringley Road is grossly impaired, it is dangerous to walk down during evening.</p>	<p>Trees &amp; Woodland Management</p> <p>Street Lighting</p>	<p><a href="#">Leslie Beardwood emailed 19/11</a></p> <p><a href="#">Swee Ong emailed 19/11</a></p>
5	Harry Wilkinson	<p>Flytipping is becoming an issue.</p> <p>Back street parallel to Bury New Road towards Silver Court flats.</p> <p>2 fridges behind Garrick Theatre.</p> <p>Furniture dumped behind Forts of India.</p>	<p>Environmental Health</p>	<p>I went out to the site behind Forts of India and noted several bits of decaying furniture in the unadopted back street (Bank Street). These looked to have been there for some time and there was no indication of where they have come from. As the back street is not adopted, the responsibility for its maintenance would fall on the occupiers of those properties to whom the back street affords access. Cleansing will not normally remove such items.</p> <p>Under these circumstances, I cannot offer any further assistance. You may want to approach cleansing yourself but I cannot ask them to remove waste in these circumstances – they would almost certainly decline my request.</p> <p>If there is a complainant whose property is directly affected by this issue, please provide their details and I will speak to them. As a last resort, the council has some limited powers to cleanse unadopted back streets and then recover their costs from the people to whom the back street affords access BUT with administrative costs applied to each invoice, this is not a cost effective way for the matter to be dealt with from the resident's/occupier's perspective.</p> <p><b>R Dean</b> <b>Environmental Health Officer</b></p> <p><a href="#">Emailed Mick Morris 26/11</a></p>

6	Shelia Simmons	Speeding on Sunnybank Road is dangerous. Used as a race track. Made worse due to closure of Croft Lane. Previously spoken to Insp Kenny/Sian but nothing has been done. Between 11pm-2am road is unsafe.	GM Police	<p>PC 1440 (McCondichie) carried out speed prevention in the Whitefield area on Tuesday 11 Nov, including Sunnybank Road. During this period 4 drivers were stopped on Sunnybank Road and officially dealt with. PC 1440 again carried out speed prevention on Saturday 22 Nov in the Sunnybank area.</p> <p>Following on from this action taken by PC 1440, myself and other officers are to attend a Speed Awareness course which will enable us to use the speed recording equipment and conduct speed prevention days throughout the Bury South area.</p> <p><b>PC Derek Lee</b> <b>Whitefield Police Station</b></p>
7	Ian Hague	Flat roundabouts don't slow the traffic – they need to be raised to deter speeding.	Highways	<p>Whilst many mini-roundabouts are domed (raised at the centre) and others are constructed upon junction tables, we do not automatically do this in every case.</p> <p>Circumstances at each site are different and there may be a logical reason why a mini-roundabout has not been domed (e.g. it may be located on a regular bus route).</p> <p>If the complainant wishes to request a mini-roundabout is domed then we will be happy to consider this as circumstances since the original layout was introduced may well have changed in some cases.</p> <p>Regarding the roundabout on Sunny Bank Road at its junction with Randale Drive, we are currently preparing to distribute consultation documents relating to proposals for a 20mph zone for this area which will expand on the existing 20mph zone on Sunny Bank Road and include both this mini-roundabout and the adjacent one.</p> <p>We will therefore consider this request as part of the consultation exercise.</p> <p><b>Les Watts</b></p>

				<b>Principal Engineer, Road Safety</b>
8	Margaret Fletcher	Can consideration to layout of room be addressed. Public are squashed at back of room and can't see presentations.	Cllr Grimshaw	Agreed to rearrange layout for next meeting 6 January.

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