

Prestwich Township Forum: Issues raised 21/01/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Cllr Paddy Heneghan (Chair of Township Forum)	<p>What response has there been to the grit bins that were raised at the November meeting?</p> <p>Question Raised - for reference:</p> <p><i>Will the Council be looking at the state of our grit bins? In particular the following:</i></p> <p><i>1 x grit bin at Chapel Road near Chapel Walk</i></p> <p><i>1 x grit bin at Drinkwater Road</i></p> <p><i>3 x grit bins down Halliwell</i></p> <p><i>Not been replenished for a while, condition of contents concerning. Propose replacing with fresh grit.</i></p>	Street Cleaning	<p>Township Co-ordinator emailed officers and reported issue online (Reference 2030461). Chased 30/01/15.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>All grit bins are replenished as soon as possible, but some people are taking it out of the bin as soon as we have filled them.</p> <p>Peter Burns Senior Supervisor</p>
2	Hannah Cropper	There are a lot of pot holes along the Pedestrian walkway through to car park in Longfield Centre.	Highways Parking	<p>Remedial works order submitted March 2014 and December 2014:</p> <p>Repair/make safe potholes in car park and full area of the pedestrian/vehicular crossing from Rectory Lane to the Longfield Centre. Re-line directional arrows and warning triangles to vehicular crossing points. Re-line disabled parking bays.</p> <p>Stephen McManamon Traffic & Road Safety</p>
3	Resident	Cars are parked on the yellow line of prohibition at Kingswood Road. If		Parking enforcement is included in the Prestwich Parking

		coming on the Kingswood there are tailbacks onto Bury New Road and this creates a lot of problems.		<p>Strategy, currently being drafted.</p> <p>John Foudy Car Parking Manager</p> <p>Not enough enforcement officers due to cutbacks. Once informed of hotspots they are targeted but other areas also need to be targeted.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson</p> <p>Work is ongoing on a Parking Strategy for Prestwich which will go to public consultation in due course.</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien</p> <p>We are cautiously optimistic things will get better.</p> <p>Cllr Bayley</p>
4	Jay Lieberman	Cycle Lane on Whittaker Lane for recreation use, what about commuters?	Noted	<p>Commuters are unlikely to use that route; this route is to encourage families etc.</p> <p>Cllr Noel Bayley</p>
5	David Stanley	<p>Planning to change Aumbry to Solita. Parking in that area is already a problem. Having a larger restaurant there will be an issue. Local businesses will suffer and lose business and then move out of the area.</p> <p>The façade is within the conservation area and from drawings in press, it doesn't fit well.</p>		<p>Businesses tend to thrive than die with a large chain coming into town. There has always been a problem with parking in that particular area. Solita is a positive for Prestwich.</p> <p>Cllr Champbell</p> <p>Perhaps the new owners could liaise with Aldi to encourage parking on their site for 1½ hours?</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien</p> <p>The development doesn't need new planning permission as extension of existing use. The drawings are only what has been printed in press and points can be added at the planning stage. Regarding parking, it would be entirely up to the businesses to discuss amongst themselves.</p>

				<p>Cllr Black</p> <p>We can not step in the way of progress. Not everyone drives, and a lot of local users will frequent the new restaurant.</p> <p>Cllr Bayley</p> <p>There is no change of use involved and as such the space that could be used for diners stays the same. They are only intending to use the ground floor initially, although they are looking at using the forecourts and this will be included in the licensing application. The external alterations in the 'artists' impressions seem to be good and appropriate for the setting on Bury New Road and Church Lane and an application is expected shortly for these alterations. I'll pass on the comments to the owner and I know they are willing to work on the 'parking' issue.</p> <p>John Cummins Planning Officer</p>
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Ruth Shedwick, Township Co-ordinator
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