

Whitefield & Unsworth Township Forum: Issues raised 07/07/15

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	John Levermore	Lot of discontent as only just received information from Planning regarding the wind turbines. Should have sent Thursday 1 st class rather than Friday 2 nd class as is close to deadline.		<p>Speak to your ward Councillors for support.</p> <p>Cllr Jones</p> <p>We have had several meetings. Any objections raise through the planning process. Best thing is for the residents to reconvene and allocate a spokesperson to represent at planning meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p>
2	Susan Garnett	<p>I live on the corner of Thorpe Street and Radcliffe New Road, large branches have dropped from the beech tree. I had a standard reply from the online form submitted. Last week 4-5 inches wide and 12 feet long dropped onto drive. Concerned of damage to property/people.</p> <p>Thorpe Street used for resident parking on Radcliffe New Road. Raised with Highways and would resolve several problems if removed.</p>	Tree Management	<p>I've looked at these trees and they are of a considerable size for Thorpe Street. Previous enquiries, Les advised to get tree DNA.</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p> <p>Emailed Les Beardwood – update pending</p>
3	Pam Taylor	Safety surrounding junction of M66 and Croft Lane. Heading towards Hollins, there used to be clear road markings, but these have eroded over time and people try to cut you up thinking you are in the wrong lane.	Highways	<p>Ian Lord has been notified and will look into repainting of road markings within the area.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>

		Needs a risk assessment. Are the Council risk assessing these things? We used to get feedback at Forums including where the money should be spent.		
4	Marlene Dawson	Banner on Victoria Park railings is ripped, and needs removing. Too many banners and they look a mess	Parks Dept Bury Business Awards	I have emailed both Mike Bent (who has noted the issues), and Business Support who confirm they will remove the Bury Business Awards banner asap. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator Banners that are in a bad way or should not be there are removed as a response as & when they can be attended, we do apologize but other priorities have to take precedent in the summer months due to these being our busiest period & the cuts in resources to attend. Mike Bent Parks and Countryside Manager
5	Marlene Dawson	Bushes at Bus stop on Bury New Road/Hamilton Road Park need cutting back as cannot use the seat	Parks Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance will be informed so they can programme the work in. Mike Bent Parks and Countryside Manager
6	Marlene Dawson	Thank you to Bury Council who have removed the privets at the allotments		Noted
7	Resident	Environmental eyesore – Old Town Hall behind Slattery. Bad advertisement for the area. Can an appeal be launch? Lottery or Heritage money sought to save the Old Town Hall?		In hands of private owner. In negotiations with the Council. Cllr Jones The new chief executive has expressed this is a priority. As the building is within a conservation area, they need to maintain the façade. Hopeful something will happen

				within the next few months. Cllr Wiseman
8	Mr Marshall Cllr Fitzgerald	Recurring items during public open question time (Uplands, Town Hall, derelict building next to Eagle and Child, Porarda car park). Rather than new people asking questions, can we have updates at Forum meetings? Rather than taking over the Forum, maybe look to have our own Township Forum page on facebook, or use streetscene?	Township Coordinator Township Coordinator	An update on these items will be put onto the agenda. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator As part of our ongoing engagement, including researching online meetings, I will liaise with our Portfolio lead to have Township Forum facebook pages for each locality. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
10	Resident Mrs Marshall Cllr Wiseman	What is happening with Nat West? Leave the concrete block, it is a good idea The danger of cars reversing onto busy main road at a difficult junction, and narrow misses with pedestrians is a concern. Perhaps negotiate with the owners.	Highways	It is for sale. The car park behind belongs to the bank and I note that it has been blocked off. Concerns this attracts anti-social behavior and fly-tipping. Raised health and safety concerns, but have been told there is a sufficient flat approach. Cllr Mallon All information sent to Ian Lord for reference. Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator
11	Rev	Trees behind Bridge gardens play area	Tree	Les Beardwood has looked at them, it was his view that

	Greenwood	(Parr Lane/St. George's) are a concern	Management	they are safe. Cllr Jones Emailed Les Beardwood – update pending
12	Cllr Mallon	Whitefields car parking provision is very poor. We need to review our parking provision much like Prestwich and Radcliffe are in the process of developing. With the other two towns designing their strategies, there is a real concern the A56 corridor will become dead.	Highways Parking	An overall strategic approach is required rather than individual cases. However, at the present time we aren't in the position to do this piece of work due to other committed projects, but will be looking to undertake a review at some point in the future. Tina Glover Group Leader, Traffic and Road Safety
13	Len Lott	What is happening with the Aldi car parking situation?		I am progressing meetings with Aldi, McDonalds to develop and survey work on how the car park is used and what customers want/how they wish to use it. Put together a report in conjunction with businesses and present to the Council. Cllr Mallon
14	Sharon Bannister	What is happening with Pilsworth?		The Council is currently in negotiations. There will be plans within the next 2 weeks. It won't be a retail park as will steal trade from Bury. Cllr Adams
15	Len Lott	I have heard Morrisons in Ramsbottom have lifted all parking restrictions. Is this true, and can the same be applied to Whitefield Morrisons?	Parking	The signing on Morrison's car park Ramsbottom still states that it is 1.5 hrs free parking & no return within 3 hours. There is no mention of continual free parking. John Foudy Car Parking Manager

16	Sharon Bannister	<p>I am interested to know hate crime statistics for the area, particularly anti Semitism. Has there been an increase/decrease? What are the trends.</p> <p>Can we have reports at Forums for stats over the last 3 months etc.</p>	GMP	<p>Hate crime stats and anti-semitism crimes have been provided by Inspector Cottam. These will be available at the Forums.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p> <p>We can get reports from OSO's and print them off and present at the Forums.</p> <p>PC Harry Taylor</p> <p>Please send through all reports/updates and we will put them together as part of the agenda pack and also print off hard copies for the Forums.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p>
17	Mrs Marshall	Thank you for Township Funding towards Whitefield graveyard volunteers who do a great job looking after Stand Church burial grounds	Noted	
18	Cllr Fitzgerald	<p>Friends of Whitefield and Unsworth Parks future dates:</p> <p>Fundraiser: 11 Sept – Unsworth South Social Club</p> <p>Clean-ups: 25 July, 10.30am – Thatch Leach Lane 22 Aug – Hamilton Road Park 12 Sept – Boz Park</p>	Noted	

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