

# Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum:

## Issues raised 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>Item Raised at Open Forum</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Mr Booth	Requested details of how often Councillors held their surgeries	Present Cllrs	<p>It was explained that all Councillors were different and there was no requirement to hold surgeries. Most Councillors were contactable via other means such as e-mail, telephone, text and social media. It was much easier for Councillors to be contacted and arrange to meet with the constituent than the other way round.</p> <p>For those that did hold surgeries, details would usually be advertised around the ward to promote these.</p>
2	Dr Binns	<p>Referred to a highways issue that she had reported at a previous meeting of the Forum in relation to the junction at Factory Street and Ramsbottom Lane.</p> <p>This junction was dangerous and nothing had been done about it since it was reported. Dr Binns asked why the council had not acted.</p>	Township Forum/Highways Team	<p>The Traffic Management team is aware of the situation at this location and feels that there is little if any benefit to be gained from having a site meeting.</p> <p>The engineers have already carried out some initial observations/investigations which have revealed that there is a gas main located in the footway and that the grassed area is not part of the adopted highway.</p> <p>Consequently to widen the road would probably require the relocation of the gas main as well as the requisition of some of the land.</p> <p>They will be reviewing the usage of bays in the coming weeks to then decide whether the bays could be reduced and more double yellow markings added.</p>

3	Mr Ali	<p>Explained that he had complained to Bury Council about a blocked gully on Hawkshaw Lane. His mother had also complained about the same issue.</p> <p>Neither he nor his mother had ever received a response following their complaints which had been submitted over 12 months ago.</p>	Township Forum	Response to be provided at November Township Forum.
4	Mr Ali	<p>Also referred to the Village Link information which provided maps of walking routes around Bury and its surrounding villages.</p> <p>One of the walks included a route up Hawkshaw Lane which was a de-restricted road without a footpath in some places and was so dangerous for pedestrians that local residents would not walk up it.</p> <p>Mr Ali pointed out that there was currently a borough wide initiative to lower speed limits to 20mph in residential areas. Could Hawkshaw Lane be included within this initiative?</p>	Township Forum	Response to be provided at November Township Forum.

**David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**