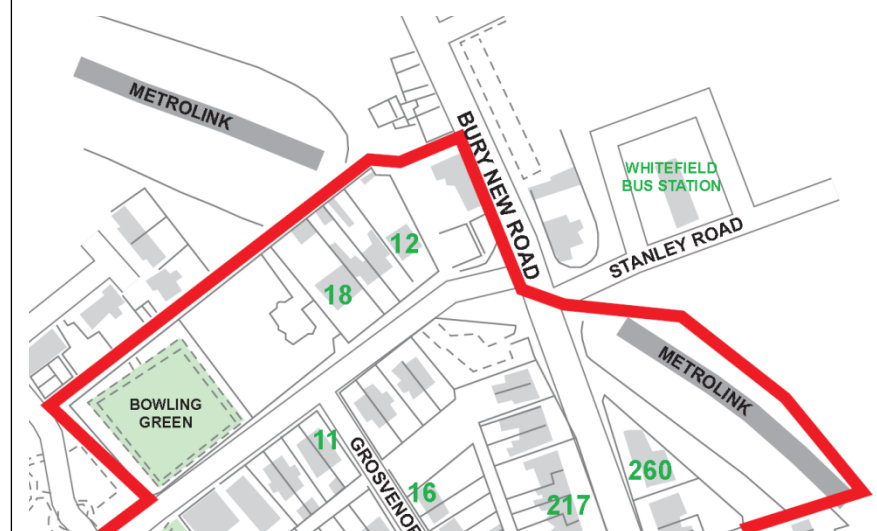


Whitefield & Unsworth Township Forum: Issues raised 17/11/15

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| 1 | Mr Marshall | Hickory Grange demolition order. Can you check with planning on compulsory purchase and what the process is given ownership changed. Needs completion notice as clearly untidy and a dangerous site. | Cllr Wiseman Cllr Mallon | Cllr Wiseman & Cllr Mallon agreed to report back at future meetings |
| 2 | Mrs Marshall | In 2011 I asked who was responsible for the war memorial. With help of Cllr Fitzgerald tabled question at full council asking Cllr Connolly for the work to be done to the memorial. Worked with Tom Buggie and Helen Blythe and given them research for grants. Works finished 2015 just before Remembrance Sunday. Found a prayer from 5 Feb 1921 which Rev Alison Hardy presented dedication. I would like to say thank you to the Forum. It is a great place to get things done that matter to you. Gave me a piece of research which I thoroughly enjoyed. I encourage people to come to the Forum, have your say. If don't agree with information, persuade Council and work together. | | Noted. |
| 3 | Mr | Has there been any progress with the | | Things are slow, however myself and Cllr Whitby are |

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| | Greenhalgh | Aldi car park site? | | having regular meetings with McDonalds and Aldi management. They are looking to improve the car park areas they are responsible for. Bury own 1/2 the car park and now working with business to get resurfaced etc. Cllr Mallon |
| 4 | Christine North Resident | Issue of Porada taking over plot of land next to restaurant. Would prefer it was Council owned public car park. Agree. Setting the benchmark. What Porada have done is wrong. Other businesses could do the same. If Council sell the land, they should put trees up as a boundary. | | Still being worked through Council. We are proposing a Parking Strategy for Whitefield. Last thing we want is to see the A56 as a drive thru and boarded up shops. The piece of land next to Porada could bring in income by 2020 the Council needs to be self sufficient. We need to be saving money rather than going to court by protecting the budget and making the right decisions. It is a tough decision, but the income could go towards safeguarding and vulnerable services. Cllr Mallon |

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| Mrs Marshall | Porada area is on the edge of the All Saints conservation area. Just outside the boundary. Even if small part of car park within conservation area you can't do what you like. |
| Mr Marshall | <p>Church Lane entrance has been open space. Regardless of financial decision, what is to stop someone from doing the same on the other side? Sell for houses etc.? Isn't this an urban design consideration?</p> <p>Even if outside the conservation area it is directly next to it and affects the conservation area.</p> |
| Pam Taylor | Agree. This is land grab. This will be seen as taking a precedent. Need to look at boundaries of the conservation |



Conservation area boundaries are available to view online at www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11498. Porada restaurant and car park are within the All Saints Conservation Area boundary.

Ruth Shedwick
Township Coordinator

There are ongoing discussions between Estates and the developer.

David Marno
Head of Development Management

Updates on Porada will be fed back to the Forum as and when received from relevant officers.

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I understand the Council have offered the land. Being looked at by highways, property services and planning.

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| | Christine North | <p>area. Worrying relaxing planning laws but this is a step too far. The business should have negotiated with the Council officially. Empathise regards finances, but the law applies equally.</p> <p>Porada needs to go on updates item on agenda</p> | Democratic Services | <p>Cllr Wiseman</p> <p>Regarding the planning process, a retrospective planning application can go in. Stands a good chance of approval. The community are entitled to nominate a spokesperson and have your say during the process at planning committee.</p> <p>Cllr Mallon</p> <p>Porada will appear under 'updates' alongside Uplands, Former Town Hall, Hickory Grange.</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p> |
| 5 | Yvonne Moore | We don't feel Whitefield has had their fair share of floral displays this year, whereas Radcliffe has a lot. We used to have lots of displays. | Leisure Services | <p>Seasonal bedding has been reduced across all of the borough over several years including replacement with permanent planting where possible. The In-bloom campaigns also encourage sponsors, volunteers and communities to get involved and we would welcome hands on support or sponsorship from anyone wishing to get involved for Whitefield.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to sponsor a flower bed or sign or get involved with in-bloom can contact Julie Pitchforth at j.e.pitchforth@bury.gov.uk or 0161 253 5266.</p> <p>Neil Long Assistant Director (Operations)</p> |
| 6 | Yvonne Moore | Lights at junction of Ringley Road and Church Lane do not give you enough time to cross the road. | Highways dept | Emailed Swee Ong 18 Nov |
| 7 | Yvonne Moore | Parking at KFC in Prestwich is causing traffic jams | ALL | There is a consultation currently ongoing for Prestwich High Street improvements. Suggest make your comments here. |

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| | | | | <p>Cllr Adams</p> <p>The online comment form has been sent to all community members this week. Please visit www.bury.gov.uk/prestwichhighst</p> <p>Ruth Shedwick Township Coordinator</p> |
| 8 | Resident | Flooding near traffic lights Sunnybank Road, Sunnybank Woods and near synagogue | Highways dept | <p>The flooding was attended by Operations. The problem resulted from blocked gullies, which have been cleared and the system is now running normally.</p> <p>Andy Southgate Principal Engineer (Structures/Drainage)</p> |
| 9 | Jonathan Jackson | Sailor's Brow is now in need of TLC. | Parks dept | <p>Sailor's Brow is being maintained to specification. We can no longer afford to cut all the grass so are only maintaining a narrow strip along the side of the highway footpath.</p> <p>Graham Schoon Countryside Officer</p> |
| 10 | John Knight | <p>It was obvious from the previous PACT meeting and my own observations in our own area that bad and inconsiderate parking was a problem.</p> <p>It seems to me that residents perceive there to be little or no enforcement in our area.</p> <p>My suggestion at the PACT meeting and at this meeting now is, that there are plenty of people out of work. Why not offer commission only jobs in each area and pay them 33.3% of all fines collected. The council will make 66.6%. There will be no pensions and</p> | Parking dept | <p><i>Please see response below in item 11.</i></p> |

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| | | <p>no overheads, but plenty of volunteers.</p> <p>Perhaps provide a scooter? The benefit will be to the community to stop this lawless parking all over the borough. The law has broken down with regard to parking.</p> | | |
| 11 | John Knight | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why don't parking enforcement officers work this area? 2. Why don't they work the same hours as the Police did? They took this job over from the police and as far as we know, only work 9 to 5. People know that they can get away with anything, as per photos previously submitted. 3. How many enforcement officers in Bury, broken down by Township Forums? 4. What hours do they work? 5. Can serious consideration be given to my suggestion about having self-employed parking wardens? | Parking dept | <p>I will ask NSL for additional enforcement within residents only zones in Whitefield. However I can confirm that the area is attended on a regular basis by the number of complaints/appeals we receive from residents & appellants alike. There have been 125 pcns issued (for the residents only zone at Hamilton Road) in 2015 to 31st October to support the previous statement.</p> <p>The residential areas that are not Residents Only zones are only enforced if there are restrictions to enforce such as double yellow lines. NSL do not enforce general parking matters if there is no restriction.</p> <p>Because Whitefield is such a concentrated area for restrictions the enforcement is already carried out by vehicle & scooter. There are 2 enforcement shifts (7am-4pm & 10am-7pm) Monday-Saturday which covers the Residents Only parking of 8am-8pm Monday-Saturday.</p> <p>Enforcement is carried out by 12-14 CEOs deployed daily over the 2 shifts but the Borough is split into a number of areas for enforcement and not by Township.</p> <p>There is no intention to recruit self-employed CEOs and certainly not to pay them via an incentive scheme. This would lead to the Council being accused of creating PCN targets which is not the aim of Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA 2004).</p> <p>John Foudy</p> |

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| 12 | John Knight | I attended the September planning meeting. Taxis are parking on double yellow lines with bars and on the pavements - Photographic evidence and a PDF report sent to Councillor Whitby. I am most disappointed to see that this was passed without being discussed at the further planning meeting on the 27 November. Their many taxis park continuously in both wards. | Planning dept | Spoken to enforcement office, a letter has been issued to the taxi business. Cllr Whitby We will update you following completion of the investigation and/or any developments. Lee Stoney Senior Planning Enforcement Officer |
| 13 | John Knight | Concerns on procedure of issues raised. | John Knight | Please send through your observations via email to me. Cllr Jones |

Ruth Shedwick, Township Coordinator
18 November 2015