

PUBLIC QUESTIONS	
AREA FORUM – EREWASH BOROUGH COUNCIL EREWASH SOUTH COMMUNITY FORUM	
DATE – 29 JULY 2009	
Questions Received prior to meeting	Answer
What cover the police are planning for bonfire night, in particular for the villages?	<p>This is in the planning stage feel that I would be better answering the issue on the 29th. Suffice to say that the Force will be running Operation Relentless and this has been planned to cover the week of Halloween and Bonfire Night (Halloween being the busiest night of the year for the Police).</p> <p>Further response - We will be repeating last years plan with additional staff and diversion events like the Cinema Project. Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be on duty in their respective areas to deal with complaints of noise, ASB etc</p>
<p>When will double yellow lines be in place on Victoria Avenue, Borrowash at Ashbrook school? When they are in place how will the parking restrictions be enforced? These yellow lines are important because the company employed by DCC for carrying out the parking enforcements will not visit Borrowash until these are in place.</p>	<p>The DCC Traffic & Safety section has proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for Victoria Avenue. The proposals include prohibiting vehicles from stopping on the School 'Keep Clear' and zig-zag markings as well as introducing waiting restrictions along Victoria Avenue (opposite the two schools) and on adjacent roads. The school and local residents have been consulted (the consultation ended on Friday 17 July).</p> <p>Reports will now have to be prepared for Cabinet and – if proposed restrictions are approved – it is hoped that they will be in place late 2009/early 2010. Any waiting restrictions would then be enforceable by the Civil Enforcement Officers. In the meantime, any incidents of dangerous or obstructive parking should be reported to the Police for investigation.</p> <p>It has taken some time for the Civil Enforcement Officers to get around to patrolling Borrowash on a regular basis. However, residents should see an increase in enforcement over the next couple of months. It would be helpful if local residents could report any 'hotspot' areas so that the Enforcement Officers can target the most problematic areas when on patrol. Reports can be made either via the DCC Forum Liaison Officer (at the Forum) or via Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058.</p>
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Town Street Flats – What are EBC doing with the flats on Town Street, Sandiacre? Many are empty	Three Valleys Housing to respond by next forum.

<p>Under age drinking at the Plough, Town Street, Sandiacre – what is being done about the fights and underage drinking at the Plough, Sandiacre? We at the White Lion get the overspill from this.</p>	<p>Insp Matt Thompson responded – he was not aware of these problems and will feed this information back to the licensing – Response from Police to follow</p> <p>I would urge members of the forum to report such sightings etc to support the use of trading standards. I attended the premises immediately after the forum and saw no evidence of under age drinking on THAT occasion. Officers will continue to monitor.</p> <p>Licensing Manager for Erewash Borough Council has stated that, DCC Trading Standards lead on test purchasing. It is not a local authority licensing function. The intelligence would need developing before test purchasing would take place, as it is imprecise and not corroborated at this moment in time. However, he would ensure partners are aware of the situation.</p>
<p>Speeding on Town Street, Sandiacre – what is going to be done about this problem?</p> <p>Resident expanded stating that no speed monitoring had been carried out on Town Street.</p>	<p>Insp Matt Thompson responded that the problem may be a candidate for a Community Speed Watch scheme, the police have been piloting this in Draycott and it has proved a success. Another option is to pass to local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) to consider when setting their local priorities. Although Insp Thompson voiced reservations about SNT making speeding vehicles a priority when more 'serious' crime should really hold more urgency, but he added that the local SNT will always respond to any complaints and speak to concerned residents.</p> <p>Insp Thompson responded that these speed checks are carried out even if local residents are not aware of it at the time.</p>

<p>Drug dealing on Mornington Close, Sandiacre – where Comet is – what are the police going to do about this?</p> <p>A general discussion followed about the problems experienced by residents in Sandiacre.</p> <p>Some points made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps partners need to address the local infrastructure and make it feel and look more appealing • Sandiacre no longer a community • A lot of local development which has increased the local population and with this increase comes an increase in all types of crime as is experienced in all communities • Fear of crime – the perception of crime is always a problem whatever the statistics say • Increase in HGV movement as local industrial development continues • Residents in the flats owned by Three Valleys Housing 	<p>Insp Thompson responded that he was not aware of a problem with drug dealing on this road and asked the resident to speak to him after the forum with more details – investigations and patrols of the area are ongoing and any positive results will be made public when possible.</p> <p>Insp Thompson also added that he thinks that Three Valleys Housing are planning to spruce up the area along the same lines as what they have done on the Hopewell Farm estate in Cotmanhay - this has been instrumental in reducing crime and anti social behaviour.</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation from Three Valleys Housing.</p> <p>Three Valleys Housing work with the Sandiacre Policing Team and any complaint from a resident will often involve their housing team and where appropriate information is shared to allow either organisation to prosecute or enforce tenancy agreements. The latter often having a preventative impact.</p>
<p>The Tesco site at the bridge - the land purchased by Tesco still stands derelict although they have demolished the empty houses. We need to know what they plan to do with it and if not going to build on it, it was suggested the community ‘ask’ Tesco to donate use of the land to the community to be used as a marina/open space.</p> <p>They have put up a fence which will no doubt be targeted by graffiti artists very soon and will just add to the general look of dereliction and decay.</p>	<p>Erewash Borough Council understands that Tesco propose to submit a planning application in August 2009. Residents will be able to access the information through the EBC website www.erewash.gov.uk</p> <p>At this time, Erewash Borough Council has not had sight of the application.</p> <p>Senior Neighbourhood Warden responded by advising the forum that the fence was erected following instruction by EBC to prevent itinerant travellers from moving onto the land. It is a requirement for owners to clean off graffiti.</p>

<p>Toton Sidings: Increased HGV movements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lorries coming out of development at Toton Sidings have to turn up Derby Road and pass through Sandiacre not go through Stapleford when Stapleford is the main beneficiary of this development. • Increase in HGV movement – it was suggested that DCC has failed to act to protect the local amenities by failing to stop more development and particularly in not objecting to Toton Sidings application to increase number of HGV movements. • A resident questioned DCC's response to the recent application for the daily movement of HGV's in/out of Toton Sidings to increase from 50 to 130. The resident alleged that DCC had submitted no objections; however, when the original application was put forward in 2001, involving only 25 HGV movement, they had submitted strong objections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Could DCC please explain this change of view and; b) Explain why signage for the site directs HGV's along Station Road/Derby Road and not through Stapleford? 	<p>Referred to Graham Fairs, DCC – SBS 526598 – DCC to report to the next forum</p>
<p>Future of forums</p>	<p>The Consultation Officer at EBC responded by advising the forum that she intends to consider future forums and one of the tools she hopes to use are the comments from the evaluation forms which all residents are asked to complete at all forums.</p>
<p>Section 106 funds – this money was to be used to support additional public services, such as schools, health etc, which may be required following any local development, but the resident understands that it has been used for routine maintenance (specific reference was made to S.106 funds allegedly being used to cover a shortfall in routine maintenance on Town Street, Sandiacre).</p> <p>It was requested that a statement on what the DCC/EBC policy is on the use of S106 money.</p>	<p>Referred to Graham Fairs, DCC – SBS 526599 – DCC to report to the next forum.</p> <p>To request that someone from DCC present at a future forum about this. The next forum is Thursday 10 December 2009.</p>

<p>Green Space Strategy – When this strategy was put to full council it contained 2 options for disposal of lands – woodland on Park Avenue, Sandiacre and Hayworth Road public open space. What has happened?</p>	<p>Cllr Hulls responded – the brick wall at the park has been removed and the play area refurbished.</p> <p>The woodland on Park Avenue – Senior Officer EBC responded that the land in question was identified as having the potential/possibility for being disposed of. However, there are no plans to progress this suggestion at present as the Green Spaces Strategy also outlines the need for more open space in the borough not less.</p>
<p>The R4 new bus route – The R4 bus goes down Wood Avenue, Sandiacre; The resident feels the road is not big enough for this bus and it is a danger going down this road. The bus around that area is not really used much by the public. The resident feels that the bus company is using our roads and neighbourhood as a turning circle. <u>Can we change this?</u></p> <p>Other comments made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could a smaller bus be used? • Has this been agreed to keep the bus company happy? • Why has it changed? • There is poor visibility at that junction. • Only a few residents use the bus from Stevens Lane • Did any consultation take place? <p>Double yellow lines have been put on Stevens Road as a temporary 18 month trial. <u>Will they become permanent?</u></p>	<p>PTU – SBS 526600</p> <p>The bus service ‘rainbow 4’ is operated on a wholly commercial basis by Trent Barton.</p> <p>A bus company, with the correct licence, is able to operate services along any section of the public highway (assuming no specific restrictions apply) as long as the service is correctly registered with the Traffic Commissioner. It is the understanding of officers from DCC’s Public Transport Unit that the operation of ‘rainbow 4’ by Trent Barton fully complies with both these requirements.</p> <p>DCC has little or no direct influence over the commercial operations of a bus company and it is they who decide on the route to be followed and the timetable operated.</p> <p>Referred to Pete Leigh – SBS 526601</p>
<p>New Safer Neighbourhood Team Police Constable for Sandiacre – Cllr Nisbet welcomed PC Porton who has taken over following the departure of PC Chris Gray</p>	
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Kerry Bailey, the new Consultation Officer at EBC, introduced herself to the forum and noted that there have been a number of references to consultation through the evening. She asked the forum to offer any ideas they may have for consultation to her. She can be contacted on 0845 9072244 ext 3684 or via email on kerry.bailey@erewash.gov.uk</p>