

WARD FORUM MEETING NOTES

WARD: Tyseley & Hay Mills	DATE: 20 February 2020
VENUE: The 260th Scout Group, r/o 254 Spring Road, Tyseley B11 3DW	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
COUNCILLOR: Zafar Iqbal	ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Andy Chidgey – Transportation Services Beverly Edmead – Community Governance Team PC Chris Edwards & PCSO Kevin Large – Local Police Team, WMP APOLOGIES: Jonjo Hegarty –Place/Housing Enforcement Manager	

WARD PRIORITIES:
Identified and Completed
MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Introductions – following introductions, Cllr Iqbal welcomed everyone to the meeting. 2. Notice of Recording – all advised that recording and photographs could be taken at the meetings. 3. Local Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ward Councillor Shaftsmoor Lane/Olton Boulevard Concerns had been raised regarding the current zebra crossing installed a few years ago to improve the junction for traffic and cyclists; however whilst vehicle accidents had reduced, pedestrian accidents had unfortunately increased. Residents and pedestrians had called for some safety measures/reconfiguring of the junction and that Transportation Officers had been looking to see what could be done. Andy Chidgey, Transportation Officer briefly advised that plans had been drawn up which included the following:-

Olton Boulevard East - relocating the crossing approx. 3.7m away from the current junction; building out a new footway to narrow the road and traffic flow; corner build out to reduce traffic speed turning left into Shaftsmoor Lane
Shaftsmoor Lane – relocation of crossing approx. 6m from the existing junction; corner build out to reduce the speed of traffic turning left into Olton Boulevard East along with .
Copies of the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

Whilst welcoming the proposals, Residents suggested that consideration should also be given to tackling the traffic speeding from Summer Road towards Olton Boulevard and the obstructive parking by the roundabout along with providing safe crossing points by the bus stop for pedestrians. Also poor driving and parking practises by drivers were an ongoing problem, especially as the parking was often obstructive, too close to junctions and also on the corner by the parade of shops which reduced visibility for everyone. Pavement parking on Shaftsmoor Lane had also increased, along with cars being driven along the pavement to avoid traffic congestion. Residents called for more proactive enforcement action and for bollards to be installed along the stretch of pavement.

Action: Andy Chidgey to ask Traffic Enforcement Officers to increase patrols/proactive action

Other Issues

Parking facilities should be considered on the vacant land adjacent to Spring Road Train Station, which was very well used, and that the unused two-storey car park by the station should be brought back into use to encourage more drivers to use public transport if park and ride facilities were provided.

Action: Cllr Iqbal agreed to investigate how the car park was being used and if the vacant land could be better utilised and advise accordingly

(ii) West Midlands Police

Officers advised of the following:-

- Offender Management; supporting vulnerable people and those at risk from harm including Domestic Violence and people Trafficking remained key priorities for the local teams.
- Burglaries had decreased over the last few months, however residents were reminded remain vigilant, ensure that doors and windows were locked and to fit anti-snap locks to doors where appropriate.
- Several covert and overt operations ongoing in the ward in relation to burglaries, drugs and knife crime. Residents reminded to

continue reporting all crime, giving as much details as possible if it was safe to do so. There had been some successes in dealing with drugs crime and disrupting /detecting supply, however the issues remained ongoing and the reporting of incidents and hot spot areas by residents was essential in helping to tackle the acts of criminality.

Residents advised of the following concerns:-

-Highbury Theatre/Little Green Theatre, Pembury Road – drugs being dealt openly on the car park. Cllr Iqbal had tried contacting the staff and management company on several occasions to suggest that lockable gates were fitted, however all attempts had been unsuccessful.

Action: Local Police Team agreed to carry out observations – both covert and overt and action accordingly

-A car without a valid MOT left outside a resident's house for over 12 months. Details to be given to officers at the end of the meeting.

-Spring Road Station – young people openly smoking cannabis from 9pm onwards.

Action: Local Team to pass information on to British Transport Police colleagues

(iii) Cllr Update

Cllr Iqbal advised of the following:-

- Ongoing discussions with local residents to encourage setting up a Neighbourhood Forum for parts of the ward.
- Birmingham Clean Air Zone (CAZ) – due to commence in the summer to reduce pollution in the city centre. The CAZ would cover all the roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road but not the Middleway. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras installed around the CAZ would record images of all vehicles travelling into the CAZ and notices/fines issued to the vehicle owner where appropriate. Residents would be able to check if their vehicle was compliant once the Vehicle Checker Tool from Central Government was made available.

Action: Community Governance Manager to send CAZ Information out to residents

- East Birmingham Partnership Group Meeting - chaired by Insp. Iftikhar. The meetings were held on a regular basis and looked at issues and themes across the wider East Birmingham area and developing a cohesive and holistic approach to tackling them. Anti-social behaviour, increase in drug dealing and begging was amongst some of the main concerns raised in every area. An All-Out Day of Action was being planned for Hay Mills – details would be made available in due course.
- Vintage Trains was interested in developing the former railway club building into a community hub – details would be made

available in due course.

- Bin Services – misleading information in the media regarding changes to the service. An independent review had been carried out to see how the service could be improved and a number of options put forward, including a move to 3 weekly collections. However, no decision had been made and the current collections for domestic waste and recycling remained unchanged.
- Ward Litter Pick/Clean Up would take place on 28th March in conjunction with community groups in neighbouring Acocks Green as part of the Keep Britain Tidy clean up event.
- Tyseley & Hay Mills Partnership Community Day to take place on Weds 18th March, 10am – 3pm at St. Cyprian's Memorial Hall, Haybarnes Circus. Details to be sent out to all residents in the ward.

4. Residents News/Views/Updates

Increase in anti-social behaviour and rubbish dumping around the brook. Residents agreed to speak to Cllr Iqbal after the meeting with the details.

5. Petitions

None submitted.

6. Date of Next Meeting and Community Day

Weds 18th March, 10am - 3pm, St. Cyprian's Memorial Hall, Haybarnes Retail Park.