

**NECHELLS WARD MEETING
NOTES**

WARD: Nechells	DATE: 7 November 2019
VENUE: Heartlands Academy, Great Francis Street B7 4QR	START/FINISH TIMES: 6.30pm – 7.25pm
COUNCILLOR Tahir Ali	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 1
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Snape, West Midlands Police Mark Croxford, Head of Environmental Health Pat Whyte, Community Support & Development Officer Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

1. Travellers Transit Camp, Proctor Street

Mark Croxford explained the reasons behind the establishment of the Transit Camp so that travellers could be evicted from areas of land and moved onto the Camp. It was not illegal to be a traveller or to live life as a traveller however some groups did not look after the land they camped on and caused nuisance to neighbours. The Transit Camp provided a space to evict travellers from other areas of land, failure resulted in them having to leave the City. The travellers could not return to the city for at least 3 months. In other areas where transit camps had been opened the numbers of travellers had significantly reduced. It was hoped to open a second camp in Aston and to open up the site in Castle Vale so that other families could use it.

Residents concerns regarding the transit camp were acknowledged and Mark said he would welcome invites to resident's groups etc to explain and the meeting was advised that any anti-social behaviour on the site would not be tolerated and the travellers would be

evicted.

When on the site the council and police had a duty to carry out welfare checks and were able to sign post travellers for care/support if needed.

In response to a question Mark advised that the maximum length of stay at the transit camp was 4 weeks at £100 per week. When they left the site the families were not allowed to return to anywhere in the city for 3 months.

The resident in attendance undertook to report back to Bloomsbury residents and users of The POD as concern had been expressed by local residents.

2. Police Update

Sergeant Snape advised that PCSO Trengrouse had moved onto the university team.

There was some discussion regarding parking in residential areas by people working in the city and university and the need for residents parking schemes. Councillor Ali referred to Cardigan Street where cars were consistently parked on double yellow lines and requested police issue parking tickets. Sergeant Snape said tickets were issued but had little effect and the university would not provide additional parking spaces. People returning to their cars late at night were creating burglary hot spots.

It was agreed that the police contact Councillor Ali in the new year to discuss parking schemes.

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):