

CENTRAL AREA FORUM – 5 DECEMBER 2007

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING HELD 12 SEPTEMBER 2007

1. **Field Drains, Manor Way, Peterlee
(Minute No. 2(i) refers)**

The Council's Environmental Co-ordinator has sent a letter to the tenants of the properties affected in Manor Way, Peterlee, apologising for the delay caused by confusion as to the exact location of the flooding. The residents have been asked to contact the Officer directly when flooding occurs to help diagnose the problem and look at any possible drainage solutions.

2. **Footpath – Meadowvale Estate, Haswell
(Minute No. 2(iii) refers)**

The responsibility for completing the footpath rests with the developers but as the works have not yet been completed, the matter has been referred to the Council's Senior Investigation and Implementation Officer.

3. **Indiscriminate Parking on the Green Opposite the Melrose Public House,
Shotton
(Minute No. 3(i) refers)**

DCC has erected a number of bollards at this location to prevent indiscriminate parking.

4. **Trees to the Rear of the Taxi Rank, Shotton Colliery
(Minute No. 3(ii) refers)**

The trees have been cut back and the area continues to be monitored and patrolled by Street Wardens. Shotton is to be discussed at the next Streetsafe Board meeting.

5. **Fly-tipping/Unsafe Structure, George Street, Haswell
(Minute No. 3(ix) refers)**

A letter was sent to the owner of the wall at George Street, Haswell who has reduced the height of the blockwork wall to a safer level to match that of the adjacent boundary wall.

The Council's Technical Officer has arranged for rubbish to be removed around the area and continues to liaise with the owners of the premises on Front Street in relation to this and the security of the buildings.

6. **Footpath from George Street to Chapel Lane, Haswell
(Minute No. 3(x) refers)**

This has been reported to DCCs Highways Action Line.

7. **Land at Thorntree Gill, Peterlee
(Minute No. 3(xi) refers)**

The Council's Estates Section has investigated and confirmed that a fence has been erected beyond the boundary of a private property in Thorntree Gill, Peterlee onto open space. However, as the land is not within Council ownership, the Council has no powers to take action.

8. **ASDA Premises, Peterlee
(Minute No. 3(xii) refers)**

ASDA's policy is that all frozen or chilled foods are to be moved from the delivery trailer into chilled storage within 20 minutes. Other products that can be stored at ambient temperatures may temporarily be stored on racking beneath the canopy, but are picked and moved inside the store on the day of delivery in order to replenish the sales floor.

Over the winter ASDA use scaffolding and waterproof covering to further protect the outer warehouse.

The company operate a preventative pest control system within the delivery yard and maintain records on site.

All parts of the store are subject to programmed visits as part of the Environmental Health Department's food safety inspection programme. The last programmed visit was carried out on 6 September 2007 and there were no contraventions.

The storage in the service yard is regarded as ancillary to the main retail use and does not require a separate planning permission. There is no planning condition preventing this and therefore does not contravene the terms of the planning permission.

9. **Condition of Peterlee Bus Station
(Minute No. 4 refers)**

DCC has been asked to provide the written procedure for recording complaints about the bus station.

10. **District of Easington Benefits Service
(Minute No. 5 refers)**

The Star newspaper series have agreed to include a regular article detailing general benefits information and asking for any specific benefits matters from residents to be raised with the Council's Benefits Manager. To date 3 separate articles have been featured. This is to be for a trial period.

Arrangements have been made for an article to appear in January 2008's Shotton Parish newsletter which will give details of when the Blitz bus will be visiting Shotton.