

BOWBROOK, COPTHORNE AND RADBROOK LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

COMPLETED COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS SHEETS

22ND JULY 2009 MEETING

	Comments/Questions/Suggestions	Response Requested From	Response/Action
13	Can an additional bollard be situated outside the Copthorne Shops, Mytton Oak Road? Also, the waste bin has been removed – why?	Jason Hughes (Principal Engineer Traffic)	The request for an additional bollard opposite the shops will be reviewed. If sufficient benefit is gained from its installation, the minor works will be added to the revenue scheme list subject to available funding.
12	Can the time interval be extended at the pelican crossing by the Co-op on Welshpool Road?	Jason Hughes (Principal Engineer Traffic)	Update to follow.
11	Is the lighting around the footpaths and the Gains Park Community Centre going to improve, as young people / adults feel scared walking home late at night?	Philip Edwards (Interim Street Lighting Officer)	Update to follow.
10	Would it be possible to involve the young people in future Local Joint Committee meetings?	Gwyn Bevan (Community Regeneration Officer)	Youth groups and clubs have been visited and young people are being asked about their concerns and ideas for the future. Discussions are underway with the local youth worker to have young people at the meeting in January.
9	Would the Councillors be prepared to visit the Gains Park Community Centre to view the current 'below par' facility at Gains Park? How could we work to improve this?	Gwyn Bevan (Community Regeneration Officer)	The chair of the management committee and all user groups have been contacted and advised of the activities of the Local Joint Committee and funding opportunities. The venue has been visited and may be utilised for the next Local Joint Committee meeting in January.

8	<p>What are the Council's plans in regard to the adoption of the surface water sewers to the Redwood Park and Montford Grange local areas, which at present discharge into a holding reservoir owned by the Secretary of State adjacent to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital?</p>	<p>Ron Buzzacott (Head of Technical Services)</p>	<p>Shropshire Council has no plans to adopt the surface water sewers to the Redwood Park and Montford Grange local areas as we believe these are the assets of Severn Trent Water plc. We have looked at their surface water plans which confirm this. Should the person raising the issue have information to the contrary, it would be beneficial if it was provided to allow us to include it in our investigations.</p> <p>For information, the following is a brief outline of responsibilities for water drainage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shropshire Council - Has three roles, firstly that of Local Highway Authority under which it is responsible for the drainage of roads and pavements and preventing flooding caused by highway drainage systems. The second area of responsibility is that of riparian owner for drainage systems on land and property owned by the Council (these sewers are not ours). The third is as Drainage Authority under the Land Drainage Act 1991 which, along with the proposed legislation Floods and Water Management Bill 2010, gives the authority to enforce on any non main river water course. • Severn Trent Water - Is responsible for the adopted public sewer network which includes foul, surface water and combined sewers. • The Environment Agency - Is a Non-Departmental Public Body of DEFRA. As part of its fairly wide-ranging remit, it is the principal flood risk management operating authority in England and Wales. The Agency is empowered under the Water Resources Act 1991 to manage flood risk arising from designated "main" rivers (this is not the case here). • Land Owners - If a land owner's property adjoins a watercourse then they are responsible for maintaining that watercourse as riparian owners. They have the right to
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			protect their property against flooding and also to prevent erosion of the watercourse banks or any associated structures. Landowners also have the responsibility of maintaining the bank and bed of the watercourse, in order to avoid any obstruction of flow. This riparian ownership may be shared with whoever owns the property on the other side of the watercourse.
7	<u>Suggested Future Agenda Item</u> The Core Strategy for Shropshire – Planning Briefs for Shelton Hospital Listed Buildings. Public consultation prior to the finalisation of the Briefs, and Council proposals.	n/a	This has been put onto the agenda for the 21 st October 2009 meeting.
6	<u>Suggested Future Agenda Item</u> Sports grounds and open spaces at Shelton Hospital leased from the Secretary of State. What are the Council proposals for owning these grounds in public perpetuity for the benefit of the Community?	n/a	This has been put onto the agenda for the 21 st October 2009 meeting.
5	<u>Suggested Future Agenda Item</u> The Core Strategy for Shropshire – Transport and Infrastructure: a) Local traffic speed limits. 20 mph or 30 mph to Somerby Drive.	 Jason Hughes (Principal Engineer Traffic)	 20mph speed limits are currently only implemented within Town Centres, residential areas that have a known accident history, or adjacent to schools. Shropshire Council is currently reviewing the Urban Speed Limit draft policy with the document being put forward to Scrutiny Committee on 22 nd September 2009 (subject to Cabinet). If the policy is approved, Somerby Drive will be considered for a 30mph speed limit in the near future.

	b) Maintaining a restricted access bus service via Somerby Drive to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.	Matt Johnson (Senior Public Transport Officer)	Assuming that this question is a reference to “accessible bus services”, the current commercial service 22, as part of the Arriva service review, is to be withdrawn from its Welshpool Road section. Local buses in the area using accessible vehicles remain direct to Shrewsbury, however with the service 70 on Welshpool Road with interchange with the new service 1 giving access to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital site. Door to door journeys of this type are also now available in this area free of charge (on presentation of a National Bus Pass) using Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride. Shropshire Council is also being consulted along with Arriva, on longer term plans for the redevelopment of the Shelton Hospital site. As part of this, there is consideration being given for a priority bus lane which could incorporate access through the site from Somerby Drive.
	c) The movement of Shelton Mental Health Facility with associated staff and visitor car parking moved further down Somerby Drive.	n/a	This has been put onto the agenda for the 21 st October 2009 meeting.
	d) Where is the infrastructure for the adjacent farmland (earmarked for housing) egress? (I.e. into Copthorne Road, Racecourse Lane or Somerby Drive?).	n/a	This has been put onto the agenda for the 21 st October 2009 meeting.
4	<u>Suggested Future Agenda Item</u> The continuation of the Park and Ride Service at Oxon. Council confirmation required that this service will continue to pass through the Town and not be curtailed at Bridge Street / St Austins Street as muted by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council.	Matt Johnson (Senior Public Transport Officer)	There are no plans at present to revise the current Oxon Park and Ride routing through the town.
3	Is it possible to have reduced fares on bus journeys?	Matt Johnson (Senior Public Transport Officer)	There are already half fares available on all local bus services for those aged 16 and under. Multi journey “saver” tickets are also available through Arriva for weekly/monthly use. Further to

		Officer)	this, Shropshire Council can issue the national concessionary bus pass to those aged 60 or over, or on grounds of an eligible disability. Further to the free travel that this allows, Shropshire Council has also enhanced the concessionary travel scheme to include a range of alternatives including National Transport Tokens, Community Car vouchers, pre 9.30 a.m. travel and free companion travel for carers. Further information is available from Shropshire Council Offices, or by calling (01743) 210336.
2	The proposed changes to the local bus service and particularly in relation to buses 12, 20 and 22.	Martin Withington (Head of Transportation)	A summary of the changes indicating both the advantages and disadvantages of the Arriva Shropshire Network Review along with a copy of the network maps that were implemented on 7 th September 2009, were circulated to everyone present at the meeting on 27 th August 2009.
1	Proposals for a Multi Purpose Community Hall and Associated Sports Facilities.	n/a	<p>This has been put onto the agenda for the 21st October 2009 meeting.</p> <p>Meanwhile, a plan is being produced showing the leisure and sport facilities within the Bowbrook, Copthorne and Radbrook area, future needs are being identified and the land past the Bowbrook Allotments is being investigated as a possible site.</p>