

HARLESCOTT AND BAGLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
COMPLETED COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTION SHEETS

11TH MAY 2010 MEETING

	Comments/Questions/Suggestions	Response From	Response/Action
49	Is Herongate an 'open plan development' whereby no one is allowed to erect permanent boundaries to their properties (walls, fences etc)?	Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)	I have checked with the planners and they do not recall the Herongate development being conditioned or Permitted Development Rights being removed for it to remain open plan. The planners advise that under Permitted Development Rights each householder may provide walls, fencing or hedging up to 1 metre in height to their boundaries for a property adjoining the highway and up to 2 metres in height for a property not directly adjoining the highway. The planners have also suggested that perhaps restrictions on the provision of permanent boundaries to properties may have been included as covenants in the titles to the properties by the developer.
48	Cutting back of large shrubs on the left of Chelwood Drive as you turn in off Hubert Way.	Mike Pugh, Shrewsbury Town Council (Technical Officer, Grounds and Arboriculture)	Request received from Shropshire Council on 15 th June. Liaising with residents concerned on the work required.
47	The need for more low loading buses on routes in the LJC area.	Matt Johnson (Senior Public Transport Officer)	All of the Arriva Shrewsbury town services will be operated with low floor vehicles within the next week or so onwards. The Bryn Melyn (s501) bus service through the area already uses low floor vehicles.
46	Details of the relevant Bye Law covering dog mess and littering.	Councillor Beverley Baker/ Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)	Councillor Baker will report at the meeting.

45	Arrangements for an education in the community programme in combating dog fouling and littering in the LJC area.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	This programme is currently being piloted in Bayston Hill by the Street Scene team's Education and Enforcement Officer. Steve Cunningham is currently investigating the viability of starting the campaign in this LJC area on a reduced scale in September.
44	Friday night football sessions hosted by the police at the Grange Sports Centre finishing a touch too early.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	Steve Cunningham will report at the meeting.
43	The goalposts at Middlegate Recreation Ground to be put back up across the pitch.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) will be putting the goals up at Middlegate in mid August. They have new goals, which now comply with the new safety regulations, and they would struggle to put them up sooner because of holidays. A local team also uses the pitch and the STC would like to ensure that the pitch is in good condition for the start of the season.
42	The need to provide more litter bins in the area as there was too much litter around. The litter bins by the school gates were emptied only once a week and litter bins were being removed from the area causing a huge litter problem, with no bins now in Lancaster Road or York Road.	Mark Howorth (Street Scene Manager – Central)	Litter bins are emptied to a specific schedule dependant on location and usage. We will look at the use and frequency of the bins by the school gates and if required amend the frequency to cope with the volume of litter. There is one litter bin on Lancaster Road and none have been removed from this location or York Road. However one litter bin has been removed from Gloucester Road due to it being continually used to dispose of household waste and fly tipping.
41	Provision of Multi Games Ball Park at the Grange Sports Centre with the possible use of open spaces funding.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	2 meetings have taken place to date with further meeting and a consultation with students planned in September. Shropshire Council is currently looking for grants to fund the project and has found some possible funders. The project is being supported by students, the head teacher, Shropshire Youth and the sports centre manager.

40	Introduction of the new Be Active leisure card scheme through the Grange Sports Centre to enable young people to use the school playing field as a user of the sports centre and be covered by the sport centre's insurance.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	Through funding from the LJC, 50 free 'Be Active' cards have been purchased and will be made available to local young people from 26 th July at The Grange Sports Centre. Young people will then be able to swipe in and use the facility under Shropshire Council's insurance.
39	The need to improve the amount of lighting around the Ashfields Road area to make it easier to get to the playing area at the rear.	Phillip Edwards (Street Lighting Officer)	The Council does not provide an allocation for improved street lighting. The money provided is revenue, which just funds maintenance.
38	The need for lighting on the path from Falstaff Street to the railway bridge and the clearance of unwanted trees from land to the left of the entrance to Falstaff Street	Phillip Edwards (Street Lighting Officer) Mike Pugh, Shrewsbury Town Council (Technical Officer, Grounds and Arboriculture)	The Council does not provide an allocation for improved street lighting. The money provided is revenue, which just funds maintenance. The trees on the former allotment site have been removed.

4TH MARCH 2010 MEETING

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37	Would monitoring be carried out of the yellow box junction at the Coton Hill/Berwick Road Traffic Lights to prevent blockages, particularly at peak times and would the crossing controls be of a high tech specification that could detect the weather so that pedestrians were not left standing in the rain before crossing?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	Work at this junction has only just been completed and we are monitoring and amending signal timings as appropriate. It will take a little while for traffic flows to settle down. We are not intending to put in a yellow box marking unless it proves to be necessary. Unfortunately, it is not possible for signal equipment to detect weather. However, the equipment does ensure that pedestrians are given enough time to cross and there are two opportunities for them to cross in each cycle of the lights. (Please note a pedestrian phase will not be called unless the button is pressed.)

36	Complaint about dog mess and litter/cigarette ends needing to be cleared from the streets in the area .	Steve Brown (Head of Environmental Maintenance) and David Roberts (Environmental Enforcement Manager)	<p>This issue will be investigated by a Technical Officer, and if applicable a review of cleaning regimes will be considered and appropriate enforcement action may be undertaken in the area concerned.</p> <p>The dog warden/s will be asked to feedback on the number of high visible patrols. The Council has and continues to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for litter and dog fouling. However, resources dictate that officers work with communities by gathering intelligence from local elected members, residents, partnership agencies and evidence gathered from recorded data, rather than simply responding to just individual incidents. From the Intelligence gained they carry out enforcement and educational operations to address public concerns.</p> <p>The Local Policing Teams also have been authorized to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for litter and dog fouling and this will be extended to Parking Attendants in the future.</p>
35	When would the pavilion become operational at the former British Rail Bowling Club?	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	The pavilion will be open this summer with County League games being held on at least one of the greens. The club had been renamed "Bagley Bowling Club" and Steve Cunningham would be attending the Committee meeting to be held on 26 th April.
34	Who had responsibility for the maintenance of the landscaped areas to the east /south of the Barrett's Development at Ellesmere Grange?	Gary Farmer, Shrewsbury Town Council (Technical Officer, Grounds and Arboriculture)	The land is still the responsibility of the developer. The Town Council has been asked if it wishes to carry out the maintenance when the land comes over to Shropshire Council.
33	Did the work of Enable provide assistance in the return to work of people who had had drug and alcohol problems?	Ruth Houghton (Support Lead Officer)	Enable does not currently provide a direct service for people whose main problem is drug or alcohol dependency. However, they do provide employment support for all groups of disabled people, including those with mental health and learning disabilities, who

			may have a secondary issue around drug or alcohol dependency.
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17TH DECEMBER 2009 MEETING

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32	Are there any proposals to have 20 mph speed limits on local roads e.g. York Road? Also, is a 20 mph speed limit legally enforceable?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	There were proposals for a 20 mph speed limit on a section of York Road. However, objections were received from the Police. Yes, a 20 mph speed limit is legally enforceable.
31	Can anything be done about large lorries going towards town? – Realising that they cannot go under the railway station bridge, they go the wrong way along Chester Street.	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	Advance warning signs of the height restriction on Cross Street bridge are in place. Their effectiveness will be reviewed to see if they can be improved.
30	Can the speed limit along Ellesmere Road to Battlefield Island be reduced to 30 mph?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	That section of Ellesmere Road is largely a rural road in character. It is anticipated that any attempt to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph is likely to receive objections from the Police. An extension of the 30mph speed limit on Ellesmere Road to its junction with Hubert Way is in process.
29	Could the Coton Hill circular run every hour and go down Greenfields Street so the elderly can be picked up, as they cannot walk to Ellesmere Road? Also, Hubert Way.	Martin Withington (Head of Transportation)	The changes to local bus services in this area were a part of a wider review of the Shropshire Bus network undertaken by Arriva. As part of this review the route of service 7 was considered and deemed to be inappropriate to operate large buses in this high density residential area, especially as it was required to turn the bus in the vicinity of a primary school. Similarly the operator was concerned that problems with poorly parked cars in this area were also causing issues with the reliability and punctuality of the service. Shropshire Council agreed with this reasoning and agreed to this change on what was a council subsidised service. Therefore, for the reasons given above, Shropshire Council is

			<p>unable to consider the reinstatement of the service on Greenfields. The Council does not take such decisions lightly and we appreciate that this may cause passengers some inconvenience.</p> <p>The majority of the Greenfields estate is within 400m of the local stops on Ellesmere Road. It is appreciated that for some even this walking distance creates problems. Any one for whom public transport is no longer a viable option following these changes may wish to consider Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride as an alternative to the bus. Travel is free for those who are eligible for a concessionary bus pass although there is a registration fee of £10. For more information on this service Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride can be contacted on 01743 450270.</p>
28	Why are there no lights on the original path from Falstaff to the railway bridge? – There was one years ago at the bridge.	Mike Pugh, Shrewsbury Town Council (Technical Officer, Grounds and Arboriculture)	The Town Council is investigating the request.
27	Why was money wasted on a footfall counter when any Greenfields resident could have told the Council that the path was used to the extent that it was a canal after rain?	Alison Kennedy (Infrastructure Manager, Cycle Shrewsbury)	The reason that we have installed a footfall counter and solar-powered cycle counters at Greenfields is to monitor use throughout the year. This is a requirement of our funding partners for this scheme which include the Big Lottery (Sustrans Connect2) and Department for Transport (Cycling England). The counters have been funded from external grants.
26	Clear unwanted trees to the left of Falstaff entrance and return to allotments? If grants available – will probably be wanted in the spring.	Mike Pugh, Shrewsbury Town Council (Technical Officer, Grounds and Arboriculture)	Town Council Members are aware of the land and are negotiating with Shropshire Council on its future use.

For information: Bus tickets to Shrewsbury Bus Station are valid on the bus that services the town loop.

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25	<p><u>Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Service and Fire Safety. • Road Safety Partnership (including Speed Cameras). • How are we to effectively promote these meetings in future to the residents in the two wards? • Health / GP Surgeries. • Drugs/Alcohol. 		
		Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)	This has been put onto the agenda for the 17 th December 2009 meeting.
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24	Local residents are concerned regarding the Number 6 Bus Service.	Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)	I have received notification from Jon Hayes (Principal Transport Officer, Shropshire Council) that Arriva have issued notice and intend to stop providing the No. 6 bus service altogether after Saturday, 2 nd January 2010. (The No. 6 bus service currently operates along the length of Ellesmere Road in Shrewsbury and provides a service for residents living in the Harlescott Grange area and for those wishing to access the Battlefield Enterprise Park). Mr Hayes is currently consulting with Bryn Melyn, the other bus company providing a service on Ellesmere Road, to see if they will extend their current service to include a service along Hubert Way.
		Jon Hayes (Principal	Since Shropshire Council received notice from Arriva regarding the de-registering of the No. 6 bus service, Officers at Shropshire

		Transport Officer)	<p>Council have been working with Bryn Melyn, the operator of service 501 which operates from Shrewsbury to Ellesmere along the same corridor. From Monday, 4th January 2010 this bus will now serve the Little Harlescott Grange area and the Battlefield Enterprise Park on an hourly basis. This bus will also serve Hubert Way twice in the morning to take passengers into the town centre and twice in the afternoon to enable passengers to travel home. These services are being provided on a commercial basis with no subsidy from Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Shropshire Council are also currently tendering for additional services along the route to bolster services to the Battlefield Enterprise Park at peak times. When this has been finalised, a comprehensive timetable will be circulated.</p>
23	Arriva should attend the next meeting, as their three month consultation period will have expired.	Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)	Arriva have served notice to withdraw the No. 6 Service. They were therefore not invited to the next meeting on 17 th December 2009.
22	Would it be possible to have an access road built to the Grange Free Church Hall (back of the Anchor)?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	The access road off Grafton Mews is not highway, and the land around the hall, as we understand it, is not owned by the Council. The provision of an access road at public expense is therefore not considered to be appropriate.
21	Can another crossing be put near to Cedars Drive, as it is dangerous to cross Ellesmere Road?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	An initial assessment indicates that further consideration to an uncontrolled crossing point in this location can be given. Although, the priority would be to improve the crossing at Herongate as this would serve more people.
20	Could we please have an extra bus stop between Lymehurst and Greenfields Post Office?	Matt Johnson (Senior Public Transport Officer)	The Transport Policy and Publicity Team are currently looking at this request. Any such works are subject to the Council's usual 14 day consultation strategy with any adjacent properties at a proposed location. Assuming a suitable location can be found, copies of the consultation letter will also be copied in to the members of the Local Joint Committee for comment. Pending a

			successful consultation, the new stop can then be installed immediately.
19	Could there be a crossing at the bottom of Herongate and Ellesmere Road?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	Consideration is being given to extending the 30mph speed limit on Ellesmere Road past Hubert Way, and possibly introducing a mini-roundabout on the Ellesmere Road and Hubert Way junction. Consideration to improving the existing uncontrolled crossing can be given with the possible inclusion of a central refuge. It is hoped we will be able to include this work in next year's capital programme but this will be subject to budget approvals.
18	Arriva bus Route 6 stops opposite Herongate. If this continues a crossing will be required. Why not make a roundabout at Hubert Way?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	Consideration is being given to extending the 30mph speed limit on Ellesmere Road past Hubert Way, and possibly introducing a mini-roundabout on the Ellesmere Road and Hubert Way junction. Consideration to improving the existing uncontrolled crossing can be given with the possible inclusion of a central refuge.
17	A lot of older people are disenfranchised because they are unable to catch a bus following the changes made by Arriva to the bus routes.	Martin Withington (Head of Transportation)	<p>The recent Arriva bus network review has resulted in changes to certain services and routes. This has resulted in some residents receiving an improved service, or indeed a service for the first time, but it is acknowledged that in some cases services have been altered such that the new network is less convenient for them.</p> <p>For the vast majority of residents, reasonable opportunities remain for them to continue to travel by bus, albeit from a different bus stop. This may be further away but within the distances that are considered reasonable. For residents that are unable to walk to their nearest bus stop on grounds of mobility for example, Shropshire Council is working in partnership with Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride in order to provide door to door services. In addition, for this service, Shropshire Council has agreed with Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride that any users holding a Concessionary Bus Pass will be able to use this for free travel on the Dial-a-Ride service, as is the case on any other bus service in the town. Where there is a demand for additional bus stops on routes, Shropshire Council will erect, subject to site suitability, a bus stop flag and timetable case. More information on the services of Shrewsbury Dial-a-Ride is</p>

			available through the booking line on (01743) 450270.
16	I understand that not everyone is able to use Dial-a-Ride. Is this correct? If so, who is entitled to use it?	Councillor Vernon Bushell (Chairman of Dial-a-Ride)	Yes, Dial-a-Ride is for individuals who cannot manage to use normal public transport and transports people living within a 10 mile radius of Shrewsbury. When a person makes their first booking, they need to register as a member at a cost of £10 per year. The minibus has low steps, a passenger lift and can accommodate wheelchairs. If anyone has any further questions, I would be happy to answer them at the next meeting on 17 th December 2009.
15	The walkway in Falstaff Street to Greenfield Meadows is overgrown. Would it be possible for it to be cleared?	Tim Sneddon (Head of Environmental Maintenance)	The ownership of the walkway has now been investigated and the land is not registered at the Land Registry, we are therefore unable to identify who or if it belongs to anyone. The land is, however, on the definitive footpaths map (FP 0443/115L/1) and therefore should be maintained for use. It has been arranged that the undergrowth is cut back and the walkway cleared by the Council and Probation Service, using people undertaking Community Service Orders. Once cleared it will be put on the local Highway Technicians inspection programme, to ensure it is maintained to an acceptable standard. The person who raised this issue at the Local Joint Committee has been informed of the proposed actions.
14	Who owns the alleyway from Ludford Drive through to Mount Pleasant Road? There are problems with litter and anti-social behaviour.	Kelly Oldham (Anti-Social Behaviour Officer)	The alleyway is a public footway maintained by the Council. A site visit was conducted on Thursday, 19 th November 2009 at 2.00 p.m. by Kelly Oldham from the Shropshire Partnership, Tim Sneddon from Environmental Maintenance and PC Gardener from West Mercia Police. The site visit confirmed that there was no graffiti present, although there was a small paint splash on one fence. There was a case of left dog foul and minimal litter present. The alleyway appears well lit, with at least three lamp posts. Having checked with our analyst, reported and recorded incidents (crime and anti-social behaviour) in the alleyway are nil for the last 11 months and reported crime and anti-social behaviour in the surrounding area for the last 11 months is low. This is supported by the Police who state that the alleyway has not come to their attention due to high crime/anti-social behaviour. As a result, the Community Support Officers from West Mercia Police will be

			<p>increasing patrols in the alleyway and Environmental Maintenance will increase the frequency of cleansing in the alleyway. The above indicates that the alleyway is not facilitating the persistent commission of criminal offences or anti-social behaviour and therefore, is unlikely to be considered for a Gating Order. We would encourage local residents to report any incidents of crime and/or anti-social behaviour occurring in the alleyway to the appropriate agency.</p>
13	<p>Who owns the land and who is responsible for the maintenance of the pond area on Battlefield Link Road (including grass cutting)? The area needs maintenance.</p>	<p>Andrew Stirling (Head of Property Services)</p>	<p>Shropshire Council owns the land and an inspection and subsequent maintenance work is being arranged in order to tidy up the area. This will include some grass cutting.</p>
12	<p>Who owns the land of the old Conica Garage site on Lancaster Road (now Merco)? - It is an eyesore!</p>	<p>Steph Jackson (Lead Officer)</p> <p>David Spode (Pollution Team Leader – Central) and Paul Oakley (Pollution Control Officer)</p> <p>Matthew Farmer (Central Area Principal Planning Enforcement Officer)</p>	<p>Shropshire Council does not own the land but does have details of the landlord. Their details will be referred to Environmental Health to see if the Council can apply pressure.</p> <p>Officers have visited this site and the garage is disused, boarded up and secure via a site security fence. Although an eyesore, it is secure and presents no hazards to the public. There is no action that can be taken by Environmental Health. The Planning Department does have powers regarding untidy sites but they are unlikely to take action on this site as it is clear but unsightly.</p> <p>I have visited the site and the former petrol station is no longer in service, the building has been made secure by erecting timber shuttering over the windows and erecting heris fencing across the front of the site. The decor on the canopy over the former forecourt has deteriorated in isolated areas and no litter was noted (albeit leaves were noted on the forecourt which had fallen from trees adjoining the site).</p> <p>In my opinion, the overall appearance of the site at the current time does not cause any harm to the visual amenity of the area and as such the site does not warrant the issuing of a s215 amenity notice. However, I will endeavour to visit the site in February 2010 to</p>

			asses if the site has deteriorated any further. If in the meantime, the site rapidly falls into a state of disrepair then please contact me.
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2ND JULY 2009 MEETING

	Comments/Questions/Suggestions	Response From	Response/Action
11	Air conditioning <u>very</u> noisy and annoying.	Sarah Townsend (Committee Officer)	Comment noted. When future meetings are held at The Grange School, the Hall will be used if available rather than the Canteen.
10	Include Severnside Housing.	Sarah Townsend (Committee Officer)	Severnside Housing were invited to the July meeting but sent their apologies. They will be in attendance at the September meeting and will be reporting on the work being undertaken within the local area.
9	Earlier notices.	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	I acknowledge that posters and flyers were not distributed early enough for the first meeting and will ensure that they are distributed at least three weeks prior to the next Local Joint Committee meeting.
8	I have attended several similar style meetings but very rarely see positive response / results!	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	The Local Joint Committee is very keen for these meetings to be positive and that residents feel they are being listened to via this process and that actions are being taken forward. One of the methods of tracking and recording actions is this table, which will be updated at every meeting. Residents will then be able to ask why actions haven't been undertaken or why a particular approach was taken.
7	When car boot sales are held, can parking be restricted to the site the sale is being held?	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	If considered appropriate parking restrictions, double yellow lines, could be considered to deter parking. However these would be subject to a statutory consultation and may receive objections. We assume that the area in question is Harlescott Lane close to the Harry Hotspur. Should the Local Joint Committee wish we could

			investigate Traffic Regulations around the junctions of Battlefield Way, March Way and Harlescott Crescent.
6	Can anything be done to deter/prevent the proliferation of large wagons using Harlescott Lane? This problem is <u>definitely</u> getting worse (and the wagons are getting longer/larger!).	Hugh Dannatt (Group Manager Traffic and Highway Engineering)	Consideration can be given to the introduction of a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit. However this will not prevent vehicles accessing premises on Harlescott Lane and may require additional signing to direct HGVs to more appropriate routes. The Traffic Management and Regulation Team will consider the feasibility of a scheme but this will be subject to available budgets.
5	Is there funding for the upkeep of the BMX Track?	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	There is no specific funding for the upkeep of the BMX track. However, discussions are now underway between Council departments (Cycle Shrewsbury, Community Working, Play and Sports Development) to resolve this problem across Shrewsbury's six BMX tracks. A proposal is being written and will be submitted to the Central Shropshire Partnership in September and I will provide an update regarding progress at September's Local Joint Committee meeting.
4	Three year funding for ward newsletter?	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	Currently the Local Joint Committee cannot fund projects beyond one year. I would be happy to support representatives from the community to develop a community newsletter and will request representatives at the next Local Joint Committee meeting.
3	Three year funding for network lunch as originally?	Steve Cunningham (Senior Community Regeneration Officer)	Currently the Local Joint Committee cannot fund projects beyond one year. Steve Cunningham will support a network lunch for the community if there is 'buy in' with local organisations. It is worth pointing out that there is a Borough-wide network lunch currently in operation, meeting on a quarterly basis. Steve would be happy to discuss this issue further with Mrs Sandford if required.

2	<p>The cutting of grass verges in Harlescott. Has received a letter from Dan Sims explaining that they are cut five times a year. When were they cut last year? Also, are there are any plans for the area around the pond, which has not had proper maintenance?</p>	<p>Dan Sims (Engineering Assistant)</p>	<p>Grassed areas in Harlescott are subject to varying degrees of cutting, this ranges from amenity grass in residential areas being cut approximately every 14 days to naturalised grass areas (e.g. along the link road) not being cut (except for visibility). I am unable to give exact dates of cutting, as the contractor does not work to a fixed timetable due to operational needs. Should any specific areas be missed then I can look into this.</p> <p>The pond area does receive attention although much of it is on an annual basis due to its classification e.g. trimming back of shrubs. Any issues such as fly tipping should be reported and we can act on this. We feel that this level of attention is commensurate with the utilisation of the land. I will however take a look at the area again and arrange works as necessary.</p>
1	<p>Concerned that the lighting on the side roads in Heath Farm is poor and dim. Also concerned regarding the condition of the lamp columns in this area.</p>	<p>Philip Edwards (Interim Street Lighting Officer)</p>	<p>The lampposts themselves have been in situ for over 40 years, but they are structurally sound and should last at least another 10 years. The lanterns are not the originals; these having been replaced, but they do provide sufficient lighting for pedestrians. The Council does not currently fund a lighting improvement program, or a painting program, so we are unable to make any improvements at this time. We will add the estate to the list of improvement schemes awaiting funding, though we are unable to give any indication of when this might be.</p>