

MEOLE COLUMN & SUTTON LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2010

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & SUGGESTION RESPONSE

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<p>1) Bus Stops / Arriva Buses</p> <p>Concern has been raised regarding the relocation of bus stops in Preston Street which now means that buses cannot be seen coming down the road due to parked cars.</p>	<p>The locations of bus stops on Preston Street have changed on the request of Arriva following changes to their service. Arriva identified their preferred locations and a consultation period used to get feedback from the public. This involved the use of temporary stops and writing to local residents. On the basis of the responses the location of some bus stops moved slightly.</p> <p>The Public Transport team have agreed to contact Arriva to highlight to drivers that the public have difficulty seeing buses at stops on Preston Street and to be vigilant of potential customers.</p>
<p>2) Uneven Footpaths on Preston Street</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the uneven footpath and trip hazard on Preston Street. The Highfields side of the road has been improved. Are there any plans to improve the other side of the road.</p>	<p>Shropshire Council Highways Maintenance Unit carry out monthly inspections of Preston Street, these are walked inspections eight times a year and driven inspections four times a year (quarterly), in accordance with Shropshire Council Highway Inspection Manual, that is aligned with the Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management " Well - Maintained Highways ".</p> <p>Any safety defects recorded on these inspections are forwarded to Enterprise as a works order to carry out the repair. Inspections carried out in June and July identified that work needed to be carried out and repairs were undertaken by Enterprise in August.</p> <p>Highways Technicians assess carriageway and footway conditions when they carry out their inspections, this along with other independent surveys, allows Shropshire Council to prioritise our schemes for the Local Maintenance Plan</p> <p>At the moment there are no plans to resurface that side of Preston Street.</p>

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<p>3) Shropshire Council staff with parking permits are parking outside residential properties in Preston Street when there are clearly spaces in the overflow car park.</p>	<p>A message will go out to all Shirehall based staff in September to ask them not to park in front of entrances, to use the car parks provided and be considerate of local residents.</p> <p>As there are no restrictions on Preston Street the Council is unable to prevent parking but it will re-iterate to staff the need to be considerate to local residents.</p>
<p>4) Who paid for the air pollution monitoring vans and what were the results.</p>	<p>Shropshire Council received a grant from Defra to complete an air pollution survey within the air quality management areas of Shrewsbury Town Centre. The costs of the survey were entirely met by the Defra grant and at no cost to the council tax payer.</p> <p>The survey looked at the actual air pollution levels of vehicles in the air quality management area. The Council is awaiting the results of the survey which are being collated by Leeds University. The results will be used to inform the Council's strategy for controlling air pollution in the area.</p>
<p>5) When would a list of service cuts be available as feel cannot comment until the services to be cut are known.</p>	<p>The Council is working up detailed proposals for budget savings for 2011/12. It took the opportunity to highlight to the July LJC meeting the significance of the budget savings required so that the public become aware of the situation facing the Council.</p> <p>A further budget consultation will be incorporated into the next local joint committee meeting in February 2011.</p>

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<p>6) Why are there road works by Tesco again when it was only done three years ago.</p>	<p>When the two superstores (Tesco and B&Q) were built, road alterations adjacent to each store were funded by the developers and were modifications to the existing junction to cater for the predicted increased traffic flows to each of the stores.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water also relaid a main through the junction which Shropshire County Council (as it was then) had to allow as it was part of a flood alleviation scheme.</p> <p>The current scheme is funded by the Council and re-designs the whole traffic light junction now the actual traffic flows to all three of the superstores (Tesco, B&Q and Lidl) are known. The design also takes account of the circumstances of the fatal accident at an adjacent pedestrian refuge.</p>