

## **CABINET 14 DECEMBER 2022**

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

#### **Question from Samantha Webster on behalf of St Mary's Street Resident's Association Cttee - Proposed On Street Parking Scheme changes (*please see additional attached doc*)**

Please will the council explain exactly how the removal of around 15 cars ( those with 2 permits St Marys St ) and an increase of potentially 51 cars ( Listley St) will 'reduce congestion and pollution' when 100s of visitors also continue to drive up St Mary's Street to access free parking on the High Street ?

Please will the council explain why the availability of Listley Street North and South have not been considered simultaneously as part of this consultation to save the council money and in the interests of fairness, given the precedent which has been established in Shrewsbury ie residents in Shrewsbury town have access to bands 3, 4 and 5 car parks ?

Please will the council explain why they are asking residents of St Mary's Street to give up their parking spaces to Listley Street residents ?

Please will the council explain why this decision is being made by 2 Cllrs and not through an open and democratic process of Cttee

Please will the council explain why the scheme for St Mary's Street cannot be restricted to St Mary's St residents ONLY as requested in May 22 prior to the consultation by The Residents' Association ?

Please will the council fully explain the reasons why Listley Street cannot have its own parking scheme for its own residents ? ( the changing of one scheme costs the same as introducing another scheme)

#### **David Kilby, Shropshire Playing Fields Association**

At present there are 10 access points along the stretch of the river, between the Greyfriars Bridge and the Weir, 6 access points have gates that can be closed during times of high river levels, four do not, meaning that when in flood a pedestrian can access the towpath at the Victoria street access point and then walk through partially flooded footpaths all the way to the Greyfriars bridge, where they are then confronted with a closed gate, requiring them to either return along the partially flooded footpath they have just trodden or climb over the gate.

Does the committee agree with Shropshire Playing Fields Association that the River Severn safety Review report has failed to fully discuss the important role **gating or lack of gating has** to play in helping to prevent future tragedies occurring along the towpath between this stretch of the river between the Greyfriars bridge in Coleham and the Weir in Castlefields?

Should more consideration be given to:

- i) Installing gates at Waters Lane
- ii) Installing a gate from Victoria Street leading down to the river.
- iii) Install a gate along the footpath near Castle Walk Bridge.

You will note our correspondence on this matter of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012 with Tim Sneddon Environmental Maintenance Manager at Shropshire Council, the coroner John Ellery 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015, at a full Shropshire Council Meeting in December 2015, public question, and again in 2018 via telephone and 2019 in writing to Ian Walshaw Highways Manager at the time.