

Note of 16th October 2013 Forum Meeting

6.00pm Holt Park Active

Present

Cllr B Anderson (Chair) Councillor for Adel & Wharfedale
Tenants and residents from the Holt Park Area
Joe Greenfield – General Manager Asda
Inspector Richard Coldwell – Neighbourhood Policing Team
PC Ingham – Neighbourhood Policing Team
Janet Howrie – City Development (LCC)
Mark Burgess – City Development (LCC)
Edward Rowland – City Development
Jason Singh – Environmental Services
Wyn Davies – Area Performance Manager WNW Homes
Gerry Burnham – WNW Area Support Team

Introduction

Councillor Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. A brief outline and purpose of the meeting was given.

Key Items discussed:

1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector Richard Coldwell provided an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and advised of the proposed changes to the police service. The service has to make £120m of savings however this will mainly effect management and not frontline services.

The following issues were raised by forum members:

- There is a perception that the police do not make checks in the Holt Lane, Holt Road / Kenworthy area.
- Lorries delivering to Asda are still parking on Holt Road and also driving down the bus lane the wrong way.
- Sat Navs direct delivery vehicles to the Ireland Wood side not the delivery entrance.
- Concerns were raised that a Kingsmill delivery van has been travelling too fast in the area.
- Abandoned trollies are still a problem in the area.

2. Asda

The new general manager for Asda Joe Greenfield introduced himself at this point and agreed to look into the matters raised above.

3. Consultation on the Planning Statement for Holt Park District Centre

Officers from City Development attended for this item. Leeds City Council is consulting on the draft planning statement for Holt Park from 15th October to 26th November 2013. The planning statement sets out the vision and development approach to the future redevelopment and improvement of Holt Park District Centre. Comments and suggestions were welcomed from the floor. Details of all issues raised were recorded and will be included in the consultation process (attached at appendix 1).

A drop-in event is being held at the new Holt Park Active, on the 23rd October 3.00pm – 7.00pm.

The planning statement can be viewed at Holt Park Library, Development Enquiry Centre, Rossington Street and www.leeds.gov.uk.

Comments can be made by using the comments form or sending an email to: ldf@leeds.gov.uk by 26th November.

4. Environmental Services

Jason Singh Locality Manager for the area provided an update on the current work of his team:

- A number of walkabouts have recently taken place in response to issues raised by local residents.
- Bins on streets have been assessed. There does not appear to be a significant problem at the moment but the situation will be monitored.
- Abandoned trollies – the service are aware of the issue and are meeting with Asda next week.
- Littering around Ralph Thoresby School – Environmental Officers are working with PCSOs on enforcement.
- The annual leaf clearing programme is about to commence. JS agreed to provide white bags to any residents who are willing to clear leaves from outside of their properties. Filled bags can be left at agreed focal points and will be collected by Environmental Services. Alan Mann agreed to co-ordinate this.

Local residents raised the following issues:

- Holtdale Garth – needs sweeping there is broken glass, litter, leaves and grass.
- Waste Collection Service - the GPS tracking system doesn't identify correct frontages of properties.
- Trees are blocking the light at the top of Holt Park Road / Farrar Lane.
- Holtdale View – a white van was being driven over the grass and parking all day which obstructed grass cutting.
- Asda was asked if they would be prepared to sponsor any litter bins in the local area. This would be to purchase the bin – Environmental Services would empty them.
- There are no litter bins outside of the new Holt Park Active.

5. Housing Leeds (formerly WNWHomes Leeds)

Wyn Davies Area Performance Manager circulated an update report on the work of his service (attached at appendix 2). The organisation previously known as WNWHomes was integrated within Leeds City Council from 1st October. This new service has been renamed Housing Leeds. The intention is that customers should see little disruption to front line services.

The following responses were given to issues raised by local residents:

- Decking is permitted on LCC property as it is not classed as a patio however it has to be removed when tenancy ceases.
- Rats – Housing Leeds will pay for treatment of rats in their properties.
- Gates at Farrar Lane complex entrance – demolition lorries should not be using this entrance - this will be followed up with contractors.
- Leaf clearance – Housing Leeds will work with Environmental Services. Two major leaf clearing sessions are planned – 1 week of concentrated leaf clearing before Christmas and 1 full week after Christmas.
- Tree audit – issue 1 Holtdale Close. Housing Leeds can make referrals however budget is now held by Parks & Countryside.

6. Any other Business

The following issues were raised and will be followed up:

- A new exchange box has been installed on the grassed area opposite the Raynel's however there is already a box on the corner – why were they not put together?

- Holt Park Surgery (next to Asda) path has been resurfaced however the drain is in the wrong place and causes 'ponding' when it rains.
- Otley Old Road near Tinshill Rec– there is a dip in the road which may be caused by a sunken drain.
- A document containing a number of issues / concerns of Farrar Lane Sheltered Housing Complex was handed in. It was agreed that these issues would be referred to the appropriate directorate.

7. Date of next meeting

12. To be confirmed.