

Guiseley and Rawdon Forum Meeting – Wednesday 6th February 2019 7-9pm

Agenda item 1 – Police update

Rebecca Bowles – PCSO G+R – Report provided and to be shared with attendees. The response from the police – Senior leadership team will be looking into the recent increase in crime across Rawdon, Guiseley areas. Interceptor units tackling the crime – response is trying to combat thefts. Forensics have been used – some have been prosecuted. Spike in Rawdon over the weekend – officers starting at 10pm to work through the night usually starting at 3pm.

Crown prosecution service – sentencing to blame for bolder criminals - judicial system

Noted: Antisocial behaviour and drug dealing – Netherfield car park/ Ings lane – CCTV in place

Agenda item 2 – Update on actions

Obstruction to pavement on Apperley Lane – Cllr Wadsworth investigated and this is due to residential parking.

Potting shed – Cllr Wadsworth spoke with LCC planning team and officers – in breach of permission and formally enforcing – LCC planning dept.

Agenda item 4 – Waste Strategy – Deputy Chief Officer – John Woolmer

National strategy - Govt announced national waste strategy – focuses on packaging (taxation on producers of materials, plastics), from this tax to create money to let councils to cover costings – government indicating a greater focus on carbon footprint of material not weight, consultation process on details starting soon – types of recycling, how best collected and presented to achieve better separation and therefore quality of recyclable materials, better consistency – standardize that model nationally. Mandatory weekly food collections – key element of strategy – may require councils to offer the service to residents – food waste for collection. Consultation on garden waste collections to make it free (in Leeds it still is) – how will the policy be carried out? National deposit return scheme – single use drink collections – HUBBUB city centre initiative at moment in Leeds – consistent labelling on packaging – what is recyclable and where to put it. Most of the strategy is saying implementation in 2023.

In Leeds – we need to see the detail of the national strategy re 2022/23 requirements of producers of plastics and tax available to councils. Rejig services to fit in with strategy. Looking at different models for waste collection – currently glass in Leeds not offered from household (explained that is due to fact broken glass will “contaminate” the paper/cardboard in the green bin and make it much harder to find someone to take paper as recyclable material and would significantly reduce its value anyway), we offer some food collection in “pilot “area. How much will each model cost/save/is feasible? How much will it gain on recycling percentages? Looking at options – anything we introduce will need the cooperation of the residents of Leeds to make it work. Recycling will always require consumer effort – even if made easier by producers of waste. We can offer more services/options to meet increased demand of residents and increased recycling opportunities but onus will likely to be on the customer in terms of separating materials.

Q: Possible additional containers – additional wheelie bins? Shredded paper – encouraged to shred for identify protection – tips sites a provision for shredded paper – considerable value. **A:** If we go to

collect other materials/ how do we do that without providing another bin – if we can avoid we will but ultimately restrained by what recycling facilities such as Dewsbury rd can sort/process and what there is a market for. Sub container option – In Wales – several containers rather than a wheelie bin – holes in the side of wagon for each waste stream – extra work for resident and much greater cost for collection. Roughly £250,000 to staff and run a wagon in Leeds. Consultant to provide us with different models. We also need to ask residents what they want to do – do they want to rec cycle more at home? Shredded paper in the green bin – potential fire risk – **John to investigate** (answer provided by John – my apologies, but the members in the audience were indeed correct; we can't accept shredded paper in the green bin. The reason is however that our contractor who separates the waste for us into the various waste streams for recycling does not accept it – due to their own machinery issues/fire risk concerns. The paper is accepted in our households waste sites though, by emptying it into the paper banks provided.)

Q: What financial contribution of glass bottles make to rates? Glass is not making money **A:** In tens of thousands, glass does cover costs but doesn't make money – done to recycle but paper is more lucrative. (update from John: as required we undertake a procurement process to find the best contractor to take our glass that we have collected at bring banks across the city and at our recycling centres. "Best" includes the one who will pay us the most. Our current contractor is URM. They have optical sorting facilities which means they do not require the different coloured glass to be collected separately. Last year the value of the contract worked out at about £50k income. This does not take into account our own staff costs/time in managing the contract, dealing with customers/complaints and the bring bank sites themselves)

Q: Recycling, why bother, why not burn it? **A:** In terms of Leeds, good movement in the culture of wanting to recycle because of the concern of the blue planet effect. Rubbish or wheelie bins – in Leeds only about half percent domestically made goes to landfill. That's because our black bin waste goes to the RERF (incinerator) – that material gets burnt which generates heat that feeds into the new city district heating scheme, helps generate electricity that goes back into the grid, and the resultant "ash" is reused in things such as aggregates for road constructions. It is still however, better environmentally to recycle/reuse to get as much use out of a material before it is eventually burnt.

Q: Increased household waste and containers – consult with developers on apartment blocks? **A:** Mixed relationship with planning developers. Sooner LCC are clear with their strategy the sooner we can put forward what we want with developers. Maybe will be options for people who want more recycling options and people who don't. Don't want to force people to have more bins. Though point made that if we all recycled more and had the right bins to put it all in, what would be left for putting in black bins?

Q: A concern – charged to drop off rubble at tipping sites / lead to fly tipping? **A:** A point well made, policy enforced by the council in line with most other councils in UK – gives some income to offset the budget deficit we faced. We don't think it has had too much effect on fly tipping – mostly commercial builders/man in a van types.

Q: Who came up with minimum fee to drop off rubble? **A:** The principal of it is that we shouldn't accept that type of waste as its building waste, it's a person's responsibility to get their builder to take it away/or get a skip or similar themselves. Tip is not for building material. Most councils charge so we are in line with other councils.

Q: broken ceramic plant pot – what can be done? What happens to glass that we recycle? Why no longer asked to sort glass by colour? **A:** Expect staff to use reasonable judgement – services are generally good at tips, majority of staff are courteous under what can be difficult circumstances. Reconsider management of household waste – review to take place in next few months – Rebranding and re launching to emphasise they are primarily Recycling Sites. Will relook at how implement charging policy re very small amounts.

Q: where do I get information on what you want to recycle?– bottles tops on tops – metals kit kat paper/six inch nails/Harrogate recycling site, staff helping cars – one comment that Milner road seems less staffed, no one around. **A:** As part of the review we will look at better info and signage etc for customers. Can download Leeds Bin App on your smartphone – tells you what goes in the bins and reminds you when they are due for collection, and helps to answer questions at home. Reviewing messages to put on green bins/ types of plastic/ In black bin. (update from John – checked and fine to put tops back on plastic bottles after squashing them. Also good guidance on-line at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/your-bins/green-recycling-bin> and <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/a-to-z-of-reusing-recycling-and-waste-disposal> . Or simply google “Leeds what to put in my bin” for the links.

Cllr Pat Latty comment – Milner Rd – Always been helpful members of staff.

Q: Why are we waiting 2023 for food collections? Calderdale collecting for 11 years **A:** If we introduce now would cost us £2.5 million pounds – we simply don’t have that. But govt have indicated in their strategy they will pay for that in 2023. Part of the model – reduce black bin use and use recycling bins more. Behaviour change is hard and slow.

Q: Different plastics – can’t we put pressure on companies to simplify the materials? **A:** Yes, suggest Google “national waste strategy”, talks about govt plans to put pressure on producers of waste. Taxation to make them change the material they use because it’s a financial led decision – plus consumer led pressure. Business will respond to consumers and tax.

Unannounced Agenda item –Traffic engineer manager – Transport – Nick Hunt

Overview: Deals with issues and concerns to road safety – look after 33 wards – 3 funding streams - custodians of wards to highways – report them to highways services – receive 5 and a half thousand correspondence – needs investigation/ intervention – several schemes – 20 mph zones – commitment which council have made – residential streets to 20mph zones.

Q: 20mph zones – 35 houses on park lane – because its private roads we aren’t included even though we pay rates – what if all residents on that street would like 20mph zone? **A:** happy to have it included – 1 objection cannot be overruled by department – needs to be a unanimous decision.

Q: Waiting times at traffic lights – why are they different? **A:** Traffic lights work on loops, detect operation and primary flow, works on intelligence, could be damaged/default setting.

Q: Victoria rd – wait for traffic from oxford rd, wait for sequence even though no traffic comes though? **A:** on a default setting – **Nick to investigate.** A65 corridor introducing new system to operate efficiently and correspond with each other

Q: 20MPH ZONES – who is going to enforce these? **A:** Police to support initiative – anti social which exceeds 24 mph – main speed below 24mph. changing travel behaviour – surveys – mean speeds of 25 get a reduction by signing alone – if that doesn’t work we will put vertical features in. 40% reduction in casualties from 20mph zones.

Comment: Gill lane – the woolpack pub – come down from Rawdon when its quiet – change to red – frustrating and pollution. **A:** It's a historical controller –randomized –no funding at present time to redevelop all UCC controllers and equipment. **Nick to investigate.**

Q: How are ratio of turns worked out? – heavy goods vehicles – renton ave and cuddy hill to get up to Yeadon – Turn left at Station Hotel **A:** Large vehicles can but HGVs can't turn. Extended footways – tighten one of the junctions – advisory sign to gyratory.

Q: Resurfacing – Bus lane going into Leeds at Kirk stall – 20mph zone because of pot holes – Renton avenue. **A:** Teams at this time of year are being reactive –**Nick to investigate.**

Q: JC roundabouts resurfaced – broke very quickly – do you get money back from contractor for work that isn't up to scratch? **A:** Yes, temporary repairs and money to come back from contractors.

Q: Can Goose lane to Bingley Road be made to not have access to HGVs? **A:** HGV ban – criteria states have to bring detriment and has to be mostly 20% HGVS. Have put signs up. **Nick to investigate.**

Q: Road to Milner road tip – always had potholes – zig zag to go round **A:** Will make some enquiries – limits to adopted highways – some section may be private – **Nick will feedback to Cllr Wadsworth.**

Q: Is their money left in Guiseley? **A:** We get requests – list for consideration – jan/feb to be reviewed and prioritize it against the budget. Penguin/pelican crosses review, casualty reduction programme – is considered. Junction analysis. Pedestrian crosses/ lights please write in and will be considered for review.

Q: If Milner rd is not adopted? LCC should adopt and be cost effective. Station road/Oxford rd, have been told it belongs to railway council – business near there suffer – pedestrians most well used – people with poor sight/walking sticks. Why not investigate pavement between road and station? **A:** Large financial ask – other residential streets which are prioritized.

Q: Highways to send a letter to Railway Company to inspect road? **A:**Northern Rail owns station road – Stuart Andrew/Cllr Wadsworth have sent letters – discuss rail provision on the wharfedale line – **Cllr Wadsworth to feedback.**

NH: Adopted standard – funding cuts came in – NH – to speak to WYCA

Q: Unnecessary signage and advertising? **A:** De cluttering exercise in Leeds city centre – advertising on lampposts – on highways we can get removed – AA signs – Should be removed in 3 months after last property bought. PFI asset – lampposts not LCC

Q: Yellow lines – what's the procedure for getting yellow lines on an area? **A:** Write to NH's team – raise issues concerned – time specific problem/all the time problem – will be prioritized - £6,000 a ward – promote a ward TRO – consider for next years funding. Highways report – CO – draft legal order/objections or comments/ resolution process/ present back to CO with recommend to overrule objection and then get a sealed order to implement the yellow lines. Traffic regulation orders is major part of work.

Open forum

- Swimming baths – Aireborough leisure centre – No March reopening date – crack above reception area – survey done – needs significant work
- Garden rubbish dumped – on station road coming out of ilkley station and into a ginnel– from the doctors car park

- Hedge on treelawn terrace – overgrown – private land
- Milner rd – resurfaced for vehicles – blowing tarmac into potholes – **Nick to investigate**
- Tip area is exposed – shelter

Future agenda items

Jennifer Kirkby – Aireborough Neighbourhood plan