



Headingley Forum
22nd October 2008, 7pm at The Cardigan Centre

Present

Councillor Jamie Matthews (Chair)	Headingley Ward Member
Councillor Martin Hamilton	Headingley Ward Member
Christopher Lovell	Resident
R Collins	NHPNA
R Simkin	Resident
B Payne	H.M.O.
M Staniforth	NHPNA
Ben Mc Dougall	Leeds Met Students Union
Penny Bainbridge	Cardigan Centre
Brian Senior	Resident
Ian Barraclough	Resident
Patrick Ebbutt	Resident
Tony Green	NHPNA
Pauline and Bryan Elliott	Residents
Mercia Southern	NHPNA
Mr Chohan	Resident
J Ellis	Resident
Josie Green	Resident

Officers in attendance

Jade Corcoran	Community Planner
Andrew Milnes	LCC Streetscene Services
Chris Firth	LCC Streetscene Services
Sgt Teresa Dmoch	West Yorkshire Police
PC Steve Dodds	West Yorkshire Police
Amanda Jackson	Community Policy Officer
S Exley	Head of Security and Support Services
Zahid Butt	Community safety Officer
Gerry Burnham	North West Area Management Team

1.0 Introductions and Apologies

1.1 Cllr Jamie Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Officers in attendance.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rachel Harkess, Max Farrar, David Collett, Richard Tyler, Inspt Ian Croft and A Faulter.

2.0 Leeds Girls High School (LGHS)

2.1 Jade Corcoran the Community Planner for Inner North West gave an update on LGHS:

- The submitted PPG17 Assessment is not sufficiently robust with discrepancies throughout the report that lead to unfounded conclusions. In addition, Sport England is not satisfied that any of the exceptions of their Playing Field Policy have been demonstrated.
- The most recent assessment that has been received discusses the potential of the playing fields to serve as open space, and does not address the concerns expressed regarding the appraisal of the playing fields. There are several concerns with the depth and relevance of the subsequent report.
- English Heritage considers that the proposed development does not respect the existing urban form of the area. Objection has also been raised to extension of Rose Court.
- The Local Planning Authority has concerns in terms of design, conservation, and landscape.
- The Local Authority's Highway Officers have requested a Travel Plan, revised Transport Assessment and more details of general parking provision. In addition to this, they have objected to the proposed vehicular access onto Headingley Lane.
- Lastly, Yorkshire Water have also raised objection to the development as two of the proposed units will be located over the line of sewers, which could jeopardise Yorkshire Water's ability to maintain the sewerage Network.

3.0 Update on HDT's proposals for the development of the former Headingley Primary school:

3.1 Background information was circulated at the meeting – copies to be distributed with the minutes.

4.0 Streetscene

- 4.1 AM informed the meeting that he was moving to a new position within Streetscene Services and introduced Chris Firth as the new Area Manager for the Headingley area.
- 4.2 Student Changeover - AM advised that 800 tonnes of waste was removed from the area during this period, resulting in an additional cost of £36,000. Budgets for 2009/10 have not yet been agreed.
- 4.3 Leaf fall – sweeping schedules will be altered to enable the service to deal with the leafing programme. The worst effected areas are being targeted. This is predominately the roads off Headingley Lane, Wood Lane and areas around the centre.
- 4.4 Traffic Regulation Orders are being introduced in the following areas; Tree Lawns, Ash Road, Queenswood Road, Chestnut Avenue and Cliffe Road. Parking restrictions will be in place between 9.00am and 12.00 or 1.00pm to allow Streetscene Services to carryout refuse collection and street cleansing. These restrictions will be enforceable with a fine.
- 4.5 BP commented that he recently counted 135 cars parked on the proposed yellow line area. He felt that parking restrictions should be for the whole area otherwise the problem was just being shifted and not resolved. Cllr M responded that these were not permanent parking restrictions.
- 4.6 The recent dispute with regards to pay and grading within Streetscene has not been resolved as yet.
- 4.7 Ginnels – a local resident raised concerns that the ginnels between Headingley and Hyde Park were ankle deep in leaves. Specific areas include Cumberland Road, Grosvenor Road and Cliffe Lane. CF to follow up. **Action CF**
- 4.8 A resident of Granby Close informed the meeting that despite numerous requests residents of this block had still not received green bags. In addition, the bins at the back of the Granby's were overflowing and the area was in an appalling condition. CF to follow up. **Action CF**
- 4.9 Concerns were raised regarding the lack of litter bins in the area. Cumberland Road was specifically mentioned. Local Ward Councillors to work with Streetscene Officers on the allocation of new bins. **Action Cllrs and CF**
- 4.10 A number of residents felt that LCC were too lenient with landlords. One resident gave an example of where it had taken six months to remove furniture from a kerb side. CF confirmed that the dumping of

rubbish was a problem in the area and that Streetscene were looking at recruiting an Enforcement Officer specifically for the Headingley. Residents were encouraged to report incidents to the contact centre - **Tel 0113 3984760.**

- 4.11 Cllr Matthews informed the meeting that Headingley was a unique area and various initiatives were being considered to tackle Streetscene issues.

5.0 Student Changeover

- 5.1 Amanda Jackson the Community Policy Officer from the University of Leeds introduced herself and gave an update on the work currently being undertaken by the University to educate students on community issues. A Community Guide was circulated – this is given to all students moving from Halls of Residence to privately rented accommodation. Copies available upon request.
- 5.2 Concerns were raised that although an enormous amount of effort and resources were put into the student changeover the situation was equally as bad as previous years. Some residents felt that tougher measures were required to tackle this problem.
- 5.3 Steve Exley Head of Security and Support Services at the University answered questions and informed the meeting that disciplinary action will be taken against student offenders.
- 5.4 Forum members were reminded of the **Neighbourhood Helpline** this is a University initiative to report incidents of anti social behaviour from student neighbours. **Tel 0113 3431064.**
Email: neighbourhood.helpline@leeds.ac.uk

6.0 Noise Nuisance

- 6.1 Cllr Matthews is working with LCC Officers on ways of reducing noise nuisance. This issue will be revisited at the next Forum.

7.0 Police Update

- 7.1 Sgt Teresa Dmoch provided an update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT):
- An unprovoked attack took place in the early hours of Saturday 18th October in the Mayville area. Two students sustained injuries. The NPT attended the scene and 3 arrests were made. It was emphasised that this was a one-off incident however high visibility patrols are in the area to reassure residents.
 - Additional resources are being requested in the run up to the Christmas period. The NPT are working closely with licensees on

new initiatives such as an 'Archway' device which detects offensive weapons.

- Proactive measures are being taken to tackle drugs – a newspaper article was circulated providing details of a recent success involving 2 police trained dogs – article to be circulated with the minutes.
- Parking Issues – the NPT are working closely with LCC on parking initiatives to tackle traffic congestion and illegal parking.
- There has been a slight increase in car crime reports over the weekend of 17th/18th Oct in the Ash Road area. However 4 arrests have been made over the last few days.
- There has been a 23% reduction in crime in August 2008 compared to Aug 2007 and 21% reduction in September compared to the same period last year.
- Graffiti – it was reported that there has been a significant development in tackling graffiti crime. It is felt that a small minority carryout the majority of offences and 1 arrest has been made. The meeting agreed that success stories should be publicised more.

Noted

7.2 A request was made for the number of arrests made in the previous 12 months and also a comparison of the number of traffic related accidents over the last few years.

Sgt Dmoch to provide details to be circulate with the minutes.

Action Sgt. Dmoch

7.3 A local resident informed the meeting that there had been an outbreak of lead stripping in the southern part of the Ward. The police are aware of this and ongoing enquiries are being made. This is a countrywide problem.

7.4 Concerns were raised regarding taxi's blowing horns late at night and issues with private hire vehicles parking illegally.

8.0 Next Meeting

8.1 It was agreed that future meetings should be held on an adhoc basis as and when they are required.