Chapeltown Community Forum

Thursday 18th May 2006

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Update from Hayfield JSC LIFT Project
- Policing Issues
- Ginnels Update
- Chapeltown Road Development Plan Consultation Feedback

FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING

Update from Hayfield JSC LIFT Project:

Ann Allcock from PFI & PPP team provided the update. A communications strategy is being developed so that all agencies involved can communicate with local communities jointly. This will be finalised over the next six weeks, with events to be arranged between July and August to consult with the community. AA also informed that Planning permission is being sought, and construction expected to start around late summer 2006 and finish in September or October 2008.

Policing Issues:

Inspector Graham Archer stated that the information coming back from the community is that the area is much better. He also stated that every month 66 people are stopped and charged with drugs offences.

Chapeltown Police Station will be renamed Stainbeck Lane Police Station.

Representatives from William Hill attended the forum to discuss their wish to re-open the betting shop on Chapeltown Road. Attendees wanted to know what benefits re-opening would bring to the community. It was agreed that instead of a security representative, a senior manager from William Hill needs to attend the next Forum to provide answers the questions raised in the meeting.

Chapletown Road Development Plan Consultation Feedback:

Irene Bowman of Bauman Lyons Architects provided the latest information regarding Chapeltown Development Plan, stating that 16 sites were looked into, which were then narrowed down to 7 sites, from corner of Barrack Road to 180 Chapletown Road (old Rugby Club).

The study focuses on these sites and suggests how Chapeltown Road could be regenerated, the feedback also included recommendations for each site.

Ginnels Update:

Trudie Canavan, Community Safety Officer informed the meeting that a consultation meeting was held to address a number of ginnels causing problems and adding to the crimes committed. TC also informed the meeting that the proposal is to close some of these ginnels, and for this purpose local residents have been consulted, 2600 leaflets were hand delivered and leaflets were also given to school children to take home. TC then informed the meeting that the ginnel relevant to this area is St. Martins Ginnel, and the proposal is to part close it.

A resident from Sholebrooke stated that it was a reasonable compromise to keep some part open.

Meanwood Forum Wednesday 7th June 2006

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Housing Issues
- Policing Issues
- Community Safety Ginnel Closure
- Streetscene Green Bins and Cutting Hedges
- Youth Issues

FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING

Housing Issues:

There were no officers present from Leeds North East Homes to answer queries raised by residents. The Chair asked that Area Management raise this with Claire Warren, Chief Executive.

Policing Issues:

Inspector Andrew Briggs stated that car thefts in the area have been reduced and street robbery is not an issue in Meanwood in comparison to other areas. Burglary dwelling has also been reduced. Getting an ASBO for an individual is a complex process, and requires residents to formally report issues of ASB to provide the evidence required. The Inspector encouraged residents to do so. He also informed the forum that there is now a dedicated Police motorbike team to deal with illegal and anti-social use of motorcycles.

Community Safety – Ginnel Closure:

Trudie Canavan, Community Safety Co-ordinator informed the meeting that a consultation meeting was held to address a number of ginnels causing problems. TC also informed the meeting that the proposal is to close some of these ginnels, and for this purpose local residents have been consulted. 2,600 leaflets were hand delivered and leaflets were also given to school children to take home. The Majority of people are in favour of gating these ginnels. The gating will be funded using the Well-Being Fund approved by the Area Committee in March.

Ginnels to be gated in Chapel Allerton Ward are:

- St. Martins ginnel
- Carrholm ginnel
- Miles Hill View/ Crescent (subject to fencing work to be completed by LNEh).

Streetscene – Green Bins and Cutting Hedges;

lan D Barker informed the meeting that extra or a larger green bin can be made available on request. He also stated that grass should not be put into the bins. Instead it should be composted or put into black bags and phoned through to Streetscene for bulky waste collection.

Andrew Bailey informed the forum that the contract for grass cutting is with Glendales. The department would welcome all information from local residents, so that Glendales work can be monitored.

Youth Issues:

Representative of Two Hills Project Ann Callarman informed the meeting that not many people are attending the activities for 9 – 12 year old, to address this, on Monday 12th June 06 there will be a walk about in the area to recruit more people.