

## **Monthly Report for March 2012**

**Taylor Wimpey** has submitted modified plans for houses to be built on the “community plot” and this application goes to planning committee on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April; consistent with the stance taken by this company on most matters the local director has refused to discuss this plan or to use some of the windfall profit for the benefit of our community. I am opposing the application on the principal grounds that the area of Sidings 2 has been overdeveloped already to the point where traffic congestion is reducing the quality of life of the residents.

**Nat West Bank**: the local director attended the Pact meeting to justify the decision to reduce opening hours and he then took questions and received some forceful comments on the matter. He would not agree to revert to previous hours but asserted that there would be no question of closure of the branch.

**Parking near schools**: this long standing concern was again discussed at Pact because pupils are being endangered and neighbours are suffering from inconsiderate parking. The schools are trying to improve matters but police were urged to enforce the law.

**Dog Fouling**: this is unpleasant and avoidable but difficult to police. I have placed the issue on the agenda of the Council Environment Committee to investigate best practice in other councils and obtain the funds to follow this method. I have already had more refuse bins installed and this was some help.

**Village Centre**: while the matter needs a proper consultation and study, I have asked for a feasibility study of installing Pay and Display machines; there would be a period of free parking but, to claim this, a ticket showing the start of the parking period would be displayed and this would assist policing of the current regulations.

**Radyr Station Parking**: Arriva has agreed to consider reconfiguring parking to increase capacity.

**Potholes**: an inevitable result of cold weather and I have reported several; if you see any nasty ones with no painted ring please advise me or Connect to Cardiff.

**Kissing Gates**: when I receive requests to have these removed or modified to ease the passage of prams or wheelchairs I aim to consult local residents before acting and I have done so with two recent requests.

**Drains**: I have reported a number of blocked roadside drains and these will be cleared soon at which time all other blocked drains could be cleared if they are added to the list by informing me.

**Library**: this is on schedule to be re-opened in late June; a survey is being done to solicit views on modifying (not increasing) library opening hours.

**Off Road Bikes**: as a result of complaints by me and another Councillor there is an agreed budget for controlling this nuisance as from April. The budget is for the whole of Cardiff and

priority will be given to the area suffering the greatest problems. Please do not suffer in silence: phone 101 giving details when noise or damage concerns you.

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