

## Monthly Report for September 2012

**Local Development Plan**; the draft strategy will probably be agreed at Cardiff Council's October meeting and, given that the Welsh Government Inspector would reject any plan which did not provide for the construction of 45400 houses between 2006 and 2026, this will be the number on which plans are based. I am convinced that this is a gross overestimate which will allow developers to cherry pick and which will create pressures on existing infrastructure without raising enough money to address these pressures.

**Road and footpath resurfacing**; I submitted a long list of roads and pavements in Radyr and Morganstown in need of resurfacing. As a result, before Xmas, Dan y Bryn Avenue and Pentwyn will be partially resurfaced and Bryn Castell will be fully resurfaced. I apologise to the unsuccessful bidders and will seek their inclusion in the bigger operation planned for next year. The northern footpath of Pentwyn will be resurfaced soon.

**Daffodil planting**; this is being organised by Community Council, Radyr & Morganstown Association and several volunteer groups.

**Pact Issues**; these are motor cycle nuisance especially on Taff Trail and on land behind Tynant (Police and Council are mounting some joint operations and concerned residents should report incidents to 101 to ensure that this area gets some priority) and instances of drug taking on public land.

**Pre-school and primary school provision**; the current LEA run pre-school provision is inadequate and there is a large waiting list for admission; there is no LEA run provision for Welsh medium pre-school children. Both local primary schools had a very high (unsustainable) intake in September 2012. Meetings are arranged to discuss a strategy to deal with these issues.

**Surgeries**; Residents are welcome to phone or write or e-mail or approach me about any issues where they would like my help. For those who want to meet me formally at a Surgery I have arranged some and these are widely advertised in the ward.

**Electoral Roll**; the recent exercise to update this register has met with little success and council officers will be calling at homes to rectify this before the election date for police commissioner.

**Road safety Issues**; I am concerned that I have proposed several schemes to make our local roads safer without much achievement other than the speed disclosing signs and some additional yellow lines. I could add to the list of proposals but it would only be a "wish list" unless more funds are available. I have asked a senior officer to meet me for a review of outstanding projects and this will happen shortly. I set out below the current list:

- Junction of Min y Coed with Heol Isaf: there is no pavement on the west side of Heol Isaf for pedestrians going towards the centre of Radyr; pedestrians, including pupils at Radyr Primary are obliged to cross Heol Isaf at a point where the nearby camera

suggests that average speed of vehicles is 45mph. This project was ranked 15th last year but now it is 44th

- Radyr Primary: we have been discussing with various officers for 18 months having a 20mph zone around this school and implementing other safety measures. This scheme is not included in your current programme.
- Bryn Deri School; similar to Radyr Primary but possibly a lower priority, this is included but only as a reserve project
- Absent Pavement on bend of Windsor Road: this is a main pedestrian route from Parc Radur to Radyr Primary and pedestrians are obliged to walk on the road at a blind bend with vehicles prone to excessive speed. This has been under discussion for 3 years and was the subject of a petition to Council about 3 years ago. This scheme does not feature
- Station Road: this is partially one way but the signage is confusing
- Heol Isaf: calming is required because traffic speed is high as evidenced by speed disclosing device at Maes yr Awel. Further evidence will come now( about traffic heading north) at that point from the speed disclosing device at Cheshire Home but this has not worked for nearly 2 years despite frequent reports on the subject
- Kings Road junction with Heol Isaf: this is the only exit for the vehicles from about 700 properties and it is partially blocked frequently by parked vehicles which makes access and visibility difficult

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