

County Councillor Report for October 2015

Local Development Plan: with other members of NW Cardiff Group, I attended the 2 hearings at the end of September. Our arguments were strong and well made but I do not think that we will carry the day on necessary infrastructure, transport and monitoring. There is to be a further hearing at which I suspect Cardiff Council will be coerced into weakening the protection afforded by a green belt

Planning application; I have submitted a plethora of objections and have been assisted by local residents diligently working through the huge volume of paper. The Community Council has also submitted a weighty objection as have many residents. Anyone wanting information or advice should contact me or the Clerk to the Community Council

Resident Parking and Radyr Station; the residents of 3 streets near the station are considering the submission of a request for resident parking. Network Rail and Welsh Government are proposing a scheme for an alternative layout of the station to improve facilities for a range of rail users who are disadvantaged. This will reduce the number of parking spaces for other users but a new carpark may be constructed. At this stage it is not clear how this will be financed or what processes of prior assessment and consultation are necessary. I have pressed for details and will pass them out as soon as possible.

Refuse issues; the green bin collection has now reverted to once per month until the Spring I have re-stated the need for thorough street sweeping especially near the Station at this season of leaf fall. Many residents have redundant large black bins and do not know how to be rid of them they should be put out, empty, with the bin in use next Monday and left there for up to 3 days; if uncollected, repeat the process on next collection day for black bins. This may sound rather disorganised but I am acting as messenger and I am not in charge of the operation. The Cabinet has decided to close Wedal Road and is not reconsidering the closure of Waungron Road.

Rogue Motor bikes; I attended in July a meeting of Neighbourhood Partnerships to discuss this issue which, fortunately, has been less of an issue in this ward in recent months. The respite may be a matter of luck as other wards were having a great deal of these problems. We agreed with the police a number of measures, foremost of which was to trap and confiscate as many offending bikes as possible. Since then there have been 5 operations and 12 motor bikes have been impounded. Progress will be reviewed at a Neighbourhood Partnership meeting next Tuesday

“Hostel” in Radyr Gardens; I am working with local residents to resolve their legitimate concerns.

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