

## County Councillor Report for May 2017

**Plasdwr Issues:** I attended the liaison meeting in the new schoolrooms on 11<sup>th</sup> May and continued my ongoing discussions with the local director of Redrow and the site manager. Existing residents have expressed concern about site traffic, dust and noise and I suggested that we need a formal liaison meeting to address such matters. He is open to suggestion as to how this might be done. I advised of the need to ensure that site traffic did not use Heol Isaf and this is stated to suppliers and will be enforced if infringement occurs. I asked for a clear statement on the capacity, operation, and ongoing maintenance of Suds (Sustainable urban drainage systems); I will receive this shortly and will pass copies on request. Demand for school admission may outstrip construction of the first new primary school and I raised this with Redrow and Cardiff education dept.

**Pact meeting:** the next meeting will be in OCR at 7pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Primary school admission:** I have asked for an early meeting with the newly appointed cabinet member for education to discuss the need to implement admission of 60 pupils to reception in Radyr Primary from Sept 2017. I have also pointed out that new housing agreed and envisaged (see next item) will necessitate the new planned primary school coming on stream soon.

**Radyr Sidings matters:** A housing association is contemplating 37 units of various sizes on the site currently owned by Network Rail. I have registered concern (given the number of bedrooms) that this would lead to insufficient school provision in the catchment as well as making parking congestion greater. I welcome other views. I have asked the relevant council officer to provide a list of impediments to the adoption of roads to enable local views to be heard. Knotweed treatment is one outstanding matter.

**HGV vehicles on Heol Isaf:** I have asked police advice on how we, as local residents, can assist the police to deal with HGV drivers using Heol Isaf in breach of the regulatory order. Thus far, I have not had a response but I will send reminders and raise this at the next Pact meeting.

**20mph zones outside primary schools:** there has been a delay in processing these because, in order to fund the cost, I agreed use of some s106 money but this use was ruled inadmissible due to the agreed conditions. The money was found elsewhere but action was stopped due to purdah created by local elections. We are now pressing ahead with a much-enhanced scheme, which now involves both Radyr Primary and Bryn Deri; it also includes repainting zigzags to new standards at both schools. I am sending the head teachers diagrams of the proposals.

**Planters:** As a trial, the community council will fund stocking of planters, provided by Cardiff Council, at a site in Morganstown and one in the sidings.

**New street names:** I have been given proposed names for new streets off Clos Parc Radur, which I will discuss with R + MCC, and I will submit these names subject to their agreement.

### Highway issues:

- 1) LED street lighting; this will shortly be introduced throughout the ward
- 2) The malfunctioning speed disclosing sign near Min y Coed will be hard wired to a lighting standard to stop problems due to solar panel
- 3) Later this year there will be some resurfacing of Heol Isaf and Bryn Derwen and Park Road will get a protective overlay. I have repeated once again that Windsor Road is in a shocking condition.

- 4) Additional 30 mph signs will be installed soon on Tynant Road and Heol Isaf; I have asked for larger signs making the regulatory order clear to HGV drivers.

**Forum:** I have 5300 electors in a single member ward and there are several 2-memberwards, which are only slightly higher in population. I have a heavy load of casework, which I handle promptly and I send out this monthly newsletter to a large number of houses; I will gladly add further names on request. I will neither read nor respond to items on Forum. Aside from time pressures, I am reluctant to correspond with anonymous persons whose motives can appear suspect.

**Election:** I would like to thank those who supported me and the many who have offered congratulations on my re-election. As before and as ever, I will aim to represent all residents.

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