

County Councillor Report for February 2018

Heol Isaf/ Llantrisant Road: Redrow has begun the lengthy work in converting this junction from a roundabout to a signalised junction with 4-way entry; Barratt has also positioned traffic lights as a prelude to lengthy work creating access and a new sewer. As I have advised, there is a big programme of intended work (as set out in outline planning application and Vectos report) on Heol Isaf and its environs; I have added to this via requesting several additional safety features. While there is a sum of S106 money to do this work, until these various projects are specified, drawn up, costed and subject to tender, it will not be clear how many and which are carried through to early completion.

HGVs on Heol Isaf: I pursue three routes:

Ask for cooperation of receiving companies such as CEMEX, Redrow and Barratt. They have given this but I accept this is not fool proof. Redrow has erected signs prohibiting its suppliers from arriving via Heol Isaf

Insist that Cardiff Council planners make conformity to the weight limit a condition of planning approval and insist on this to developers. This has been done

Ask police to prosecute infringing vehicles. The police are reluctant to accept photos or personal observation as a basis of prosecution. Operations of the type run last week are expensive and time consuming; it may also be correct that social media undermine them. The best means of alerting the police to local concerns about enforcing this is through residents turning up at Pact meetings to complain. At the last recent meeting I was there with the police; only two residents turned up and neither wanted to discuss HGVs on Heol Isaf

Dirty Roads: I have raised the need for frequent road sweeping with Redrow and CEMEX.

Double yellow lines proposed for Clos Parc Radur; there is a current consultation to which concerns may be sent; the rationale is "As part of the planning agreement for the new residential development of the site at Clos Parc Radyr, a shared footway/cycleway will be provided along the section of road adjacent to the newly built properties. However, we must protect the shared footway/cycleway with a No Waiting at any Time restriction, which will be introduced to remove any vehicles that may cause obstruction or safety concerns along this section of road."

Waste management issues: these have been several issues of non-collection; these have mainly, though not exclusively, concerned large residential blocks. Several residents complained of shortages of green bags and food bags at the library and I have secured remedial action.

Highway matters: a Halt sign will be installed soon at the junction of Drysgol Road and Windsor Road where numerous accidents and near misses have occurred. Missing lines on Bryn Derwen will be replaced. I have reported a considerable rash of potholes.

Springfield Gardens; a remarkable show of community support and action has resulted in refusal of an application to build 4 homes in the garden of a house in this road; there were several potential grounds for refusal but the site being a peat bog, prone to flooding, with a stream in the middle was a material consideration. Vigilance and ongoing dialogue is necessary to avoid this re-appearing.

Alzheimer Society: this is the charity supported locally in this year's festival; in addition to raising much needed cash, they seek to raise community involvement in supporting those

touched by the disease by recruiting "Dementia Friends". I have joined their ranks and I encourage others to contact the society via the post on the local web site.

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