

## **Report for July 2012**

**Local Development Plan:** The draft strategy showing preferred sites for new houses has now been issued by Cardiff Council; it is a very detailed document which will not be finalised until 2015 and there will be considerable consultation during that time. The first stage is to examine the assumptions and evidence and this will be done by a scrutiny committee of 15 County Councillors of whom I am one; following that the draft will be submitted to Council in October and, if approved, this will be followed by 6 weeks of public consultation. The draft provides for the construction of about 46K new homes in the period 2016 -2026 of which 18250 would be on newly released green fields and 7500 of these will lie to the south of Radyr, mainly on the fields between St Fagans and Fairwater and Pentrebane; however the open land, lying between the current southern boundary of Radyr and Llantrisant Road, will be developed.

I realise that local residents will not welcome such a large development with its inevitable impact on roads and infrastructure but it is the settled determination of the Welsh Government and the ruling party in Cardiff Council to press ahead with this and it is already clear that inaction might have unpleasant consequences.

I am working with the Community Council on this and we will be keen to receive views of local residents; it should be realised that the case for the draft plan has been made and it is not possible to halt it or modify it except by reasoned and well presented argument. If local people express a desire for a public meeting on this issue I would be prepared to arrange this in conjunction with the Community Council.

**Railway Bridge:** As reported last month I expect refurbishment of the derelict bridge to begin in late summer or early autumn

**Radyr Library;** this is now open and I believe that it is a huge improvement on the previous version.

**Radyr Weir:** I met the executive member on site and I will be having further meetings soon to agree a time table. With other members of the Community Council, I met local youngsters to discuss ways of getting maximum community benefit from the project.

**Village Centre:** following discussion at Pact and various comments on Soapbox I have had some discussions with local shopkeepers and so has PC Thomas. At present, while there is widespread concern about the current layout, there is no clear alternative agreed plan and, when there is, it will be necessary to find the cash to implement any plan.

**Kings Road/ War Memorial:** it is clear that there are problems of visibility and access with vehicles from some 700 homes trying to get onto Heol Isaf via the two roads on either side of the war memorial. I have asked Highway officers to assess this but I believe that more double yellow lines are needed at that junction.

**Dog Fouling**: this is a concern to a large number of local residents and I have won the setting up of a task and finish group to investigate and implement best practice found to work in other councils.

**Radyr Gardens**: problems with log deficient street lights were resolved and when Bellway gets a greater area of road adoption such problems will diminish.

**Seasonal issues**: I continue to report overgrowing hedges, ragwort, blocked drains and potholed roads which I notice or which residents bring to my attention.

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