

County Councillor Report for September 2014

LDP and local large planning application: As previously advised, Redrow has now lodged an application to build 630 homes and a primary school on a site which is part of the Waterhall land. A further application to build 290 homes towards Pentrebanne is also lodged. 330 homes in the larger application will be on the field at the south end of Heol Isaf and the remainder is on the other side of Llantrisant Road. A further application is expected to seek outline planning permission for the whole development, some 7000 houses inclusive of those already mentioned. I shall be discussing these within our community council and with other members of the North West Cardiff Group and it is probable that I will convene a public meeting after study of the larger proposed plan

Traffic Lights on Heol Isaf: I pointed out that it is unreasonable to close a main road like this 24/7 and then work days 5 days per week with a small crew to complete the work. After Council officers spoke to the contractor the work was brought to a speedier end before the new school term.

Morganstown Chapel: the architect advises that his client intends to proceed with the approved plans and he agreed to advise his client of local concern about the condition of the graveyard.

Sidings Matters: following my meeting with residents I asked Taylor Wimpey to erect maps at the entrance to the development but they are not going to do so because it is not normal to do this in a housing development and because this is a matter for Cardiff Council. TW does intend to improve signage and to erect 20mph signs. I am meeting with local residents in October when they want to progress creation of a Residents' Association.

Japanese Knotweed: following last month's report when I advised that there is no council budget to deal with this, a reader has recommended that I contact a volunteer group who may be able to assist.

Pedestrian Foot Bridge over M4: I am advised by Mark Drakeford's office that Edwina Hart commissioned a feasibility study to consider my suggestion to make this bridge safer.

Public Right of Way 27: 2 members of the public have been attacked by cows with calves in a field containing this right of way; the legal position is not clear but this was resolved by closing the right of way for a week while the farmer devised a different way of deploying the cattle.

Road repairs: it is intended to resurface lower Drysgol Road and Llantrisant road between Heol Isaf and Clos Parc Radyr while doing preventive maintenance to 2 sections of Heol Isaf. I am not convinced that this technique is suitable for Heol Isaf but I am over-ruled; I have questioned the failure to include Windsor Road in the plan. Several local roads merit resurfacing but Windsor Road is probably the worst.

Resident Parking: Some residents are reconsidering the merits of having their street designated as a resident parking zone.

Cold Calling Zones: selection criteria are being devised

Cardiff Council Issues: the Wales Audit Office made a scathing report on Cardiff Council finances and procedures (I will send a copy to anyone who requests it); this , combined with the need to find

large internal economies, has made it vital that CC reviews the delivery of its services; this is being undertaken by an all-party committee of 5 councillors, of whom I am one.

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