

County Councillor Report for July 2017

Radyr Primary Admission: The school was changed formally to 2-form entry in early July and the parents concerned were advised in time for induction of new pupils into reception before the end of term. I have circulated those involved and I believe that there are no residual problems though the delay was upsetting.

New Station car park and work done to existing station: these projects were commissioned by the Welsh Assembly and will be handed to Network Rail after snagging lists are addressed and the works are accepted by NR. Regrettably, there are a number of significant design problems with the platform shelter and ticket office and the snagging list is contentious. Furthermore, at the design stage, no thought was given to signage or the provision and servicing of refuse bins or safety issues arising from the increased traffic flow in both directions at peak times. As Cardiff Council did not commission the work, I regret that concerns must be raised with the Welsh Assembly via local AMs. Night-time working has disturbed local residents and I have arranged that they have a contact number to phone when excessive noise is evident.

Possible development at Radyr Sidings: no further news from the housing association about its plans.

Plasdwr matters: as previously reported, I have expressed several concerns about this development and, among them, I have raised the risk of flooding of new and existing homes. The design plan contains several Suds; one of them is near Heol Isaf; I am concerned about the capacity, rate of venting and ongoing maintenance. One of the abutting gardens has been flooded in recent rain and I have raised this with the builder and the planning dept.

Disabled Bay in Station Road: to ensure that this is available for shoppers, a 3-hour limit will apply, subject to a consultation period. Blue badge holders will still be able to park elsewhere without this limit.

Radyr Weir: police and council officers have reported dangerous behaviour near the outlets of the turbines and vandalism on that site and on the surrounding Forest Farm area. The police will be making regular patrols and Council staff will investigate how the hazard may be reduced; it is not easy to devise a guard, which allows rubbish to exit the turbines while preventing exuberant youths from entering.

Pact matters: I had a productive meeting with the newly appointed local police inspector following the last Pact meeting. In addition to the long running issues of speeding motorists and HGV vehicles making illicit use of Heol Isaf, we discussed drug misuse/youth annoyance in general and at one specific location. Inspector Brown and her team are keen to assist the local communities in dealing with these matters.

Highway issues: I have asked the new cabinet member for highways to attend a site meeting with me and senior officers to address ongoing safety concerns. I have received data showing, once again, the extent of the speeding problem and there remains the clear need for a pelican crossing at Min y Coed (despite the beneficial impact of the speed disclosing sign, which is now functional.)The proposed alteration to the junction of Heol Isaf and Llantrisant Road will necessitate some new signage and I want this to include a much more prominent sign prohibiting HGVs from accessing our main Road

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