

**EXTRACT FROM LANCASHIRE LOCAL MEETING  
HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

**Rossendale Borough Council Area Forums**

A report was presented on behalf of Rossendale Borough Council regarding issues raised at recent meetings of the Borough Council's Area Forums which came within the purview of the County Council and in relation to some of which, the comments of the Lancashire Local had been invited by the area Councils.

The issues raised by each Area Forum were presented in summary form in Appendix A to the report.

**55. Resolved:-** That the report and actions being taken in response to issues raised at Area Council Meetings be noted.

**Lancashire Local - Rossendale**  
Meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006

**Part I - Item No. 13**

Electoral Division affected:  
Rossendale

**Rossendale Borough Council Area Forums**  
Appendix A Refers

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**Executive Summary**

Rossendale Borough Council held a round of Area Forums in September 2006. At each of the Forums issues were raised which require acknowledgement or response by Lancashire County Council. This is not a key decision.

**Decision Required**

Lancashire Local is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of this Report and Appendix A and comment as necessary prior to the December/January round of Area Forums.
- b) Further note that the actions outlined in Appendix A are being followed up outside the Lancashire Local Meeting.

**Background**

In September 2006, four Area Forums were held as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – Whitworth Area Forum
- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – Bacup Area Forum
- 18<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – Rawtenstall Area Forum
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – Haslingden Area Forum (including Edenfield and Helmshore)

At three of the Forums items were raised by members of the public which have been submitted onto an Action Sheet which is then circulated to the relevant Officer for action and/or comment. No County issues were raised at the Bacup Area Forum. Any item which came under the remit of Lancashire County Council were also added to the Action Sheet and passed to the District Partnership Office for action and comment.

In addition to this it was agreed that the Lancashire County Council items would be submitted to the appropriate Lancashire Local Meeting in the form of a Report and Appendix A, which details the actions and current progress to date.

**Consultations**

N/A

**Advice**

Several of the items raised have already received a response and we are able to provide feedback to the next round of Area Forums, however a further comment from Lancashire Local may be helpful in providing full and satisfactory feedback to the public.

**Alternative options to be considered**

N/A

**Implications:**

Any costs incurred in meeting residents' requests for action would need to be met within existing budgets.

**Any representations made to the Directorate prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans**

Name:	Organisation:	Comments:
N/A	N/A	N/A

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Council/Tel No
N/A	N/A	N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

**Lancashire County Council Issues raised at  
Rossendale Borough Council Area Forums**

<b>Forum &amp; Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action for LCC</b>
Haslingden – 20/09/06	Waiting restrictions on Lower Dearndengate/Helmshore Road – update on progress to be given to at the next meeting.	Jerry Smith to provide an update on progress to the next Area Forum.	LCC Highways to provide a response.
Haslingden – 20/09/06	Tesco roundabout works – update to be given at the next meeting.	Jerry Smith to provide an update on progress at the next Area Forum.	LCC Highways to provide a response.
Haslingden – 20/09/06	Helmshore Road – update required on engineering works that are proposed.	Jerry Smith to provide an update on progress at the next Area Forum.	LCC Highways to provide a response.
Rawtenstall – 18/09/06	Oakenhead Centre, St Mary's CE and St James the Less RC Schools, off Haslingden Road, Rawtenstall. Issues in relation to emptying of gulleys, sweeping and grass cutting. Land except that at St James the Less is under ownership of LCC.	County Councillor Harding stated land at St James the Less may not be LCC responsibility. LCC priority is to cut grass on verges on highway rather than spare land.	Lancashire Local to note the concerns raised.
Rawtenstall – 18/09/06	Concern expressed about the prohibitive cost of dropping kerbs. Long term payment scheme suggested by member of the public.	LCC aware of difficulties and options being investigated.	LCC to respond to next Area Forum and to consider long term payment scheme suggested.
Rawtenstall – 18/09/06	Concern expressed about parking on pavements at Bank	County Councillor Harding to investigate	County Councillor Harding to investigate and provide response

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	Street and Marl Pits. Since decriminalisation, parking attendances provided by partnership including LCC.	Bank Street situation. (Marl Pits was referred to Rossendale Leisure Trust).	to the next Area Forum.
Rawfenstall – 18/09/06	Balladen School Children's Centre – would proposed facilities increase traffic flow?	County Councillor Harding stated that traffic should not increase significantly as facility was for outreach work with local families.	Lancashire Local to note the concerns raised and to consider monitoring the situation.
Rawfenstall – 18/09/06	Oakley Road, Craven Street and Schofield Road – concern expressed about poor surfaces.	County Councillor Harding has responded that highways budget is limited.	LCC to note the concerns expressed and to consider adding to programme of works.
Rawfenstall – 18/09/06	Hasingden Old Road – gully next to pavement blocked causing ice to form on pavement and road surface in winter.	LCC Highways to investigate.	LCC to investigate the complaint and to respond to the next Area Forum.
Rawfenstall – 18/09/06	Footpaths in Balladen – tarmac is breaking up - has week killer been used as this could be the cause.	County Councillor Harding stated old weed killer has been banned for environmental reasons. Replacement substance was less damaging but not as effective.	LCC to note the concerns expressed.
Whitworth – 04/09/06	Cars speeding on Market Street, Whitworth particularly in between the speed cameras.	Police representative to feedback and consider use of mobile cameras. However Police	LCC have responded to RBC. There are currently 6 safety cameras between Bacup town centre and Healey Dell. Issues

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Whitworth – 04/09/06		suggested that LCC might consider traffic calming measures.	regarding speeding traffic is for the Police to consider. Traffic calming is not considered appropriate as this would affect the free movement of traffic along a busy road. A traffic count has been requested.
Whitworth – 04/09/06	Spring Mill site, Whitworth – developers appear to have blocked off the bridleway.	Linda Fisher agreed to pursue this matter with LCC	LCC to investigate bridleway.
Whitworth – 04/09/06	Quarry Street, Shawforth – issue with parking outside the chippy, customers causing poor visibility for people coming out of Quarry Street. Could parking restrictions be considered?	LCC have already agreed to investigate this matter. It was suggested that LCC Officers carry out their investigation when the chippy is open to give an accurate reflection of the problem.	LCC have responded to RBC on this matter. Only 1 accident has been identified in the previous 6 years. Further work is not considered justifiable due to the low accident record. There are safety cameras to the north and south of the site which should help reduce the speed of traffic passing the site. Any proposed parking restrictions are likely to incite objections from residents and shopkeepers. LCC Highways representative to continue to monitor the site and try to include a site visit with the Police next time they are in the area.
Whitworth – 04/09/06	Tonaclyffe Road/Market Street area – flooding on the road. Member of public stated that	LCC Liaison agreed to take this matter to Highways for	LCC Highways have responded that the water is coming from a private main, running off private

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	<p>United Utilities had confirmed this was not a water main. Concerns were raised about road condition once the weather turns icy.</p>	<p>investigation.</p>	<p>land onto the highway. It has been reported to United Utilities and they are dealing with it. It is assumed they have served a notice on the owner of the main. LCC Highways not directly involved but they will continue to monitor the situation.</p>
<p>Whitworth – 04/09/06</p>	<p>Cowm Park Way North – childrens play area – there is an exposed 15 ft drop near the play area and serious concerns had been raised in respect of child safety to County Councillor Serridge.</p>	<p>LCC Liaison to remind County Councillor Serridge about this matter.</p>	<p>County Councillor Serridge is dealing with this matter directly and will respond to RBC on this matter.</p>
<p>Whitworth – 04/09/06</p>	<p>White lines at the junction of Quarry Street/Old Lane/ Market Street</p>	<p>LCC Liaison to investigate progress on this matter.</p>	<p>LCC Highways have confirmed that the lining work will be carried out as required.</p>