

WHITWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

APPENDIX 3(a)

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS - DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER 2007

Action	Action to be taken by	Update
Need for clarification on procedure/policy for traffic obstruction on streets	Neil Wilkinson	The Police have a power to remove if necessary but no power to ticket on private roads.
Need to monitor smells from a chimney at Tong Lane Industrial units.	Catherine Taylor to contact Environmental Health	Issue passed to Lorna Rouke of Environmental Health. They have spoken to the complainant and requested to be contacted when the problem occurs. Also advised the complainant that they should keep a log of incidents in order that evidence can be built up and a visit programmed at an appropriate time (out of hours). No further information has been received. Further complaints should be directed to the Pollution section of Environmental Health.
Planning issues from a Member of the Public, which would be raised at the Development Control Meeting on 18 September	Planning Department	<p>Response sent direct to the Member of the Public and detailed below:</p> <p>The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the Council intends to involve and consult Rossendale's residents and organisations including hard to reach groups in the preparation of documents which will make up the Local Development Framework (LDF). Hence it is of the up-most importance that considerable effort is made to involve everyone as much as possible, to ensure that these documents reflect the true nature of the borough and its residents and best set out the planning policy for future development in Rossendale.</p> <p>The Council takes objections and comments by all parties concerning the planning process very seriously. I can ensure you that such objections to the Orama Mill application were taken into consideration and those concerned informed of relevant dates and meetings as well as</p>

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		<p>the Councils' decision to refuse the application on a number of grounds; not least the objections received from members of the public and other interested parties.</p> <p>In answer to your query as to why Village Design Statements have not been produced, I would refer you to the Local Development Scheme (LDS - soon to be available on the Council's website) which sets out the timetable for the production of the documents which will make up the Local Development Framework. Included in the LDS is a Design Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPD) which will encompass in one document various design topics aimed at improving the urban design of the borough.</p> <p><i>Note: The planning application for Orama Mill was turned down by the Development Control Committee.</i></p>
Clarification required on street sweeping programme around Whitworth	Catherine Taylor	The main road through Whitworth (Market Street) is swept weekly on a Monday by both the footpath & road sweeper. Wallbank drive estate is scheduled to be swept every 2 weeks and we sweep as much as possible under the current schedule, though this can mean not all of the estate is swept every fortnight. If any requests for sweeping are received they are responded to. All other areas of Whitworth are swept on a monthly basis. The sweeping rota is due to be reviewed in the New Year.
Update required on the repairs to the banking opposite Knowsley Crescent. It was agreed to contact Property Services Manager	Catherine Taylor	The works have now been completed – they included a pipe being replaced and a chamber being removed and replaced with a manhole cover at ground level.
Ownership of Peel Terrace/Market Street. Cllr Neal agreed to speak to the Deputy Chief Executive on the issue and report back to next meeting	Councillor Neal	Report back to next meeting.
Need for the removal (digging up) of the urinal	Property Services	Awaiting update

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left on land adjacent to Market Street/Cown St and Old Lane		
Clarification on who is responsible for the management and ensuring the safety of trees with a preservation order	Paul Talbot/Avril Dunn	An application has to be made to do any work to trees with a TPO, if permission has been granted it is the responsibility of the owner of the land on which the trees stand. If the trees are on council owned land then it would be the councils responsibility.