

HASLINGDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
Action Plan following meeting on 29th September 2008

Question/Issue Raised	Responsible Member/Head of Service	What action has been taken?
<p>Grass cutting at roundabouts.</p> <p><u>Issues relating to grass cutting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack of coordination of work undertaken by LCC, Highways, the Council and Greenvale Homes - concerns about cuttings left on the lawns - cost element of collecting cuttings - ownership and responsibilities 	<p>Grass Cutting Task and Finish Group</p> <p>LCC</p>	<p>Update to be provided by a Member of the Task and Finish Group at the meeting</p> <p>LCC to provide feedback at the meeting.</p> <p>Response from the Assistant Operations Manager (Parks and Open Spaces): the Parks team has the following specification for grass cutting – 10 cuts per year, grass not collected. This decision was taken some years ago to meet budget cuts. We no longer have the resources to collect grass. Any decision to alter the current specification would need to be addressed by elected members at policy level.</p>
<p>A meeting was requested with the Police to discuss concerns raised by Members.</p>	<p>Councillor Gladys Sandiford / Democratic Services</p>	<p>Meeting held and an update would be provided at the meeting.</p>
<p>Pot holes on the passage way at Holly Avenue leading up to Manchester Road, Haslingden</p>	<p>Communities Team</p>	<p>Informed us that this was related to the unadopted road to the rear and was not the responsibility of either Rossendale Council or LCC; in effect it is private. Committee Officer contacted the member of the public who raised the issue.</p>
<p>Concerns about the site of bin collection at the rear of Holly Avenue</p>	<p>Communities Team / Councillor Gladys Sandiford</p>	<p>The snicket off Holly Avenue and the bin collection point had been visited. Holly Avenue was in the process of being sorted.</p> <p>Update will be provided at the meeting.</p>
<p>Litter bin near the Fingerpost were missing on Blackburn Road</p>	<p>Communities Team</p>	<p>The bin was replaced on Friday 31st October.</p>
<p>The Area Manager's direct contact telephone number to be put on the Neighbourhood Notice boards.</p>	<p>Communities Team</p>	<p>Update will be provided at the meeting.</p>

The Community Health Worker's contact number to be put on the Neighbourhood Notice Boards.	Communities Team	Update will be provided at the meeting.
High hedges and overhanging branches, Irwell Vale Road – creates pedestrian safety problems	LCC / United Utilities	Response from LCC: Peel Holdings have cut back trees and shrubs growing on their land. LCC are in negotiation with United Utilities to co-ordinate the cutting and trimming of the trees and shrubs growing on their land and the Highway verges.
Bernard Mrozek be invited back to the next meeting of the Forum to provide more information.	Democratic Services	A thank you letter was sent and invited B Mrozek to attend the next meeting in Jan 2009 to provide an update.
Concerns about obstruction to vision and exiting Fields Road onto Manchester Road, Haslingden were raised. <i>Dangerous junction owing to parked vehicles obscuring sight lines for vehicles wanting to emerge on Manchester Road – at least partly caused by the creation of parking bay outside Nino's takeaway close to the junction. Residents said that they have been told for three years that "the situation is being monitored" but have never been presented with the results of any monitoring.</i>	LCC / Highways	Response from LCC: The Monitoring department was noting the number of complaints and the number of injury accidents that occur at the location. Other than the contact from Councillor Sandiford there are no recorded complaints about parking or visibility at this junction. There are two recorded injury accidents at the junction but neither involved vehicles exiting Fields Road.
Grants agreed to be transferred to Applicants.	Committee Officer	Grants have been transferred by BACS.
Central reservation in Edenfield needs replacing now windfarm development complete.	LCC / Highways	Response from LCC: The wind farm contractors are arranging for the refuge to be reinstated.
Signage and works on Grane Road Carried forward from 24 th June 2008	LCC / Highways	It was reported that works had not been completed because of the bad weather. Grane Road was closed 15 th -17 th October 2008.
Investigate whether signs could be put up on Chatterton Lane to warn of horses on the road. Carried forward from 24 th June 2008	LCC / Highways	Response from LCC: Signs will be provided and an order will be raised.
Carried forward from 24 th June 2008 Can LCC improve the appearance of the fountain outside the Haslingden library	LCC	Response from LCC: At present the refurbishment plans for Haslingden Library do not include any work to improve the fountain but this will now be considered.

<p>A road sign at the junction of Helmshore Road and St Peter's Avenue is so rusted that residents believe it to be dangerous – can it be replaced? Carried forward from 24th June 2008</p>	<p>LCC / Highways</p>	<p>Post rusted but not dangerous. Post to be replaced.</p>
<p>Are there any plans to improve the appearance of the roundabout at the top of Bolton Road North? - <i>response that LCC only has budget for cutting a safety swathe around the perimeter of the roundabout was challenged on the grounds that this roundabout is sponsored. What money is available from sponsorship for further tidying up work?</i> Carried forward from 24th June 2008</p>	<p>LCC / Highways</p>	<p>Currently negotiating with RBC Grounds team regarding treatment and maintenance of this roundabout through the Pride in Rossendale initiative.</p>