

WPC HIGHWAYS REPORT NOVEMBER 2010

The main points to report this month are listed below.

1. Mountford Close traffic and parking

I had another meeting last month with Larry Granelly and PCSO Claire Murray. The final version of the School Travel Plan was still not ready, but we were told it was unlikely to be much different from the draft.

PCSO Claire Murray tells me she's been there every week in term time, and that the banner is up and being observed by parents, though not by all residents

2. Newbold Road parking problems

I was advised verbally by Graham Stanley of County Highways that the CCTV monitoring he had undertaken showed that there was not a real problem, and that no action was necessary.

We have now got the oak bollards (matching the two newly installed) to put outside the OneStop. They await installation.

4. Grit bins

I'm waiting to hear from Larry Granelly about the precise location for the fourth bin by the school

There have been no further problems with the other three.

5. Constance Harris Close

I have spoken to Matt Austin about the disparity between Barteak's views and his own about the position. He has agreed to look into it further, and I have stressed the need to find a solution rather than raking over what may or may not have been said and done in the past.

6. Footpath by White Bridge

The willow by the footpath from Salmon's to White Bridge has now been cut back, and the edge of the path has been strimmed.

The broken fence by the bridge is still being discussed with WCC who are trying to say it is our responsibility. I have argued that it is the one corner of the bridge that has not got tubular steel extensions, and that they should match it to the other three in a way that is not subject to erosion of the footings as has happened with the wooden fence posts. I'm waiting to hear back from them, but it would be wise to earmark funds in the Highways budget to repair it ourselves.

As the days get shorter this becomes more urgent.

7. Maps – mowing and bins

While I was seeing Matt Austin, we also went over the anomalies on the mowing map with a view to getting one version that everyone could work with.

At the same time, I got a map showing all of the litter and dog bins. At a glance, it suggests we could improve coverage without increasing the number. There might be a cost attached to moving them, but no additional cost for emptying.

I will pass a copy to Amenities so we can jointly review the placings.

8. Tree offer from SDC

Two candidate sites have emerged - one at the infants' school possibly for fruit trees, and one one John Morley's land up the Newbold Road where they would be seen on the skyline.

Tony Copeland October 28th 2010.