

## Agenda

## Cannock Community Forum

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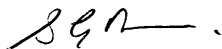
### Time and Date

7.00pm on Tuesday 17 September, 2013

### Venue

Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock

You are invited to this meeting to consider the matters listed below.



**S.G. Brown**  
**Chief Executive**

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## AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

To declare any personal or pecuniary or disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct and any possible contraventions under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

3. **Notes**

To receive the Notes of the meeting held on 11 June, 2013 (Enclosed).

#### 4. Questions for Staffordshire Police

Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe will be in attendance to answer questions in relation to local policing matters that have been submitted in advance.

Question from Mr G. Taylor:

*“What action is being taken by Cannock Police with regard to the amount of adults riding cycles on footpaths in a dangerous manner in this area?”*

#### 5. Questions for Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Services

No questions have been submitted in advance of the meeting.

#### 6. Questions from Matt Williams, on behalf of Allport Road residents regarding the development of Beecroft Road car park:

- *“Why does the Council continue to blight the properties in Allport Road with a development proposal that even its own market testing does not support?”*
- *“With the positive news that two established hospital trusts are interested in taking over and increasing patient and staff numbers at Cannock Hospital, why does the Council wish to develop the nearest public car park?”*
- *“Over recent weeks the Council has been keen to play down their proposal relating to the compulsory purchase of Allport Road properties. However, the plan that has been utilised as part of the public consultation clearly shows a “target” over a number of properties. Can the Council now confirm the extent of their intended proposal and either compulsory purchase those properties highlighted or deliver an official statement that will confine their proposal to the rubbish bin and put the residents minds at rest?”*
- *“Has the Council met its “duty to co-operate” given the first residents heard of any proposed redevelopment of Allport Road was an article in the Express and Star?”*

Bob Phillips, Head of Planning and Regeneration will be present at the meeting to provide a response.

#### 7. Question from Mr G. Fraser

*“In relation to street lighting and the lighting of public buildings, (i.e. exterior of buildings) with technology available in solar lighting and electronic timing devices, what, if anything, are Staffordshire County Council’s plans in relation to the above?”*

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council Highways, has provided the following response:

“In April 2012, Staffordshire County Council approved changes to the way its street lights would be operated following a complete review of operations. The changes will mean that the majority of new street lights will be fitted with equipment which will reduce (dim) light output levels from late evening to early morning.

**Dimming equipment;** will be fitted to new equipment either as a consequence of a new highway related development e.g. new residential estate, or when the existing street lights have reached the end of their serviceable life and are replaced by the renewal mechanism contained within the County’s street lighting PFI (Private Finance Initiative) contract. This then ensures that dimming technology is introduced only when the street lighting system accords with current design standards, which is particularly relevant for residential streets.

**Dimming equipment (Retrofit programme);** will be installed into existing street lights which are fitted with high wattage lamps on what we term to be ‘Traffic Routes’. Higher wattage lamps are generally used on roads where traffic volumes are much higher e.g. A roads, and which require a higher level of illumination to cater for peak traffic periods which will then dim down during outside peak periods and will result in the lighting being at a more appropriate level in line with the reduced vehicle flow rates.

**Part Night Switching;** under the remit of the localism agenda Parish Councils can request the introduction of part night switched street lights provided the local community support the initiative. There are no restrictions as to how part night street lights can be implemented; it can be a whole street, every other street light or individual street lights. However the County Council would check all requests to ensure that highway safety standards are maintained.

**LED lighting;** is being phased in and will be installed on estate roads either as a consequence of a new highway related development e.g. new residential estate, or when the existing street lights have reached the end of their serviceable life and are replaced by the renewal mechanism contained within the County’s street lighting PFI (Private Finance Initiative) contract.

I am unable to comment regarding illumination of public buildings which is not within my remit. “

## 8. Questions from Mr G. Taylor

***“Cardinal Way – Unadopted section of road which comprises of ‘turning head’, who pays for the maintenance of the road, grass cutting etc.?”***

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council Highways, has provided the following response:

"Any unadopted sections of Highway would not be included within cyclic maintenance programs. However on previous occasions we have used our Neighbourhood Highway Team to tidy up the various areas in question following requests from the public".

***“Cardinal Way – I am still awaiting a communication from Mark Keeling which was put forward by the Chairman of the Forum (at the last Forum meeting), Councillor Gordon Alcott.”***

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council Highways, has provided the following response:

“I confirm I have made contact with Mr Taylor by telephone Wednesday 4th Sept. I also note a response was sent to the forum which was read out at the June Meeting. There is very little I can add to this statement. Mr Taylor has asked me “what is happening now in regards to Cardinal Way”? I have replied stating no further works are planned by the County Council in regards to this site, any further questions in terms of Planning Conditions or future planning issues should be directed to Cannock Chase District Council” Mr Taylor has also asked me to look at the current lines which are present on Cardinal Way, I have agreed to check what is on street is correct as per the Traffic Order. I have also advised that if double yellow lines are present then no associated signage is required or allowed by regulation. If a request is received from the forum or a member of the public to change the restrictions then I will refer the matter for the next Joint Parking Committee for consideration”.

***“Tesco Express, A34, Cannock – Have the Council received any S106 money from the supermarket chain?”***

Maz Aqbal, Planning Development Manager has provided the following response:

“I can advise that S106 monies were secured as part of the development, which were:- £3,000 for County Highways to secure a Traffic Regulation Order and £2,949 for landscaping and planting”.

## **9. Question from Mrs. M. Heaton**

*“Pedestrians with mobility problems of various types have difficulty using two pedestrian crossings in the time allocated. These crossings are those on Park Road and the A34 by the (Cannock) Hospital.*

*As these crossings are used by many patients visiting the Hospital, is it possible to have the crossings updated to Puffin crossings (Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligent Crossings)? Such crossings automatically vary the length of the pedestrian period, giving pedestrians the time they need to cross”.*

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council Highways, has provided the following response:

“Cllr Spicer has raised this matter with myself and I have received the following response from our signals team.

The timings on the crossings in question are within National standard and Guidelines.

The green man is set at 6 seconds which is when you start to cross, there is then an additional safety period of 9 seconds giving 15 seconds to cross in total. The timing easily covers the majority of pedestrians using the crossings, on the rare occasion a person is still on the crossing then drivers would give way until the road ahead is clear.

In terms of altering the timing it is possible to increase the time however we would strongly recommend we do not go against the National standard for this width of road. The function of increasing the time is to allow for a wider road or to facilitate large numbers of pedestrians at one time perhaps 20/30 people + which I believe is not the case.

We also have to consider the delays and frustration of drivers who would not understand the increased crossing time.

At some point in the future these types of crossings will be upgraded however I am unable to advise when this may take place”.

#### **10. Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust – update**

Deborah Neal, Head of Communications, Mid-Staffs NHS Foundation Trust, has provided the following update:

*“As the Trust Special Administrators’ (TSAs) consultation is currently underway, the Directors of Mid Staffs have concluded that it would not be appropriate to attend the Community Forums at this time. However if there are any questions on the day to day business of the hospitals, I would be very pleased to provide answers/updates from the Directors.”*

In relation to the TSAs consultation process, there are still a number of public meetings to be held, which are taking place on the following dates:

- Thursday 12 September, 7pm-9pm, Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock;
- Wednesday 18 September, 7pm-9pm, Lea Hall Social Club, Rugeley;
- Thursday 19 September, 2pm-4pm, Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock.

#### **11. Update on the position of the negotiations in respect of the Asda s.106 monies for the Artificial Turf Pitch**

The Lead Officer will provide an update.

#### **12. Forward Agenda for Future Meetings**

Questions are invited from members of the public and will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. Any questions from members of the public should be submitted on the form available at the meeting. Submission of written

questions in advance will ensure that appropriate representatives can be invited to attend meetings to debate the issues and answer any questions.

### 13. Date of Future Meetings

Forum meetings have been scheduled for the following dates:-

Tuesday 10 December, 2013  
Tuesday 4 March, 2014

To: Councillors

Alcott, G. (Chairman)
Allen, F.W.C. (Vice-Chairman)
Anslow, C.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.
Dixon, D.I.
Freeman, Miss M.
Kraujalis, J.T.
Mitchell, C.
Morgan, C.W.J.
Snape, P.A.
Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Toth, J.

#### Other Invitees:

Mrs. J. Arm	Clerk to Bridgtown Parish Council
County Councillor Mrs. D. Todd	Cannock Villages Division
County Councillor Mrs. A. Spicer	Cannock Town Centre Division
County Councillor D. Davis	Chadsmoor Division
Chief Executive	Chase Council for Voluntary Services
Chief Insp. Carl Ratcliffe	Staffordshire Police
Michelle Lucas	Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mark Keeling	Staffordshire County Council Highways
Mr. M. Walters	Vice Chairman, Moss Road Residents Action Group
Mr. A. Derry	Area Tenants and Residents Collective
Ms. A. Ames	Chair of Rumer Hill Residents Association & Secretary of CTRF
Theresa Atherton	Secretary of Rumer Hill Residents Association
Mr. A. Burley	Member of Parliament (Cannock Chase Constituency)
Angela Schulp	District Lead Commissioner, Staffordshire County Council
Neil Pedersen	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Victoria Singleton	Neighbourhood Watch, Staffordshire Police
Miss T. Gould	Residents Champions, Chase CVS
Deborah Neal	Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Wendy Rowe, Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services, Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock. Telephone 01543 462621 or e-mail [membersservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk](mailto:membersservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk)

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