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**Safer Neighbourhood
Area 3 - North East
(6.15 pm - 7.15 pm)**

**Interval with light
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30 pm**

and

**Melbourne Area Forum
(7.30 pm - 8.30 pm)**

***Thursday
18th September 2014***

***Weston on Trent Village Hall
Main Street
Weston on Trent
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COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014/15

Committee

Date

Finance and Management
Overview and Scrutiny
Planning
Audit Sub
Finance and Management (Special – Final Accounts)
COUNCIL

Thursday, 4th September 2014
Wednesday, 10th September 2014
Tuesday, 16th September 2014
Wednesday, 24th September 2014
Thursday, 25th September 2014
Thursday, 25th September 2014

Environmental and Development Services
Planning
Housing and Community Services
Finance and Management
Overview and Scrutiny
Planning
COUNCIL

Thursday, 2nd October 2014
Tuesday, 7th October 2014
Thursday, 9th October 2014
Thursday, 16th October 2014
Wednesday, 22nd October 2014
Tuesday, 28th October 2014
Thursday, 6th November 2014

Planning
Environmental and Development Services
Housing and Community Services
Finance and Management
Overview and Scrutiny
Planning
Audit Sub

Tuesday, 18th November 2014
Thursday, 20th November 2014
Thursday, 27th November 2014
Thursday, 4th December 2014
Wednesday, 10th December 2014
Tuesday, 16th December 2014
Wednesday, 17th December 2014

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Environmental and Development Services
(Special – Budget)
Housing and Community Services
(Special – Budget)
Finance and Management (Special – Budget)
Planning
Overview and Scrutiny
COUNCIL

Thursday, 8th January 2015
Tuesday, 13th January 2015
Thursday, 15th January 2015
Tuesday, 20th January 2015
Wednesday, 21st January 2015
Thursday, 22nd January 2015

Finance and Management (Special – NNDR)
Environmental and Development Services
Housing and Community Services
Planning
Overview and Scrutiny
Audit Sub

Monday, 26th January 2015
Thursday, 29th January 2015
Thursday, 5th February 2015
Tuesday, 10th February 2015
Wednesday, 11th February 2015
Wednesday, 18th February 2015

Committee

Date

Finance and Management
COUNCIL

Thursday, 19th February 2015
Monday, 2nd March 2015

Planning
Environmental and Development Services
Housing and Community Services
Finance and Management
Planning
Overview and Scrutiny
Audit Sub
COUNCIL

Tuesday, 3rd March 2015
Thursday, 5th March 2015
Thursday, 12th March 2015
Thursday, 19th March 2015
Tuesday, 24th March 2015
Wednesday, 25th March 2015
Wednesday, 1st April 2015
Thursday, 2nd April 2015

Environmental and Development Services
Planning
Housing and Community Services
Finance and Management
Planning
Overview and Scrutiny
Finance and Management
(Special – Provisional budget out-turn)
ANNUAL COUNCIL
CIVIC COUNCIL

Thursday, 9th April 2015
Tuesday, 14th April 2015
Thursday, 16th April 2015
Thursday, 23rd April 2015
Tuesday, 12th May 2015
Wednesday, 13th May 2015
Wednesday 20th May 2015

Thursday, 21st May 2015
Thursday, 28th May 2015



AGENDA

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 3

Thursday 18th September 2014 at 6.15 pm
at Weston on Trent Village Hall

(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30 pm)

1. Chair's introduction, Apologies
2. Minutes of last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions
3. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview /Priorities Update
4. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas
5. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)
6. Agreed Priorities
7. Date of next meeting

Meeting close (7.15 pm)

AREA 3 - NORTH EAST AREA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
Cllr Peter Watson (Chairman); Sgt Graham Summers; Sgt Jim Thompson; PC Victoria Ball; PCSO Emma Guest; M. A. Hunt (CVS); Cllr Neil Atkin; Ruth Wright (SDDC); Trevor Scott; Steve Lee; Cllr Ann Watson; Cllr Rob Davison (DDC); Cllr Paul Bickerton; Ellie Bickerton; Cllr Jim Hewlett; Avril Record; Cllr John Harrison; Catherine Blackmore; Cllr Linda Chilton; Barbara James; Alan Bates; Cllr Wendy Earp Also present: Mandy McKeon (Clerk)	Tuesday 10 th June 2014	Barrow upon Trent Village Hall

1	Chairman's Introduction and Apologies	Action
	Cllr Peter Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by the panel. Apologies were received from Ed Hicklin, Ken Atkin and Chris Smith (SDDC)	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	Action
	The minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting and accepted by Cllr Rob Davison and Cllr Paul Bickerton. Cllr Davison discussed the location around Borrowash Bridge and the footpaths by three bridges in close succession. The footpath is fairly narrow and expected to be used by pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists. There is not a lot of room to divide and sign with markings so it will have to remain as it is. There is however some overgrowth making the path narrower. Cllr Davison will raise this issue and ask for it to be cut back.	Cllr Davison to arrange overgrowth to be cut back.
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview/Priorities Update	Action
	Sgt Graham Summers gave an update on crime in the area by year to date from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. This is compared to the same period in 2013. Crime on the whole over that period has gone up by 8%. Violent crime is down by 40% from 10 to 6, robbery remains at 0, sexual offences are the same at 1, dwelling burglaries remain the same at 2, shoplifting is down from 2 to 1, theft of motor vehicles is down from 1 to 0, bicycle theft is down from 2 to 1, drug offences are the same at 2 and criminal damage is down from 7 to 5. Called in incidents of ASB have gone up by 4.8% (which equates to 2 extra called in complaints). Non-dwelling burglaries have increased from 3 to 11 and theft from motor vehicles is up from 4 to 9, mostly garden sheds, domestic garages and business premises. Two individuals have been arrested recently and the figures are improving. Sgt Graham Summers is running a campaign with police cadets and SNT team; areas will be patrolled and vehicles checked to see whether motorists are leaving items of	

value on display. If they do find items of value they will talk/write to the motorists to inform them and make them more aware opportunist thefts.

Crime statistics can be obtained from the Police website www.police.uk, which can be down to street level. South Derbyshire remains a safe place to live. The Derbyshire Constabulary website www.derbyshire.police.co.uk includes a section which enables residents to nominate untidy areas such as graffiti, rubbish or public buildings in need of attention, for the community payback scheme.

PC Victoria Ball gave an update on speeding issues at Colwell Drive where she personally carried out speed checks recently. The average speeds were recorded at between 25 and 28 miles per hour between 3pm and 4pm. No drivers were speeding and no issues have been identified. PC Ball made a plea for people to come forward to set up a group for speed watch and if anyone is interested help to arrange training.

PC Victoria Ball mentioned an increase in bike thefts particularly Aston-on-Trent and Melbourne recently. Three offenders were identified for three crimes and two youths have received cautions and have had to attend repay workshops in Derby City Centre, one was also put on an acceptable behaviour contract; another has been dealt with by way of restorative justice and all three bikes have been located and returned to the victims.

The weight limit checks have started up again on Swarkestone Bridge and PC Ball actively carries these out with trading standards. Five lorries between March and May were turned around for being overweight.

There will be a Smartwater event taking place at Weston-on-Trent Village Hall on 19 July between 11am and 1pm.

PCSO Emma Guest gave an overview on leaflet drops within the Melbourne area on road safety/driving and parking etc. It was a good opportunity to introduce PC Ball to the residents.

PCSO Emma Guest discussed setting up a poster competition for Aston School children to be involved in designing posters which will be turned into leaflets asking parents to park safely. This is a joint venture with the Partnership who have provided the prizes.

PCSO Emma Guest has been involved in a joint visit with PC Ball at Weston School on when to dial 999, the consequences of dialing 999, which service to ask for and the type of questions they may be asked.

PCSO Emma Guest informed of a cycle marking event at Aston on Sunday 15 June 11am – 2pm.

PCSO Emma Guest - ASB has fallen quite a lot over the years and as a result it means she is not as familiar with the local youth but will be getting involved as and when required and will be introducing herself and chatting to them.

Chairman thanked PCSO Emma Guest for her continued hard work.

Update on priorities

Speeding on Ambaston Lane and Colwell Drive – Paul Bickerton asked for an update on Ambaston Lane. PC Ball said Sgt Todd had suggested safety would be put at risk when standing on roads but it is being regularly patrolled. Sgt Graham Summers confirmed this road is on a list for regular patrolling but if he is informed of days/times when speeds seem to be worse he will look into it.

4	Partnership Update / Funding / New Project Ideas	
	<p>Partnership update from Sgt Jim Thompson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Smith has been involved in a meeting with Mike Coker from Aston Post Office and a representative from the CCTV company with a view to moving CCTV cameras to Aston Post Office • Farmwatch – packs have been put together and will be rolled out soon • Non-dwelling break-ins -Shed security leaflets have been sent out to four garden centres in the area. In partnership with CVS and the SNT a new Shed Security Scheme has been launched which will offer victims and their neighbours, a visit from the Safer Homes worker who will fit a free shed alarm, lock and property marking. • Theft from motor vehicles – free tamperproof number plate screws will be fitted by CVS and the SNT. Next one Wednesday 2 July at Budgens in Melbourne at 3.30pm – 6.30pm <p>In addition to Partnership work, Sgt Thompson has been involved in a divisional-wide operation to reduce the outlet of stolen property. If anyone has information do speak with local officers and get that information fed through.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>There is £4,000 in the pot that can be spent within the area on local projects. The maximum amount for one project is £2,500. Any future ideas for funding can be directed to Chris Smith at the Partnership.</p> <p>1 new funding application was presented to the meeting for £325. The Chairman asked the room to authorise an application to build security cupboards in the disabled toilets at Aston on Trent. A local joiner can do this at a cost of £325 – there were no objections and it was authorised.</p>	
5	Local issues – open forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mrs Earp asked for more details for CCTV as she would like it up and running in Melbourne. The police will use their knowledge of the Aston CCTV and look into how it can be implemented in Melbourne. • A resident mentioned some vandalism of lights in lower section of the underpass under A50. Chairman will arrange to have it looked into and will bring it up at the next meeting. 	<p>Police to report back</p> <p>Chairman to report back</p>
6	<p>Agreed priorities</p> <p>Farmwatch across the area Speeding on Ambaston Lane Speeding on Colwell Drive</p>	<p>Police to report back</p>
7	Date of next meeting	
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.05 pm</p> <p>Next meeting date to be advised</p>	

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County Councillors

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Safer Neighbourhood Wardens

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Non – Emergency:	101
Emergency:	999
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Website:	www.derbyshire.police.uk

Websites/Social Media

Police Area 3 SNT Twitter	www.twitter.com - @MelbourneSNT
Crime Statistics for your area	www.police.uk
Safer South Derbyshire Partnership	www.south-derbys.gov.uk/ssdp
Safer SDP Facebook Page	www.facebook.com Search - Safer South Derbyshire Partnership
SDDC Environmental Health Facebook	www.facebook.com/southderbys

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MELBOURNE

(Covering Aston-on-Trent, Barrow-on-Trent, Elvaston, Melbourne, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stanton-by-Bridge, Swarkestone and Weston-on-Trent)

Meeting to be held at: -

**Weston on Trent Village Hall
Main Street
Weston on Trent
DE72 2BL**

on

Thursday 18th September 2014

Members:

District Councillors: Councillors Atkin, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs Watson and Watson.

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs Chilton and Davison.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Chairman's Announcements.
4. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2014 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County Council issues.
8. District Council issues.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

10th June 2014 at Barrow upon Trent Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) and Councillors Hewlett, Watson, Atkin, and Mrs Watson

F. McArdle (Chief Executive); Alan Bates (Environmental Development Assistant); Mandy McKeon (Services Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillors Davison and Mrs Chilton.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

W Earp (Melbourne Parish Council); David Smith (Melbourne Parish Council); P Bickerton (Elvaston Parish Council); C Blackmore (Barrow on Trent Parish Council); T Scott (Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council); A Record (Weston on Trent Parish Council);

Members of the Public

A Madeley; K Whewell; E Bickerton;

MA/1 **TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Noted as Councillor Harrison

MA/2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ken Atkin and Councillor Ed Hicklin

MA/3 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Peter Watson was happy to be appointed as Vice Chairman, nominated by Councillor Mrs Watson, Councillor Atkin was happy to second the nomination.

MA/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

MA/5 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

MA/6 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 18th February 2014 were noted as an accurate record.

MA/7 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chairman handed over to the Forum Liaison Officer to report back on those items raised at the last meeting.

Structural weight limits on bridges

Concerns regarding the canal bridge were passed to the River & Canal Trust who have confirmed that both bridges can take the 40-tonne capacity.

From a Highways perspective there are no restrictions to stop construction traffic.

South Derbyshire District Council planning enforcement team have been looking into this further because the Section 106 Agreement for that development does state that the Developer should provide a routing plan for construction traffic and as at a couple of weeks ago that had not been provided.

Swarkestone causeway – weight restriction monitoring

The Department for Transport has now responded but could not offer any advice and have informed us to seek our own legal advice. Officers are now looking for a way forward but there is nothing further to report as yet.

Action: Chairman to write to Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin who is a Derbyshire MP and will copy in the legal team at Matlock and Heather Wheeler, MP for South Derbyshire.

Action: Councillor David Smith requested for the letter to include advanced warning signs for drivers of vehicles over 7.5-tonnes on the A50.

Action: Councillor Davison to liaise with legal team at Matlock.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer to report back and get clarification on whether Highways Agency refused to put the large signs on the A50

because of a safety issue (it wasn't a necessary warning sign) or indeed a financial problem.

Councillor Atkin said he previously asked members of the public to write in giving details of number plates of lorry drivers going over the bridge in order to follow-up a possible prosecution. Although there is a DVLA database in the UK, would a foreign plate be prosecuted?

Forum Liaison Officer believed that Trading Standards do not have the powers to pursue vehicles from abroad. Trading Standards will issue warnings to drivers/operators found in breach of the restriction - and can prosecute on any further breaches – but it was suspected that foreign operators fell outside of their jurisdiction.

Action: Chairman said he would investigate further.

MA/8

UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING
(ITEM BROUGHT FORWARD SO A BATES COULD LEAVE MEETING)

This project aims to help local groups like Parish Councils and Footpath/Wildlife Groups find volunteers to do environmental tasks on their land, or land they manage. It will also provide suitable tasks for businesses and other groups (e.g. Derby University students) wishing to volunteer for ½ day (or more) on an environmental task.

South Derbyshire Partnership and South Derbyshire District Council have been approached by groups needing tasks doing and groups looking for tasks and aim to match them up.

The aims are to: -

- provide support & training to voluntary community environmental groups, Parish Councils and individuals
- improve biodiversity and the visual attractiveness of South Derbyshire by supporting community environmental tasks/ projects
- support businesses in their community investment and 'business in the community' work
- enable more environmental volunteering to take place in South Derbyshire

This project will not replace other means of getting environmental tasks done - it is for tasks that are difficult to achieve through existing methods either for financial or practical reasons. Templates for organisations with an environmental task that they need help with are downloadable from the web link. (www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum - then click on the Environmental Volunteering link). The completed project templates will be used to create a list of tasks for businesses (and other volunteer groups) to choose

from. The templates should then make it quick and easy for businesses to book their volunteer day with the voluntary organisation, forest site, park or parish that needs the job doing. A charge to cover basic costs and any extras like risk assessments will be made to the business groups. The 'matching' service will be free for groups needing tasks doing unless they need extra support (at £30 hr). Charges are clear on the templates and notes.

Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme

South Derbyshire District Council receive a grant from Heritage Lottery of £8,200 to prepare a plan for repairing and restoring some buildings in Swadlincote Town Centre's conservation area, following on from previous schemes. The District Council will also be working on this with Derbyshire County Council. More information will follow over the next six to eight months. We are consulting with the schools and the public about activities and certain parts of the project to ensure everyone is informed.

First part of the consultation is about the Diana Memorial Garden in Swadlincote. We are asking people how they would like to see the garden developed and how they would like to use it. Further information will follow via parish council meetings, consultation in Swadlincote, Festival of Leisure, markets, website and social media.

MA/9

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Councillor Earp raised an issue from a Melbourne resident who contacted her that day regarding the positioning of an electricity substation, which has been moved from another location in Melbourne. The company, Western Power had approached South Derbyshire District Council with various locations where they would like to relocate this substation and were refused on 12 occasions. This substation has now been 'plonked' on the pathway next to a resident's house and is quite a substantial structure. It is not an acceptable place to be moved to due to children playing nearby. (1) Is County Council aware of this and (2) what are South Derbyshire District Council's reasons for refusal?

Action: Parish Council should write to the District Council and ask why the District has refused access for this structure on any of the properties.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer will look into it from a County Council perspective.

A resident asked for an update on whether an application had come into the council for buying land around Elvaston Castle (Borrowash Road, Harrington Villas to the right of Home Farm) for buying land on Home Farm.

Councillor Chilton commented that 10-year vision is going to cabinet on 17 June.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer had no information but would make enquiries and report back to the Forum.

A resident asked for a sign to be put up at the bottom of the bridge for cyclists to re-join the main carriageway. He is having a few problems with passers-by and his property is being damaged and rubbish being thrown outside his home. The Police have been informed.

Action: Councillor Watson agreed to notify the District Council's Green Team to request the removal of rubbish to be removed outside this property. He also gave the resident contact information for Green Team and the Police so he may contact them directly.

Councillor Atkin mentioned a problem in Melbourne with overhanging trees on Robinsons Hill. They need to be cut back for a safety point of view. A call has been put through to call Derbyshire but there seems to be a lack of reaction.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer will report back and ask for a Highways Inspector to have a look into this.

Councillor David Smith asked for some clarification on Melbourne toilets.

The Chief Executive summarised:

The Council is under a duty for all of its properties in the whole of South Derbyshire to sweat its assets and obtain the best possible use of them for the benefit of the people it represents. The Council have been approached by a buyer to purchase the site of the toilet. A valuation was requested, by the Council, to find out how much the land is worth and the offer from the buyer is a good one.

The toilets will never be taken away from Melbourne. The Council are looking to improve the facilities within the village and have enquired into relocating to the Assembly Rooms, who are in favour of this decision, should it go ahead. The Chief Executive mentioned that money from a potential sale could be ring-fenced for Melbourne and the facilities could be better, brighter, modern and more accessible.

A report had been prepared and sent to Members to look into the Assembly Room relocation. The consideration has not gone through. The Chief Executive would be prepared to sit down with his officers and the Parish Council to discuss further.

Councillor David Smith accepted the offer of the opportunity for a meeting with the Parish Council and the Chief Executive to take the matter forward.

Councillor Linda Chilton - Swarkstone Causeway, at the southern end before Wards Lane there is a tiny gimp in the wall which is noticeable coming northbound direction. The stones are off and have been for many weeks. Can action be taken?

Action: Forum Liaison Officer will look into this and report back.

Councillor David Smith - Wards Lane/Hollywell Lane from Stanton to Kings Newton there were reports it is blocked/overgrown and is impassable.

Action: Forum Liaison Officer will look into this and report back.

MA/10 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

Councillor Davison mentioned a County Council South Derbyshire Local Area Committee - Oakland Village at 6pm – 11 June 2014.

Councillor Watson stated he was disappointed that he was not made aware of this.

Chairman suggested more details could be published in local newspapers etc.

Chairman – Reminded meeting of two outstanding consultations taking place. One on the future of Children's Centres with a closing date of 17 June and the other on the future of mobile libraries with a closing date of 9 August to make a response for consultation.

MA/11 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

Councillor Watson gave an overview of The Local Plan.

MA/12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting to be confirmed in due course.

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

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REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Melbourne Area Forum held on 10th June 2014 at Barrow on Trent Village Hall, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

1. SWARKESTONE CAUSEWAY:

a) CAMERA ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

An update will be provided to the forum, as and when available

b) ADVANCED WEIGHT RESTRICTION SIGNAGE

From recollection, the main reason that signs were not introduced on the A50 was due to cost. The traffic management required to close the nearside lane in order to safely erect the signage was very expensive; as were the signs themselves which would have had to be very large (due to the speed limit on the A50) and mounted on passive safety posts. The exact figures are not known but officers recall that the scheme cost would have been well into the tens of thousands of pounds (£20-£50,000).

Forum Liaison Officer suggested that it was the Forum's prerogative to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask for assistance on these issues if they wished to do this.

c) FOREIGN VEHICLES ON THE CAUSEWAY

Forum Liaison Officer believed that Trading Standards do not have the powers to pursue vehicles from abroad. Trading Standards will issue warnings to drivers/operators found in breach of the restriction - and can prosecute on any further breaches - but it was suspected that foreign operators fell outside of their jurisdiction. The Police have the powers to issue instant Fixed Penalty Notices; whether they have any powers in regard to foreign vehicles is a question they would need to respond to.

Further comment from officer at DCC Trading Standards:

I can confirm that, as any formal enforcement action we take is through the Magistrates' Courts, we cannot take any action against operators or drivers of foreign vehicles - clearly, by the time we had prepared a report and got a court date, the driver and vehicle would have left the country. Indeed, we are unable to trace operators of foreign vehicles as there is no facility to do this - we use DVLA to trace operators of UK vehicles but there is no UK register of foreign vehicles and we have no access to any such databases in other countries.

2. ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK: SELLING OF LAND

Enquiries have been made with relevant officers but none are aware of any application being received.

We have no control over who purchases land around the Elvaston Estate but we would be consulted if someone applied for change of use from agricultural.

3. 'BORROWASH BRIDGE': CYCLISTS ON FOOTWAY

Arrangements will be made to erect a sign, as requested at the forum.

4. ROBINSON'S HILL, MELBOURNE: OVERGROWN HEDGES/TREES

On inspection it has been established that there is vegetation overhanging the highway from private land.

The person responsible for the land has been contacted and they have subsequently confirmed that the vegetation will be cut back accordingly.

5. SWARKESTONE CAUSEWAY: DAMAGE

Following inspection it has been established that this is an issue that our Structures department is already aware of.

We do not currently have consent from English Heritage to carry out any repairs which are not considered 'Works Urgently Necessary for Safety or Health' under Class 5 Consent of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Consent is currently being requested from English Heritage and is expected to be issued in the near future; once issued the repairs will be carried out.

6. WARD'S LANE, STANTON-BY-BRIDGE – KING'S NEWTON: STATUS OF ROUTE

The route is adopted non-classified road at both ends. The middle section of the route is recorded as a Restricted Byway. However, there is a claim being processed to add a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) in the parishes of Melbourne and Stanton-by-Bridge, including the upgrading of Melbourne Restricted Byway No.1 to a BOAT along Ward's Lane, between Main Street, Melbourne and the A514 at Hollow Farm.

A Restricted Byway is a public right of way for walkers, horse riders, carriage drivers and pedal cyclists. The local Rights of Way Assistant inspected the Byway on 18 June 2014 and, at that time, the route was passable. However, an issue was identified with some surface vegetation to the south-east end. The hedges are the responsibility of the landowners and will hopefully be cut back later in the year, following the end of the bird nesting season.

The surface of the byway itself was considered fit for purpose (as a restricted byway) at the time of inspection and no action considered necessary.

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