

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETINGS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

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<p><i>Councillor Crow to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection</i></p> <p>We have the PSPO for car cruising in the town, how well do you think that's going?</p> <p>Supplementary – Are you aware that on the evening on Saturday 20 July there was a car cruising event at Tesco at Three Bridges and a major incident due to over 100 cars. Were you aware of the major car cruising incident within the town. I did phone the police and mention our PSPO to them but do you know if anything has happened as a result of that major incident?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Y Khan, Cabinet Member for Public Protection</i></p> <p>Recently we've issued 5 warning letters. Tilgate is the biggest concern at the moment. Following the warning letters if there are re-offences then fines are issued.</p> <p>I am afraid I was not aware of that particular incident. I will make a note and follow up to find out for you.</p>	<p>The Council are not always made aware of organised car group meets, sometimes the Police are aware and deter the activity or attend to engage with the vehicle owners.</p> <p>We have not had any reports concerning Tesco car park made directly to the Council, or it raised as a potential problem area for car cruise activity.</p> <p>If any residents experience noise/vehicle related nuisance from car cruising, they should try to capture any vehicle registration numbers (providing it is safe to do so) and report the vehicles along with the activity witnessed to both the Police and the Council.</p> <p>It can be reported to the Police on their web site https://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/.</p> <p>Residents can email asb@crawley.gov.uk with the details of incident, including time/location, vehicles involved and how it impacted them.</p> <p>If we are provided with details of vehicle registrations, we obtain the owner's details from</p>

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		<p>DVLA and warning letters are issued for being in breach of the PSPO.</p> <p>If the activity is witnessed by the Police/Council officers or captured on CCTV, we can issue fixed penalty notices.</p> <p>If we did receive an increase in reports in a particular location, we would work with the Police on doing patrols/ evening intervention work.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Lunnon to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>Recently the High Street has been closed due to water works. I know it's not directly in control of this council but it's obviously harming local businesses and residents enjoyment of the area and I just wondered if there was any update on when the High Street may be opened please?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Nawaz, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>I appreciate it's impacting businesses and residents. I believe it's the same issue and it happened possibly January as well where a water main burst. It's out of the control of the council but WSCC Highways Department and the water company are dealing with it hence you've probably noticed the end of the High Street is currently closed. An email was received today notifying of a temporary closure, so we are working with them and hopefully this will be completed in the next few days. We will then work to clear up any rubbish. I will keep updated with officers and update you accordingly.</p>	<p>I understand the repair works have been completed and that this matter has been rectified.</p>

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<p><i>Councillor Burgess to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>I have a resident who has asked me to thank the council for the parks and open spaces and to thank the teams for their work. However, please can we bring some colour into the town centre, possibly by introducing some flowers. Also, I wondered what the current situation was with regards to the regeneration of the Decathlon store please?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Nawaz, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>A lot of work has been undertaken by Creative Crawley where murals have been displayed on buildings to bring colour in the town centre and further sites are being considered to make it attractive. I will take your suggestion back to the officers, and also talk to Town Centre BID as well, because we have different partners and stakeholders. With regards to Decathlon, the planning application is in the system but there are other issues such as water neutrality. I will try and find out further information for you and issue an update.</p>	<p>Officers are working with the landlord of the Decathlon building on the assessment and review of the water neutrality statement associated with the existing planning application to convert the upper floors of the building into small business office space and small conference space.</p> <p>At this moment in time, the landlord as planning applicant has not yet been able to demonstrate how water neutrality can be achieved and further work is being done by the applicant to finalise the water neutrality statement.</p> <p>Officers will look at what further visual improvements can be made in the town centre through our new Shop Front and High Street improvements scheme, made possible thanks to external funding secured.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Russell to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>Many of us in the room are aware of a number of issues difficulties the residents of Forge Wood are facing relating to rules and regulations over the development, and most of those are not of the making of Crawley Borough Council. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillors</p>	<p><i>Councillor Nawaz, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i></p> <p>I totally agree with you on the concerns raised by residents. There is a complex process of planning applications and there are conditions attached to the applications which are mainly related to highway improvements generally. However, I will investigate this further and work with officers</p>	<p>Yes, I can confirm that officers have been working on producing an update document for residents explaining what the barriers are to the submission of planning applications for house extensions etc in Forge Wood.</p> <p>This update document is almost complete and is currently being finalised and we should be in a</p>

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<p>from both parties who have worked together in a non-partisan manner and cross party way to help residents. But we have a situation and I've been approached many times where we have residents who have been there for 8 years who are unable to put in planning permissions to make variances on their own property and their homes. What I would ask is please can the Cabinet Member work with officers to provide a very clear break down of what is holding up this situation, why is it they still cannot make these planning applications, what are the barriers to this, and when are they likely to be removed? I would be very grateful if you could work with the officers and Councillors and if you could produce a document that Forge Wood and Pound Hill North Councillors can work with the residents, so we can progress so this can be made available for us and residents.</p>	<p>and provide you with the detailed answers which will assist you and fellow Councillors in going back to the residents.</p>	<p>position to share this document with you in the coming few weeks for distribution to Forge Wood residents.</p>