

**Buxton Area Forum**  
**Questions and Answers**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Questions asked at the forum**

**Comment**

High Peak Borough Council Annual Report – Would like to say thanks to the Council for accommodating an eyesight problem (Daltanism) and producing the document in a readable format.

**Question**

If the Council is interested in doing more for less than can they explain why the railings in Buxton were being painted by 4 members of staff, some of whom spent a lot of time sat around? Who was responsible for giving the contract and supervising the work? Also, the painting of galvanised railings doesn't work in the long-term.

**Answer**

This kind of feedback is disappointing. We would always try to maintain value for money when undertaking jobs. The railings were painted to give a co-ordinated look to the area.

**Question**

Spring Gardens area development. Can it be ensured that residents will have a say in developments in the area?

**Answer**

Presentations have been given on the redevelopment of Spring Gardens at a previous forum. A planning application has not yet been formally submitted. If a planning application is received it will go through the correct planning process, where local people will get the chance to have a say.

**Question**

What have the Police done about people parking on pavements? Cars can block bus routes. The powers to deal with this have been passed to the Council, will the County Council address these issues?

**Answer**

The powers to enforce on-street parking passed from the county to the district council. The aim of these powers is to improve traffic flow rather than collect fines. Specialist contractors will be undertaking the duty on behalf of the Council, at a time that is appropriate and relevant for the enforcement activity to be most effective.

**Question**

Parking – In Switzerland they have one footpath rather than to on a road to ease parking? Why are there 3 footpaths down Burlington Road (one in the park that runs adjacent to the road)?

**Answer**

In the future when the planning of new streets takes place this can be put forward. It would cost a lot of money to alter the streets as they currently are.

**Question**

The footpath to Morrisons is overgrown and needs cutting back, can this be dealt with?

**Answer**

Derbyshire County Council will investigate. The public can also report an issues to the Call Derbyshire number, which is 08456 058058.

**Post meeting note:** Derbyshire County Council has issued work to its contractors

**Question**

Workman clearing debris from the side of the railway station in Buxton (the small car park below the fanlight window structure) haven't properly removed debris from the car park. This has allowed the grid to become blocked as storm debris wasn't properly removed from the area. Who is drawing up these jobs and monitoring them?

**Answer**

The car park is in the ownership of one of the railway companies and is not an official car park. The Council should be working in partnership with these companies to improve the appearance of the area.

The Council is trying to improve the area and will investigate the issue. The Council will tackle areas that are in public view in partnership with the land owners.

**Question**

Who will take responsibility for where pedestrians walk and who will maintain these areas?

**Answer**

Access to footpaths can cause a problem if they are poorly maintained.

Police will retain ownership of car parking obstructions. They can be reported to the Police and they will respond to any issues. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams can work in the neighbourhoods to tackle these issues and will investigate reports received.

**Question**

How much has been given to charity through the Borough Council recycling scheme, and is it still running?

**Answer**

The recycling scheme has donated £11,300 to the charity 'Save the Children'. The scheme has now ceased following the transfer of the waste management contract to Veolia.