

PUBLIC QUESTIONS	
AREA FORUM – HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL	
DATE – 29TH MARCH 2006	
Question	Answer

QUESTION REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS BEFORE MEETING

1. TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS

Councillor J Faulkner submitted the following question prior to the meeting:-

There is local concern about traffic and parking at the Burbage end of Green Lane as well as Duke Street and Holmfield. With significant development in course of construction and in the pipeline, the central area of Burbage is likely to be busier in the next few years. What steps are the County Council taking to protect the Public against an increasing and worrying Community Safety risk?

This was referred to Highways on 27th March for investigation.

The majority of the existing parking at the Burbage end of Green Lane, Duke Street and Holmefield is predominantly residents parking with most of the properties having little or no off street parking. Parking on street is an ongoing problem, not only in Buxton but throughout the County with more home owners possessing one or more vehicles. This not only creates more problems with parking but also the roads are becoming increasingly busier.

All new permitted development requires planning permission from High Peak Borough Council and follow stringent guidelines on parking which the Highway Authority have input. All large scale development and different areas of land use are laid down in the Local Plan which is approved by High Peak Borough Council and Local Members.

The County Council looks at all new development and the effect it has on the local transport network, and all new large scale developments are required to provide measures which actively encourage alternative forms of transport. These include new footways, cycle path provision and improvements to the public transport network.

2. IMPROVED CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN HPBC AND DCC – NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Comment was made regarding the need for improved co-ordination between authorities relating to new housing developments and the impact they have on traffic and car parking.

The meeting was informed that consultation is undertaken between the two authorities as DCC prepare the Local Transport plan to co incide with the Borough Council's Local Plans and whenever a planning application is considered by HPBC one of the biggest consultees is DCC Highways (Traffic Impact Study)

Councillor Faulkner was concerned that there was no strategic view of the impact on parking and traffic at areas where new developments were in the pipeline. He requested a meeting between the two authorities to include County Councillor Baldry and himself.

See also answer to point 1.

The Area Network Manager (Neil Hickman 01629 580000 extension 7550) will be happy to meet with Councillor Faulkner and Councillor Baldry. It would probably be beneficial to have the Area Development Control Manager at the meeting as well.