



**Central Area Forum  
New Mills High School  
Thursday 15th May 2008**

**Reference: 01 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Concern:** re. amounts of litter and more especially in local ginnels/paths, which don't get cleaned out too often.

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** We aim to keep the gennels and snickets as clean as the main thoroughfares, if there are some specific examples we can send the clean team.

**Reference: 02 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Also litter in Torrs - poor advert for tourist trade. Overflowing bins not helped by strong winds - empty them more frequently?

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** The Torrs is looked after by New Mills Town Council. We have an operative emptying the town centre bins on a daily basis.

**Reference: 03 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Climate change. Projected increase in heavy downpours indicates need for more frequent cleaning out of drains? - given that brisker winds mean more leaves and twigs being swept down from trees.

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** The Council has increased the gully emptying budget this year for areas prone to flooding.

**Reference: 04 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Why have the speed limits been altered in areas such as long hill (Buxton to Whaley Bridge road) and the Ashbourne Road. Lowering the limits to 50 in some places creates tailbacks of traffic and dangerous overtaking manoeuvres by some drivers. This creates more dangerous road conditions all round. What was wrong with the previous limits on these roads?'

**Answer:** Reduction in speed limits in Derbyshire; specifically on the A515 and A5004. Both have taken place in accordance with national guidelines aimed at reducing accidents through speed across the country, and establishing a consistent approach. For each road we carried out an extensive consultation exercise advertised in the local newspapers, on our website, and on the roads themselves with notices. Many local people are very happy with the new speed limits.

There are two cabinet portfolio reports from 13th September 2007 regarding these two roads; which are freely available on the DCC website.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/Images/content/DemocraticServices/Reports/2007.09.13%20A5004.pdf>

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/Images/content/DemocraticServices/Reports/2007.09.13%20A515.pdf>

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**Reference: 05 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Re. development of land at Chapel-en-le-Frith concern about the loss of open land, and will there be additional landscape screening?

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** – Area allocated for business development on current plan which was scrutinized by an independent planning inspector. The proposed Public house by the roundabout will be built out of natural stone. The Planning Committee meeting on 19 May will deal with other business units in the same area. We understand that this area is currently pleasant open land, but in High Peak it is very hard to find sites which are not attractive. Will work hard to ensure it is done well and in keeping with the landscape, particularly for the adjacent Peak Forest Tramway.

**Reference: 06 CNL 15/05/08-**

**Question:** How are we consulting with young people? Do we work with young people? We have to find ways of going out to young people and get their views.

Comment about the way young people were treated after the efforts they put in last year.

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** - Local Democracy Week engage young people in schools. Forums are not particularly successful at engaging young people at such a formal meeting.

Event just held in Hadfield Youth Centre which managed to engage young people. Right place and right time to attract them.

**Comment:** Young people don't necessarily feel that we are offering work, housing etc. for them.

**Reference: 07 15/05/08-**

**Comment:** Must start to look at developments and ensure they have facilities for young people and obtain their ideas. Cannot look at planning in isolation.

**Reference: 08 15/05/08-**

**Question:** How much teeth we have in the High Peak for the enforcement of planning controls?

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** There are a number of measures which the Council regularly uses to control contraventions, and the Council's planning teams will not hesitate to take action where it is appropriate to do so.

**Reference: 09 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Will the Council cover out of hours to catch those who breach the planning regs?

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** The planning enforcement officers will/do work out of hours and will take action as appropriate.

**Reference: 10 15/05/08**

**Question:** Junction of Albion Road/Church Road – shopping area is attractive, but the main road is the first image of those passing through. The fairground site is an eyesore, despite the Going Local planting which has been provided. Also the 'birthday' banners are left hanging, could something be placed there which could be more attractively provided if this is the tradition?

**Answer: (New Mills TC)** The fairground land originally owned by the Borough Council and leased to the Morley family, has now been sold for a modest sum to the Morley's. It is generally tidied up to a sufficient standard to avoid legal action.

**Reference: 11 15/05/08-**

**Question:** Who, or what is done to maintain the existing play areas? New estate and Ashbourne Lane.

**Answer: (High Peak BC)** S106 agreement and Needham's Rec. – consultation on play areas being carried out and there is a programme of improvement going on at the moment.

**Reference: 12 15/05/08-**

**Concern:** Trains don't come through New Mills until 10 am on Sunday. No chance of getting out early. Train company needs to get their act together.

**Response: (Derbyshire CC)** A Passenger Transport Group is being set up at the moment. If anyone has ideas about changing the services, write to the train company to make them understand that it is commercially viable.

**Reference: 13 15/05/08**

**Question:** Is there any chance of getting traffic control on High Hill Road? Following sat. nav. instructions are causing problems as lorry drivers get stuck in the wrong residential areas.

**Answer: (Derbyshire CC)** Will look at it, but also contact the haulage company to ask them to get drivers to reduce their speed when driving through housing areas. Education with regard to the use of sat.nav's should be given.

**Reference: 14 15/05/08**

**Question:** Traffic lights at the bottom of Albion Road as there is no audible sound for people with hearing problems.

**Answer: (Derbyshire CC)** Contact James Adams at DCC  
<[james.adams@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:james.adams@derbyshire.gov.uk)>

**Reference: 15 15/05/08**

**Question:** Signs to Macclesfield from Whaley Bridge.

**Answer:** Need to go to central government to take this sign out and it is being considered.

**Reference: 16 15/05/08**

**Question:** How are our Policing levels going?

**Answer: (Police)** Dedicated staff are in the Safer Neighbourhood areas which cover the Central area. Target to keep officers on their beat for 95% of their time.

**Comments:**

- Protecting historic character of our town centres - Good to see explanatory signs giving historical detail of the area. (But please can these be checked for spelling errors.)
- Vandalism in public and private gardens is an issue here. Community policing reassuring - quick response to calls, in my experience.
- Renewable energy. Yes, to using potential of landscape, with sensitivity.
- I'm very glad to be living in the High Peak.
- Must start to look at developments and ensure they have facilities for young people and obtain their ideas. Cannot look at planning in isolation.
- Suggestion : Possible idea is to have a stand a local carnivals promoting the Forums.
- Plea for Torr Vale Mill in New Mills which is a significant site, urge Council to save the Mill in the short term and consider a longer solution for the area.
- Debates should be less political and personal, and address the main issues.