

Glossopdale Area Forum Questions and Answers

Thursday 7th December 2006

Reference: 01GD 7/12/2006 Traffic through Tintwisle

Question: Can you tell me why there has been no traffic lights put on the woodhead road before you get into Tintwistle? If there were then the traffic could be filtered through Tintwistle though to the Mottram traffic lights and all the traffic could be backed up on the woodhead road and would help all the rate payers in Tintwistle Hollingworth and Glossop get to work. Then the authorities can take as long as they like building the by pass. Lets have it right out on the woodhead road as it is out of the way and a set of traffic lights there would not cost much. It could be tried out for a few of days to see if it works. I believe it would work because when there has be an accident on the woodhead road, the road from Tintwistle to the Mottram lights is empty.

Answer: This is a Highways issue and has been referred to the Highways Agency for comment

Questions in response to the update given by Dai Larner (HPBC Strategic Director) on 'Going Local' issues that were raised at the last Area Forum meeting.

Question: How is the continued hazard posed by the use of 'A' boards for advertising on pavements on the High Street being addressed?

Answer: We are working with High Street shops and if there is persistant offending we will take enforcement action.

Question: When will we get lids for our Green re-cycling bins?

Answer: Leave your name and address at the end of the meeting and we will get one to you.

Question: The pedestrian passageway from High St West up to the car parks behind the shops is often covered in glass etc.

Answer: We will have the area inspected and cleaned as necessary

Question: The level of lighting at the back of the Co-op in Simmondley on Pennine road is very poor . Its very dark and children often congregate in the area.

Answer: We will investigate it. There is an issue around ownership of the area and responsibility. Cllr Wilkinson supplementary comment: Simmondley Youth Action Group is working with the Council and shop owners and is looking to provide a Multi Use games Area alongside the car park at some stage.

After the presentation by Dr Anne Rothery on the proposals for the new Primary Care Health Centre and the service schedule indicating the facilities that are proposed, the following questions were asked: All answers were given by Dr Rothery unless otherwise stated.

Question: Where is the site?

Answer: It is off George St. where the clinic is currently located.

Question: Will the access be the same?

Answer: More or less. We will work with the Council and County Council to address any issues.

Question: Isn't there a problem of ownership of part of George St.? There is also a lack of dropped kerbs suitable for pushchair and wheelchair access.

Answer: The Building itself will have to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and Building Regulations and will therefore be fully accessible. Access along George Street to the site will be looked at as part of the Planning approval process

Question: Will there be access to anti-coagulant services in the Centre?

Answer: These should currently be available via GP surgeries locally

Question: Will there be any services for kidney dialysis patients?

Answer: We may have some but main service is via Tameside General Hospital.

Question: The proposed service schedule refers to Audiology but has no details. What will the provision be?

Answer: We envisage a room for testing but we are not sure who will deliver the service yet.

Question: Will there be provision for support groups who provide support for patients.

Answer: We expect so for specific sessions but we can't provide dedicated space for rooms unless it is at an economic rent.

We have had lots of requests from community groups but can't cater for them all.

Question: How does the management system for delivery of the Centre link in with the local engagement process? Who will co-ordinate this so decision making is well advised?

Answer: The Cluster group set up at the start of the planning process has involved local people and we want this to continue. The design group that is to be established shortly after the service schedule has been finalised will have local representation. The Centre will be managed by the PCT. HPBC will be involved in the process through the Planning application.

Question: What impact will the physio service have on Shire Hill?

Answer: The majority of physio treatment will still be at Shire Hill.

Question: I live in Padfield, what transport provision will there be to get to the Centre and how much car parking will be provided?

Answer: There will be provision for parking on the site but there is never enough. Existing public transport will be available to access te centre of Glossop.

Comment from HPBC : We will be more involved in the process now that the plans are moving forward and will look at parking etc and other issues. Public transport should be covered by a green travel plan with the Developer.

Question: Have you thought of using an existing building rather than George St. as access is difficult. Could it lead to demolition of some houses on George St? HPBC have Eastern House on Glossop Rd. (Former Volcrepe Office)

Answer: I don't know the building you refer to. There is no plan to demolish any houses on George St. At the time of choosing the site we looked at what was available. The conversion of existing buildings would also present particular problems.

HPBC additional comment. Eastern House wasn't available at the stage when options were being considered and it would be difficult to adapt. There will be no demolition of house on George St and we are keen to get views of local residents on the proposals for the site.

Residents in the immediate vicinity of the site will be informed of plans at the planning stage.

Question: There is a piece of land opposite the site that is used for informal car parking at present. Will this be used by the Centre?

Answer: HPBC: It is not registered land so we don't know who owns it. HPBC do not have any control over it at present.

After the presentation on Health and Social Care by Julia Robinson (Derbyshire County Council) and Chris Greenough (Tameside and Glossop PCT), the following questions were asked:

Question: Why does it take so long for aids and adapts to be provided once the need has been recognised.

Answer: Our Occupational Therapist's identify the need for adaptations but we are reliant on HPBC for funding these the physical work if it is needed.

HPBC: We have quite a large budget for this and want to move quickly but the process is often delayed by the building contract and design stage.

DCC: We sometimes have difficulty in providing Architects services when required.

Question: Your presentation referred to 60 places for respite care. We have had occasions when there has been no respite care available in Glossop and also New Mills.

Answer: The presentation referred to 20 places for respite care and 60 places for daycare. We had one respite care bed at Whitfield house and lost this to extra care. Private care homes are available but you usually need to book. We are aware that there are some problems with the level of provision.

Question: We are impressed with plans for Whitfield House Extra Care scheme but when we saw that South Yorkshire HA was involved we thought that we may lose the benefit as local residents would not be allocated places.

Answer: DCC have total control over who will be allocated a place with 100% nominations. We will have a panel of people including HPCH and HPBC and the PCT allocating places but the final say rests with DCC.

Julia Robinson from DCC Social Services presented more details on the background of the Extra Scheme

The Extra Care Scheme will provide 45 units and will be run by South Yorkshire HA. It is a mix of flats to buy and flats to rent. Extra Care allows people to live independently with the care and support that they need. Staff will provide assistance. Facilities provided jointly include a lounge, gym etc.

Call systems are provided and waking night staff.
DCC will provide the homecare service initially a total of 220 hours is expected. A Panel will start to identify residents in the new year.
We are we doing it because Residents said they liked the care that they got in residential care homes but would like their own front door.
This will give older people more choice.

Question: Are you planning properly for the elderly? Eg design.

Answer: Yes. We are involving Glossop older peoples association and experts in the design to avoid problems in the future.
We can't cater for all eventualities but will seek to meet individual needs.

Question : 25 years ago there was a resident warden on site in bungalows in Whitfield. It sounds like this is now being provided in this Extra Care Centre. What will be different?

Answer: The difference is that there is also a dedicated care scheme for all residents.
HPBC: we still have warden services(mobile) and also estate caretakers to assist .

Dia Larner from HPBC summarised the key issues from the evening as being:

- The importance of Partnership. Agencies need to work together to deliver appropriate housing, medical services within the community.
- Support for residents. We will also continue to support people who want to stay in there home through aids and adaptations. Let us know about delays in this process.