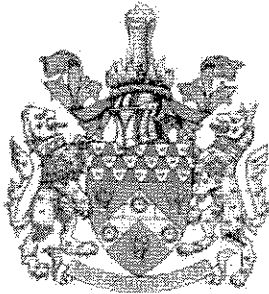


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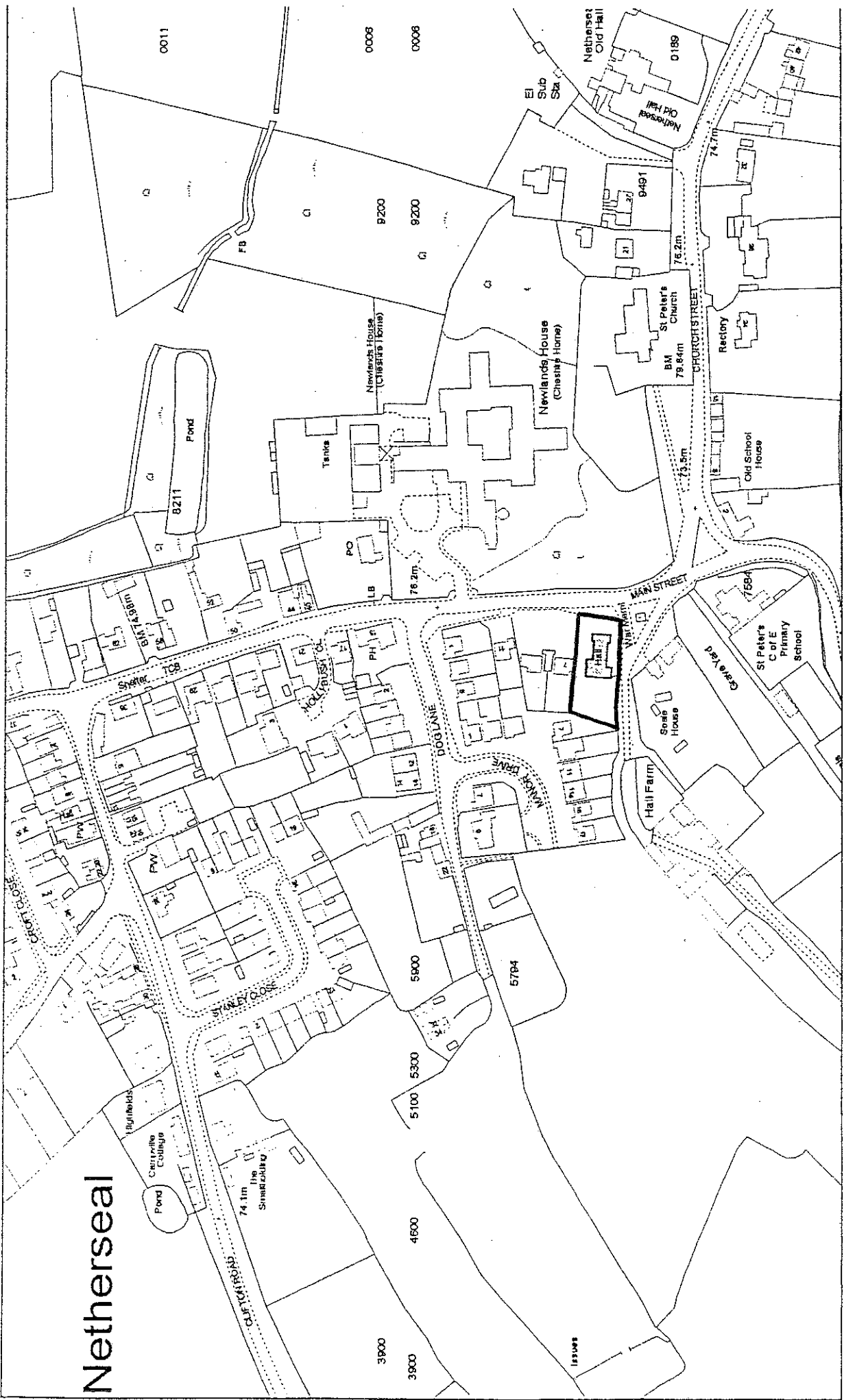
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LINTON

Tuesday 3rd February
2009

Netherseal Village Hall
Main Street
Netherseal
7.00pm

Netherseal



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Meeting	Date of Meeting
Swadlincote Area Forum 7.00 p.m. St George & St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Church Gresley.	Wednesday, 28th January 2009
Environmental & Development Services	Thursday 29th January 2009
Newhall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Old Post Centre, High Street, Newhall.	Monday, 2nd February 2009
Linton Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Netherseal Village Hall, Main Street, Netherseal.	Tuesday, 3rd February 2009
Etwall Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Frank Wickham Hall, Portland Street, Etwall.	Wednesday, 4th February 2009
Housing & Community Services	Thursday, 5th February 2009
Melbourne Area Forum, 7.00 p.m. Stenson Fields Primary School, Heather Close, Stenson Fields.	Monday, 9th February 2009
Development Control	Tuesday 10th February 2009
Overview & Scrutiny	Wednesday 11th February
Finance & Management	Tuesday 17th February 2009
Audit Sub, 4.00 p.m.	Wednesday 25th February 2009
COUNCIL	Thursday 26th February 2009

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM LINTON

(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton,
Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

**Meeting to be held at
Netherseal Village Hall,
Main Street,
Netherseal**

**on Tuesday 3rd February 2009
at 7.00 p.m.**

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman)
and Councillors Grant and Timms.

County Councillors: Councillors Bambrick and Mrs. Lauro.

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BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Police issues.
4. Chairman's Announcements.
5. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2008 (copy attached).
6. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
7. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
8. County Council issues:
 - (a) Libraries Presentation
9. District Council issues:
 - (a) District Priorities – Progress on Council Priorities
10. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 30th March 2009 at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM - LINTON

22nd October 2008

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Grant.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), P. White (Democratic Services), M. Guest (Corporate Performance and Policy Officer), K. Allies (Environmental Development Manager) and C. Lukaszewicz (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs. Lauro.

P. Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer), F. Nicholls (Policy Manager, Research and Information) and G. Spencer (Policy Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant M. Sisman.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

K. Bradford (Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council), J.L. Powell (Linton Parish Council), M. Horne and V. Taylor (Walton-on-Trent Parish Council).

Members of the Public

G. Hall, V. Taylor and P. Wood (South Derbyshire CVS).

LA/10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from County Councillor Bambrick, M. Todd M.P., Dr. Elson and S. Jackson.

LA/11. **POLICE ISSUES**

Sergeant M. Sisman addressed the Meeting, giving an update on staffing, including the appointment of two new Police Community Support Officers. He reported on the priorities for the area, which included the targeting of anti-social behaviour, under-age drinking, speeding and nuisance caused by motor cyclists. The issues of speeding and nuisance from motor cyclists would be addressed by Police Traffic Officers.

A resident made reference to consultation with Derbyshire County Council regarding the checking of vehicle speeds whilst using Hillside Road, Linton during March 2008. Details of the results received were provided and the police were thanked for their assistance given in this matter. Further clarification was sought from Sergeant Sisman with regard to the way forward to help alleviate excessive speeding in this vicinity. Sergeant Sisman provided various suggestions, including the implementation of the "Speed

Watch” scheme and emphasised that such matters could be addressed by the whole community, rather than the police in isolation.

Sergeant Sisman agreed to discuss the matter further with the Police Inspector.

Reference was made to the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets produced in connection with the “Speed Watch” scheme, which were considered difficult to read and it was requested whether the information could be provided in a more user-friendly format, for example in graphic form.

It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

Discussion was undertaken regarding the use of road strip detectors in Walton-on-Trent, possible for the undertaking of traffic count surveys.

It was agreed that Derbyshire County Council would investigate the results of the surveys and report back to the next Meeting.

A resident made reference to the provision of a network for local people to communicate information directly to the Police, including details of dedicated mobile telephone numbers and it was suggested that this issue could be discussed at a future Safer Neighbourhood Meeting.

LA/12. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised of the renaming of the public meetings from “Linton Area Meeting” to “South Derbyshire Area Forum – Linton”. He added that the crest of the District Council appeared on the cover, alongside those of the County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary, to indicate that these were joint meetings for the area. He added that, in future, there would be greater involvement from the County Council in responding to questions on the functions the County Council had responsibility for. In addition, the police would continue to be represented at these meetings, although their main role was to discuss partnership issues concerning the police and other agencies. Safer Neighbourhood Meetings would continue and would be the main forum for police issues.

The Chairman also advised of the current arrangements for discussing planning issues. He confirmed that arrangements for Area Committees (as they were originally called) had been approved by the Council in May 1997. The framework had therefore been set and it was explicitly agreed that matters relating to planning applications would not be permitted at Area Meetings. There was also an issue, particularly for Members of the Development Control Committee, that discussion of such items in a public forum could risk an accusation of pre-determination. Therefore, any matters relating to a current, or potential application could not be discussed at this forum.

LA/13. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Linton Area Meeting held on 2nd June 2008 were noted.

LA/14. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

A report circulated with the agenda which provided an update on the issues raised at the last Meeting was noted.

To provide a further update, it was reported that, following the most recent inspection on 13th October 2008, no problems had been evident regarding the condition of Station Road, Walton-on-Trent, other than a few leaves on the road, which would be cleared as part of the channel cleansing undertaken during October/November. A resident advised that there should be no issue with regard to the cleansing of the lane, since two sweepers had been sighted recently turning in the lane, alongside each other.

A report to update on recycling and composting measures undertaken by the District Council, circulated at the Meeting was noted.

It was confirmed that, following investigation, Officers had no knowledge of the installation of a water meter on a public footpath at Walton-on-Trent. A resident clarified that the meter installed appeared to be measuring leakages and it was suggested that this might have been installed by either South Staffordshire or Severn Trent Water Limited.

It was agreed to investigate the matter further and report back to the next Meeting.

With regard to the leakage reported from a refuse vehicle carrying composting material in Rosliston, it was noted that some problems had been encountered with regard to liquid, rather than leachate, escaping from the waste being collected for composting. Although the refuse collection vehicles had seals at the back end, should a small fault develop in the seals, or a pinprick size hole occur in the hopper floor, problems would occur, especially given the high moisture content of the compostable waste being collected. It was noted that the refuse collection vehicles were not designed in the same manner as tankers. Robust procedures were in place in an attempt to keep on top of the vehicle maintenance necessary to minimise the risk of any spillages. In the event of any occurrences, however, a road sweeping vehicle was deployed to clear up any mess. It was noted that the response had been relayed to Rosliston Parish Council.

LA/15. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Concern was raised regarding the condition of the recycling blue bags once returned to households in Walton-on-Trent.

It was agreed to investigate the matter further and report back to the next Meeting.

An issue was raised with regard to the recycling of tetra packs, including the conflicting advice given at the recycling centre at Park Road, Newhall, which had instructed the packs to be included with recycled cardboard. It was noted that the nearest site to Walton-on-Trent, which would accept tetra packs for recycling was Rosliston Forestry Centre. It was, therefore, requested that provision for tetra pack recycling within the vicinity of Walton-on-Trent be considered.

It was agreed to investigate this issue further and report back to the next Meeting.

An issue was raised concerning the insufficient width of parts of the public footway in the Manor Bank/Hillside Road, Linton area. It was noted that Councillor Mrs. Lauro had already raised the issue with Derbyshire County Council and the situation was being monitored. There was particular concern since the public footway was used frequently by schoolchildren.

Derbyshire County Council agreed to investigate the matter further and report back to the next Meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding a number of issues relating to Coton-in-the-Elms including a lack of public services in the village, forcing residents to travel to Rosliston to use the facilities there; problems with speeding traffic exceeding the 40 mph speed limit through the village and the turning of HGV lorries in Walton Lane. It was considered that HGV prohibition signs were required on the A444 entering Burton-on-Trent and that those HGV's entering the Roger Bullivant site should be offered an alternative route. A Councillor suggested that this issue could be raised at the appropriate liaison committee for discussion by Derbyshire County Council.

At this point, Councillor Timms joined the Meeting.

LA/16. **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES – “TELL US ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES”**

Faye Nicholls introduced this item, relating to the partnership work of Derbyshire County Council. Surveys had been undertaken to assist the County Council in formulating 19 key priorities. Officers were now attending 41 forums across the County to discuss the key priorities with local people and to seek feedback. Questionnaires had been circulated prior to the Meeting, which residents were asked to complete, expressing their priorities and raising any local issues.

The Meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to enable the questionnaires to be completed and a feedback session then followed. The top five priorities related to highways/roads/transport; affordable housing; strengthening the sense of community, reducing crime/perceived anti-social behaviour and provision of activities for young people. A general discussion then followed, allowing residents to raise a number of local issues.

In relation to highways/roads/transport, the reliability and improvement of the existing service and frequency of public transport was a high priority. It was noted that Swadlincote CVS actively encouraged community participation in schemes such as car sharing.

It was noted that the Council's Local Development Framework was the tool used for the provision of affordable housing.

With regard to strengthening the sense of community, reference was made to the loss of public facilities, which weakened the community. It was also noted that communication within parishes was undertaken through publications including the "Village Voice" and parish plans.

The reduction of crime and perceived anti-social behaviour, together with the provision of activities for young people were considered in conjunction with

each other. Particular reference was made to the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings, which were a forum used to target the reduction of crime and perceived anti-social behaviour. It was considered that further provision in local communities was required for youths, in particular and suggested that existing facilities could be used more widely. Organisations such as the CVS could be utilised to distribute information regarding activities available.

It was noted that the District Council would also use the information provided regarding local priorities for incorporation in its Corporate Plan. Derbyshire County Council would use the information to feed into four or five different Plans and would provide a further report to update the Area Forums at the next Meeting.

LA/17. **ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

Kate Allies (Environmental Development Manager) advised that a new Environmental Forum for South Derbyshire was being established, involving local environmental groups, parish councils and individuals who wanted to share ideas about environmental projects. These were being supported by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and South Derbyshire District Council.

The Forum would involve a networking group, to which groups and individuals would be invited. Meetings would usually include formal and informal information sharing and consultation, plus a walk or talk by a local group about their area.

It was confirmed that the first meeting would be held at Repton Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th November at 7.00 p.m. A reply slip was attached to the agenda and it was requested that this be returned by all those interested in being involved with the Forum.

LA/18. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates of future Meetings were confirmed as Tuesday, 3rd February 2009 at Netherseal Village Hall and Monday, 30th March 2009 at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre.

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.50 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LINTON AREA FORUM

(Covering Castle Gresley, Cauldwell, Coton-in-the-Elms, Drakelow, Linton,
Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston and Walton-on-Trent)

3rd February 2008

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last Linton Area Meeting held on 22nd October 2008, at Walton-on-Trent Village Hall, Main Street, Walton-on-Trent the following issues were raised. The issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

Police Issues

1. Following results received of vehicle speeds whilst using Hillside Road, Linton during March 2008, further clarification was sought with regard to the way forward to help alleviate excessive speeding. The Police have advised that the Speed Watch scheme is suspended between September and March due to health and safety implications of limited hours of daylight and road conditions. Speed Watch will be reviewed in January 2009 by the policing team in South Derbyshire, following which approval will be sought from the police command team at Derby. It is hope that the scheme will continue, although issues including training and administration will be reviewed. In terms of further action, the local officer has been trained and is being encouraged in the use of police speed radar equipment. With regard to a fixed speed camera, the Police would support this if required by the local community, although this would deal with the problem in one location only. There would obviously be a cost implication and support would be required from Members at all levels.
2. At the previous Meeting comments were given in connection with the difficulty in reading the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets produced in connection with the Speed Watch scheme. Sgt Mike Sisman met with a representative from the local parish council and went through the data supplied to obtain a clearer understanding. At that time, no graphical data had been produced. It was considered that the information had been widespread to the local community through local and national media. The impact of producing charts, therefore, was not considered to bring any additional value. The problem has been identified by the community, police and partners and attempts are being made to solve it.

Derbyshire County Council Issues

1. Following details provided at the last Meeting regarding the results of a speed survey conducted by Derbyshire County Council in March 2008 for Hillside Road, Linton, noting incidents of excess speeding, a further update has now been received. The County Council's Traffic and Safety Manager has met with representatives of Linton Parish Council

to discuss the issue of traffic speeds in the area. The details of the survey data published in the Burton Mail following the last Meeting were somewhat misrepresented. It has been noted that, of the roads around Linton, Hillside Road alone showed any evidence of a speeding problem. The Parish Council has been advised that, due to a lack of a speed-related history, the submission of a funding bid for traffic calming in the village could not be justified. Any such measures would have to be funded by the Parish Council or an alternative source. Details will be forwarded to the Parish Council in due course relating to where the County Council would possibly consider allowing some features to go, in certain circumstances and the likely costs involved.

2. Further to comments raised at the previous Meeting concerning a traffic survey undertaken for Main Street, Walton-on-Trent, further enquires have been made and the County Council has confirmed that it did not carry out the traffic survey. This may have been undertaken by either the police or a contractor on behalf of potential developers.
3. Following concerns raised in regard to the narrowness of the footways on Hillside Road, Linton, near the Coton Park junction, the comments made have been referred to the relevant County Council Officer who will assess the request for footpath widening in due course.
4. Complaints were received about the lack of a footpath linking Coton-in-the-Elms to Rosliston. These concerns have been referred to the relevant County Council Officer who will assess the request for a footpath link in due course.
5. At the previous Meeting, residents raised complaints about the lack of weight restriction signs on roads leading off the A444. The County Council considers that the signage along this stretch of the A444 is adequate. Weight restrictions carry an exemption that allow HGVs access to premises within the restricted zone. It is the belief of the Area Traffic and Safety Manager that it is for these legitimate purposes that the vast majority of HGVs are seen in and around Coton-in-the-Elms. The suggestion that HGVs are exiting the A444 and using rural roads as a shortcut to the A38 is not considered logical. HGVs are prevented from accessing the A38 at Walton-on-Trent due to the narrowness of Bailey Bridge, whilst a low bridge at Croxall would prevent access via the A513 further south. HGVs may occasionally be seen in the area, which are not accessing premises, due to the driver being lost. There is little the County Council can do to mitigate for these situations. If residents do have suspicions that HGVs are using the area for illegitimate purposes (i.e. other than to access local premises), concerns should be reported to the County Council's Trading Standards via Call Derbyshire, tel. 08456 058058. A monitoring form is available from Trading Standards (copy attached) on which residents can record any vehicles they see apparently breaching the restriction. With sufficient details, the operators can be contacted and asked to justify the vehicle's presence within the restricted area.

South Derbyshire District Council Issues

1. Following concerns raised regarding the condition of recycling blue bags once returned to households in Walton-on-Trent, this matter has been addressed with the contractor concerned who re-issued new bags to households effected on 9th January 2009. Households will only receive replacement bags if the original bags are considered to be unusable. Should residents have any further concerns regarding this matter, they are advised to contact the District Council's Customer Services section on tel. 01283 595795, following which the matter will be addressed.
2. Following an issue raised with regard to the recycling of Tetrapaks at the recycling centre at Park Road, Newhall, the District Council has advised that it currently provides Tetrapak recycling banks at six sites within the District. This is currently a pilot scheme running in partnership with Tetrapak and there are no plans to expand the scheme at the present time. The household recycling centre located on Park Road, Newhall is the responsibility of the County Council and material collection methods may vary from the District Council's recycling schemes. Residents are advised to contact the County Council on tel. 08456

058058 on matters concerning the site. The County Council has confirmed that, should more banks be available, one will be asked for at the Newhall facility.

3. The alleged installation of a water meter on a public footpath in Walton-on-Trent is being investigated further and any additional information will be provided at the Meeting.

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