

## **HULTON AREA FORUM**

MEETING – 20th October 2016

Present – 51 members of the public attended the meeting

Councillor Shafaqat Shaikh	-	Hulton Ward
Councillor Diane Parkinson	-	Hulton Ward
Councillor Darren Whitehead	-	Hulton Ward

### Also in attendance

Pauline Dixon	-	Neighbourhood Manager/Area Working Lead
Vivienne Morris	-	Neighbourhood Development Manager
Marion Griffin	-	Chief Executives Department
Sarah Schofield	-	Environmental Services
PS Considine	-	Greater Manchester Police
PC Blackely	-	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Kath Gray	-	Greater Manchester Police
PCSO Gary Manvile	-	Greater Manchester Police

Councillor Diane Parkinson in the Chair

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Parkinson welcomed everyone and introduced herself, Councillors and other Officers in attendance.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **4. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICING FOR THE AREA – PRESENTATION BY PC MATT BLACKLEY.**

Councillor Parkinson introduced PC Matt Blackley who gave the following presentation:

The Neighbourhood Policing team covers Hulton and Westhoughton and comprises of:

- Inspector Paul Devall
- Sergeant John Considine
- PC Matt Blackley
- PCSO Katherine Gray
- PCSO Gary Manville

Comparison of the three month period from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to the same period in 2015 showed an overall reduction in:

- Domestic Burglary reduced by 76% from 17 accidents to 4.
- Burglary other reduced by 23% from 13 to 10 incidents
- Theft of a motor vehicle has reduced by 25% from 12 to 9 incidents.
- Theft from a motor vehicle has reduced by 16% from 19 to 16 incidents.
- Criminal Damage has reduced by 15% from 34 to 29 incidents reported.

#### Tackling off-road vehicle nuisance

Over the summer months there had been an increase in the number of reports of off road bikes.

The Police rely on information from local communities to identify those responsible and in order to take appropriate action.

It is important that residents provide any information they have about the identity of those involved:

- A description of the vehicle(s)
- Who was riding the vehicle(s)?
- When and where are they being ridden?
- Where are they being stored? –
- Are the bikes being transported by vehicle to the area? –

You can report incidents in the following ways:

- Call Greater Manchester Police - 101
- Contacting your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0161 856 5619
- Contact Bolton Council Anti-social Behaviour Team on 01204 336500
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Neighbour nuisance

If you are having problems with your neighbours:

- Talk to your neighbour about it.
- Often the most effective way to deal with neighbour disputes is to speak to them about it yourself. The people causing you nuisance may not be aware of how it is affecting you?
- You should not approach the person if you feel frightened or intimidated by them.

If your neighbour is a tenant you can contact their landlord.

You could use mediation services if raising the issue informally doesn't work.

For more advice visit **[www.gov.uk/how-to-resolve-neighbour-disputes](http://www.gov.uk/how-to-resolve-neighbour-disputes)**

- Officers from the local team would be working over the Halloween period and conducting high visibility patrols in the local area.

Dark nights – Besecure in your home:

- Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures
- Burglars love the dark so follow these tips to keep your home safe this winter:
- Burglars tend to be opportunists and they will look out for certain things to indicate if a home is empty. For a penny a day you can leave a low energy light bulb on mid-afternoon to late evening. Use a light timer switch to turn on your lights or a radio when you are out
- Always close your curtains at night, and store valuable items (including passports, driving licence, cash, wallets and bank statements) out of view

- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home
- Keep your doors and windows locked, and ensure you have the back door locked when answering the front door. Do not give someone the chance to sneak in while you are distracted
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition and that access to the rear of your property is secure - Lock your garden gate
- Consider installing outside security lighting
- If you have a burglar alarm, please use it

### Treacle Campaign

The campaign aims to prevent Bonfire and firework injuries, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage during the Halloween and Bonfire period.

- Officers would be conducting high visibility patrols in areas identified as hot spots for anti-social behaviour
- The Policing team would be working with partners to ensure anybody identified as causing issues would be dealt with using the range of tools and powers available to the team.
- The Council Play and Youth Services Street Based Teams would be out in the community speaking to young people and directing them into existing youth provision.
- Fire officers had been visiting schools across the area to speak to children about how to keep themselves safe this Autumn
- Colleagues from Trading Standards would be visiting premises licensed to sell fireworks to ensure they comply with age restricted sales. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue service would also be conducting targeted visits to premises to ensure fireworks are being stored correctly.

It is always safer to attend an organised bonfire event and so the Policing team are encouraging people to please consider going to an official event rather than having their own bonfire and fireworks. The details of some local events could be found at [www.safe4autumn.com](http://www.safe4autumn.com)

Your local policing team works closely with partner agencies, residents and local elected members to identify and tackle those issues that matter the most to you.

The Policing team are keen to hear your views, and PCSOs try to hold regular surgeries across the area to make it easier for residents to let the Police know any issues that they may have.

A recent drop in session held at Tracey's Café was held within the community centre on Addington Road in Deane. PCSO Gray is hoping to arrange further surgeries there.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

## **5. UPDATE ON BUDGETS DEVOLVED TO THE AREA FORUM**

Pauline Dixon, Neighbourhood Manager and Area Working Lead gave an update on current balances for budgets and grants devolved to the Area Forum for 2015-17 financial years as follows;

Area Forum Flat Rate Budget (AFB)	£ 9,175
Highways Maintenance Budget (HMB)	£19,200

Resolved –

- i. That the report be noted;
- ii. That it be noted that the following schemes had been awarded a grant under the Council's Scheme of Delegation from the 2015-17 budget:

<b><u>Grant Pot</u></b>	<b><u>Scheme</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
HMB	Resurfacing to the bottom of Deane Church Lane to Junction with Wigan Road	£33,000
	Newbrook Road on highway near the shops	£ 1,850
	Sloane Street to Alfred Street resurfacing	£34,300
	Perth Street	£2,420

The total cost of these works exceeds the HMB so Highways had agreed to pick up the shortfall from their main budget.

## **6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**

The Chair stated she had been made aware of an anonymous leaflet which had been circulated in the Hulton area which invited residents to the Area Forum to air their views to the Ward Councillors about the Peel Holdings proposals. For those residents who received that leaflet and have come along expecting us to be able to answer any questions she apologised that residents had been inconvenienced in this way. The Forum had received a number of written questions which were summarised. As the questions only arrived in the last two days the answers were limited. Two questions about Logistics North (Cutacre) had been received and they would be answered after the questions regarding the Peel Holdings proposals.

Cllr Parkinson summarised the written questions that had been sent in from residents concerning Peel Holdings proposals.

Q1 Request for a follow up meeting with our ward councillors and the members of Bolton Council Planning, environmental and Highways in relation to the planned developments.

A The Hulton Ward Councillors would request such a meeting

Q2 Request for the Hulton councillors to provide their support in objecting to Broadway being used as a thoroughfare

A The Hulton Ward Councillors would set up a separate meeting to go through residents' concerns. Residents who could not access the venue, because the maximum numbers had been reached, would be contacted in due course

Q3 Can the Councillors of Atherton be contacted by the Hulton Councillors and ask for their views on the proposed properties accessed via Broadway

A The Hulton Councillors confirmed that they would do this.

- Q4 A series of written questions had been submitted covering the following issues:
- Why didn't Bolton Council either purchase the Hulton Estate in 2010 or encourage others who would protect its unique environment & history in perpetuity, to purchase it similar to the recent Smithills Estate by the Woodlands Trust to the north of Bolton?
  - Infrastructure changes
  - Traffic and highways management including parking and access, Refuse collection, Delivery vans, Emergency services, Construction and services vehicles, on the affected routes and junctions during the construction and after completion.
  - Drainage issues and consideration of heavy rainfall and potential for flooding once developed as hard landscape
  - Risk assessment before planning permission is given to address safety and emergency issues
  - Green belt status, environmental concerns, tree felling, ecological protection of Hulton Park. Have they done a comprehensive wild life study and taken into account, pond life, birds, badgers, deer, bats, horses kept on the farms.
  - Consideration of the serious adverse effects on the area's 6 S.B.I.s (sites of biological interest)-including Hall Lee Bank-Local Nature Reserve-their valuable flora/fauna-as GMEU (GTR.Manchester Ecology Unit)
  - Will Bolton Council protect Low Park Woodland from future planned development
  - Size and design and positioning of proposed housing
  - The order in which the development of housing and the golf course will take place.
  - Level of demand for a golf course
  - Timing of when more details will be known
  - Concern re building on a site of Pretoria pit disaster.
  - Housing and housing development issues across all Bolton

- Are consultations taking place with Wigan council and Bolton council in relation to planned housing developments and infrastructure improvements.
- Request that the Council and Peel Holdings guarantee that if permission is to given for the housing development that the Golf Development will actually be built or is the golf development a red herring in order to build x amount of extra homes
- Reference made to the promised large Country Park off Salford Road/Breeze Hill after years of Open Case Mining.

A The Chair advised residents that these questions have been sent to the Councils Planning team and answers would be provided at future resident meetings.

- Q5
- Overall the plan put forward will, if implemented in full, restore the historic Park landscape and benefit the surrounding community by providing homes, jobs, leisure facilities and public access to part of the Park. However, in light of experience with Peel Holdings involvement in the Cutacre development, what can the council do to make sure no significant changes are made to the plan and that this plan is implement?
  - What planning policies support Peel Holdings plans and are there any policies it conflicts with?
  - What would the Councils position be if Peel Holdings apply for more houses after the first 1650-1700 have been built and would the councils planners make sure that the housing areas are not capable of expansion
  - Will the housing development put any strain on local services e.g. primary schools, doctors etc?
  - Will the council have to contribute to any off-site road works?
  - The development will put an extra strain of the M61 junction and the short stretch of the A58 to the Chequerbent Roundabout. Is this an issue being considered by the Transport Working Group?



- Do you think Broadway could cope with the extra traffic from 150-200 new houses as well as the existing 72 houses and its junction with Newbrook Road adequate for the extra traffic, including construction traffic?
- How will emergency access be provided to the housing areas without turning Broadway into a Through route?
- Are there any issues about stability of the land, especially near Broadway?

A These questions have been submitted to the Councils Planning Team who will respond directly to the resident.

Q6 Peel Holdings literature makes it clear that there are key dates and deadlines related to the Ryder Cup application for 2026, with the award at the end of 2017 (the next UK award would be for the 2038 event) Can you provide an indicative timescale from the application to decision for this type and size of enquiry.

A This question had been submitted to the Councils Planning Team who will respond directly to the resident.

Q7 Did Cllr Morris know if housing was part of the development for the site and does Cllr Morris have a veto as part of the planning process

A These questions have been submitted to the Councils Planning Team the answer will be fed back at the next meeting

Q8 What involvement has planning had with Peel Holdings about these proposals

A This question has been submitted to the Councils Planning Team the answer will be fed back at the next meeting

Q9 Also is the Councils Spatial Strategy document being updated?

A The question to be forwarded to the Councils Spatial Strategy Team and the resident to be informed individually.

Q10 In the literature that Peel Holdings has produced they claim to have established a Transport Working Group with Bolton Council, Highways England and Transport for Greater Manchester. Is this true?

A This question had been sent to the Council's Planning Team the answer will be fed back at the next meeting

Q11 I understand that Bolton Council, Planning are being investigated by a Government Department?

A Councillor Whitehead explained that a peer inspection had been conducted by Planning experts. The inspection had been completed, which was held over three days. Details of the outcome would be made public in three weeks.

Q12 With reference to public footpaths/ Rights of Way in the Middle Hulton area, particularly in regards to the Cutacre development.

When can we expect the footpath (known as Rosemary Lane) linking Salford Road and the rear of New Brook Road to be reinstated?

I am fully aware plans for footpaths in the area were posted on-site on 21st September. Perhaps someone could inform the meeting of the implications of these plans.

A Mr Chris Davidson from Haworth Group advised that the footpath will be completed early next year.

Q13 Regarding Logistics North (Cutacre) Country Park. When is the completion date for this project to be opened to the public? It seems well overdue. There is no signage, car park, walkway etc

A Mr Chris Davidson from Harworth Group provided the following response:  
Works that have been carried out in the country park includes:

- Ecological Ponds
- SUDS Ponds
- Country Park car park
- Aldi Mitigation Area in Lomax Brow

- New footpaths / Bridleways
  - Diversion of Cutacre Brook
  - Demolition of Mills Brow and Spoutfold
- (currently on the market to be re-developed within the existing curtilage)
- £2.5m spent in the Country Park so far on:
- Phase 1 & 2 SUDS System - £1,180,000
  - Cutacre Brook - £700,000
  - Country Park car park, earthworks, ponds, paths including swale and brook crossings - £700,000

Some of the footpath routes have been installed at risk to move the project on whilst the diversion orders are confirmed.

The footpath diversion orders have been delayed which has meant bulk of the routes have still to be completed. The intention is to complete the majority of the Country Park by January 2018.

Resolved – That the questions be noted and the questions which were not answered be directed to the appropriate departments or partner agencies.

## **7. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Parkinson thanked everyone for their attendance. The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course and advertised on the Bolton Council website and in the Bolton News.

(The meeting started at 6.50pm and finished at 8.00pm)