

SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING 10TH JANUARY, 2023 GREYSTONES PRIMARY SCHOOL, TULLIBARDINE ROAD



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1	From Shiv Bhurton
	QUESTION
	I am new to this forum and would like to take this opportunity to share a few observations about my local area (Crosspool).
	I have noticed for a while that many people are not always respecting the good practice of 'NO PARKING' on grass verges in our area.
	By way of educating residents and visitors alike, I wonder if a seasonal campaign of information/leaflets etc. could be launched this year. This will/could help remind people that they are responsible for their actions and should adopt good practice when parking, respecting what the local authority is doing to raise the standard of residential areas.
	To help, I wonder where cars have been parked on grass verges and particularly where the grass verge is damaged, information notice could be placed simply to remind people to avoid such action in the future.
	Secondly, unfortunately potholes are developing on various key commuter routes and cyclists and pedestrians are being placed at increasing risks when vehicles attempt to dodge/avoid potholes at the last minute.
	We are encouraged to move more as part of our keeping fit and independent actions.
	I think it would be a great idea to encourage the public to report these potholes proactively and easily for Highways to act in a timely way. Making reporting more accessible will result in Highways planning better even if the work took longer. As this will be community driven, people will feel more assured and feel that Meeting of the South West Local Area Committee 10.01.2023 Page 10 of 14 action will be taken.
	It would be great if you could share my views with the members at the next meeting and encourage discussion on how we could do better. I am proud of what the LAC does and it's a great platform to see the community in action.

RESPONSE

We contacted Parking Services and Transport and Highways to aid in the response to these questions.

Parking Services stated they can only issue a ticket to a vehicle parked on a grass verge if it has single or double yellow line adjacent to it. It really does depend on the location, as some grass verges cover larger areas than others. There are some areas within the city centre that have signage that covers the pavement and verge, but if it relates to residential areas outside the city centre, then the verges would need yellow lines adjacent. We have been informed by Parking Services that if you can get locations, they will certainly be able to advise on them further.

In relation to the question around potholes, Transport and Highways informed us that Amey deal with all pothole requests and these can be reported by visiting www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads-pavements/report-road-problems

2 From Nita White

QUESTION

Can I ask when Archer Lane will reopen to vehicles again – along with the reopening of Little London Road to through traffic?

Whilst it has become knowledge that both these Nether Edge Low Traffic Orders were put in place with little or no consultation - neither to residents or to Councillors, and no consideration was given to alternative routes etc. This resulted in all the traffic being forced onto an already very busy Abbeydale Road and Sheldon Road too, causing far too many problems and even more pollution, and the fact that local residents had to make longer journeys – some on a daily basis, and traffic on Bannerdale Road and Carterknowle Road increased as through traffic was using these routes since the closures.

It is said that those who wish Archer Lane to remain closed only cited safer conditions for cyclists and children – but this is not the case. Very few cyclists ever use Archer Lane – it is so steep and they would gain nothing, and the again the use of Archer Lane by children is negligible – local schools are situated on Bannerdale Road and Carterknowle Road, with little use from Archer Lane.

Archer Lane has been a well used thoroughfare to Nether Edge etc and being a resident on Bannerdale Road for nearly 36 years, I have never, during all this time, seen or experienced any traffic problem or accident during all those years. Drivers using Archer Lane were aware and careful of using Archer Lane (which has several road humps along it to regulate any speed).

As our family doctor is based on St Andrews Road, we now have to travel on Abbeydale Road and up Sheldon Road to reach that when previously would use Archer Lane through Nether Edge to reach it. And we would use Archer Lane to travel through to Wostenholme Road, Washington Road to Ecclesall Road or down to the bottom of London Road, again staying away from the busy Abbeydale Road, London Road etc. Also Little London Road assisted local residents, to access

Woodseats Road and other areas, which again now means they have a longer journey on Abbeydale Road and Broadfield Road.

No alternatives were given to any of these major closures. And I am sure that local businesses will have suffered as a result of these closure.

I do think the roads should be opened again – to lessen volume of traffic and making it more freely moving.

RESPONSE

We contacted Transport and Highways in relation to this question.

Although the trials will take place for six months, the period after enables a review of the scheme and formal decisions will be made around which elements of the trials should stay in place and which should be removed or changed. During this time the scheme will remain in place. Decisions will be based on the feedback received through the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, monitoring the traffic flow changes, and the funding available. It is currently expected that the decision will be made by the relevant Council committee in Summer 2023.

3 From Jill Lancaster

QUESTION

Where can we access information on the punctuality and frequency of our local bus services please.

I am particularly interested in the 83a. Reliability is particularly important for less frequent buses. Too many of these buses seem to be cancelled.

RESPONSE

We approached the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) for a response to the question about the punctuality and frequency of local bus services and have been informed of the following:

SYMCA work with operators to collate service reliability data (i.e. when services fail to operate) and punctuality (when services operate early or late) however we are unable to share this.

You may be aware that Stagecoach increased the frequency of service 83a to half hourly from the 2 October when First withdrew service 83.

We are aware that winter months are traditionally challenging for Stagecoach and other operators to maintain punctual and reliable services due to bad weather, seasonal traffic volumes and delays, however Stagecoach have advised that they recognise that there is need to make changes to the timetable to improve service punctuality. SYMCA and Sheffield City Council continue to work with bus operators and agree intervention wherever possible to improve bus punctuality.

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