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<u>Highway issues</u>: Further to last month's report, I have made the case for monitoring air quality on a continuous basis at 2 locations on our main road.

<u>Metro project</u>; the optimum solution to volume of traffic, average speed, gaseous emission and particulate creation, is to offer alternative routes into Cardiff. During LDP consultations, the prospect of a Metro system was floated as a possible means of providing this. I recently attended a seminar on this topic; I went to see whether, after 8 years of discussion, we had advanced beyond having a name for the project. We might hope for some improvement in 2023 when the valley lines will have a swifter, more frequent service. However, the main project (including a significant improvement to the City Line) is still a gleam in the eye. It lacks clarity on fundamental aspects of design and, more basically, the necessary cash to implement any scheme, which emerges.

<u>Road Resurfacing</u>: Windsor Road and upper Park Road will be resurfaced soon. This will comprise an application of tarmac rather than the much-needed reconstruction

Bus passes; these expire at the end of 2019; they may be renewed online or at Radyr Library

<u>Shrubbery</u>: please ensure that your shrubs do not protrude on to the pavement, obliging wheel chair users or pram-pushers to go onto the highway

<u>New Primary School at Plasdwr</u>; given the demand for additional places for both English and Welsh medium education, one can see why a hybrid school is planned. My concerns are that it will be difficult to recruit appropriately qualified staff and that no early provision ids made for new arrivals seeking a place in Y3 to Y6

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