

County Councillor Report for December 2017

Sidings Development: A planning application has been lodged and I will submit an objection along lines I have shared with local residents via the residents' association; I have also shared this with R+MCC and it is likely that they will also object. I advised the association as follows:

"I would be greatly assisted if you orchestrate a large number of letters of objection (not worded identically) and get together a petition with at least 50 names. This will allow speaking rights at committee for one of you in addition to me (I can speak as County Councillor). The petition (with as many names as possible) will assist greatly in getting it to committee. Last month's planning committee lasted 8 hours so there will be greater reluctance to agree future requests to send matters to committee."

Plasdwr/ Redrow: I stated in my last newsletter that installation of traffic lights at the southern end of Heol Isaf was imminent; I have pressed Cardiff Council and Redrow for details of the plan and interim traffic management. Until I have this (and I have asked 3 times without a proper response), I cannot predict the likely impact on traffic movement but I will object if the proposed regime is not designed to minimise what could be a severe problem. There are several other areas of vagueness involving what Redrow or Cardiff Council will do on the length of Heol Isaf; I will inform residents on both matters as soon as clear and reliable information is given.

Pact matters: the next meeting will be at 7pm in the OCR on Tuesday 16th January

Waste Management: I have reported a significant number of missed collections, particularly of food waste. Cardiff Council is now able to offer a skip hire service (phone 20717501).

School admissions policy: the draft policy is now out for consultation

Noisy Exhaust: I have received a number of complaints about a motor vehicle being driven around with an extremely noisy exhaust. This happens frequently and it is particularly intrusive in the very early morning. If anyone can advise the name and address of the driver, I will pass this to the appropriate authority.

Christmas celebrations: The lighting of Xmas trees was an even greater success this year and grateful thanks are due to R+MCC, RMA, the Alzheimer Society and the many volunteer helpers who assisted. Regrettably, the tree in central Radyr started to lean alarmingly and had to be removed prematurely. A Good New Year to you all

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