

15th August 2013.

Re: Objection to the proposed changes to the Permit Holders Only Zone in Park Road / Park View, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DS. (Zone J).

Dear Mr Bates,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to myself this afternoon with regards the above issue. I hereby enclose a copy of my objection letter submitted to Cheshire East Council, raising my points of concern, so as stated you can forward these to the Congleton Town Council.

Please appreciate that no one is against visitors to the Park or Paddling Pool (and that recent large Park events – ParkLive, Carnivals, etc, have been well managed from residents perspectives) but what we are strongly against (predominantly between April and the end of September with Park and Paddling Pool Visitors but Yearly with Office Workers from Riverside, Meadowside, Dane Housing and the Commercial Operations of Cheshire Electrical, Daneside Theatre, The Pavilion Restaurant, Fellowship House and The Spiritualist Church, all of which the Council have allowed to change use and expand, without appropriate levels of parking of their own) is the inability should the proposed Order go ahead, to be able to leave/return to our properties, for permitted carers to visit the elderly to provide vital care and for visitors, deliveries and trades people to be able to call at properties, as was the case prior to the present Permit Holders Only Bay being created. (Please note, Kinsey Street and West Street residents have the opportunity to park on surrounding roads should they be unable to park in their own street, Park Road residents do not have that choice as there is no legal parking available within ½ mile). This is fully appreciated by the CEC Parking Department and has been so since before 2010 and is why they have continually stated that some appropriate degree of Permit Holder Only parking provision has got to be maintained in Park Road and that a Permit Holders Bay should not be full all the time, because it has to allow for Scratchcard users and displaced permit holders from any shared bay.

Additionally the other major concern is that of Road and Public Safety along Park Road (clearly presented in my attached letter) and our concerns that rather than CTC looking at pushing more traffic along Park Road (a single file, Dead End), in the interest of Public Safety it is felt that CTC should be looking at a more permanent solution to the Park/Paddling Pool seasonal visitor parking problem, by developing an overspill seasonal (for Summer use only) Bark Chip parking area (as seen at many leisure/tourist attractions) adjacent to the Park car park on Hankinson's Field, but accessed from the leisure centre car park. By introducing a nominal parking charge (10 or 20p etc) to Park Car Park users, this would soon recoup the initial financial outlay for its development and maintenance would be kept to a minimum with the yearly spring application of a top dressing of bark, recycled from the towns Christmas trees, hence resolving a parking problem for residents that has rumbled on for years, a

subject that CEC and CTC have to keep revisiting financially and in lost time, a much improved experience and impression for visitors to Congleton and created in both an economically and environmentally sustainable manner.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and the attached letter of objection and for presenting the points raised to the appropriate parties within CTC, for I hope you appreciate that this is not a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) case, but that of residents and visitors co-existing in a practical fashion, whilst also suggesting long term financially viable solutions, which will benefit all involved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Timothy R.D. Brough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr Timothy. RD. Brough. BSc (Hons)

COPY OF LETTER
TO MR. WELCH
CEC.

10th August 2013.

Re: Objection to the proposed changes to the Permit Holders Only Zone in Park Road / Park View, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DS. (Zone J).

Dear Mr Welch,

I am hereby writing to yourself to lodge my **objection** to the above proposed Order change "Park Road (between the entrances to Daneside Theatre and Congleton Park)(actually between 25 Park Road and 12 Park View), from the existing Permit Holders Only waiting restriction to be replaced with Limited Waiting restrictions allowing for up to two hours, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 8pm with no return within two hours (Permit Holders Exempt)"

As a house owner along this stretch of Park Road, who has an elderly relative living in the property and requiring care provision throughout the day, I am sure you appreciate, it is once again with great disappointment that we are having to revisit the topic of the residential parking situation in Park Road/Park View, Congleton, for despite the time and effort of residents, certain Councillors and Cheshire East Council staff, in the form of Three Consultation Exercises, a CEC Residents Meeting at Congleton Town Hall in January 2011, (which acknowledged the priority, extenuating circumstances affecting Park Road residents over that of other Parking Zone streets (eg a 7 day a week problem, especially between April and the end of September, weekend and evening problems during the Theatre production season, significant safety concerns in the road's blind entry/exit, restricted vision single file, two way nature of the road and the use of the road by numerous business' that have no designated or insufficient parking of their own) and the need to implement a parking permit system that worked for residents, (as there is no alternative legal parking available within ½mile, for residents, their carer's, visitors, healthcare professionals, trades personnel, etc)), we now appear to once again, due to the lack of common sense and foresight of CTC, to be back at square one, with a new proposal which is clearly going to be ineffective and unworkable to implement and all this with no resident / permit holder consultation from CEC or CTC, despite trying to open dialogue with both back in November 2012, when these changes were first muted.

After a very constructive meeting in January 2011, all parties (Residents, Councillors and CEC) reached an agreement (compromises been accepted on both sides) and despite the system not becoming live until October 2011 due to legal formalities and plate production issues (hence leaving residents to endure the parking turmoil of summer 2011, compounded by the inappropriate personal intervention of Cllr Domleo (who neither attended the meeting nor consulted his fellow Councillors on matters raised), the system once enforcement was implemented appropriately, proved effective during summer (April to the end of September) of 2012 and has

continued to be effective throughout 2013. This has not only allowed residents (many elderly and infirmed) to be able to leave their homes by day, knowing that on their return they could find some where to park or to be dropped off along the road (there are no other alternatives for them to park legally within ½mile of their houses) but for carers, and healthcare professionals to visit residents and for people who work from home, to be able to undertake their daily business and for local business' (eligible for permits) to operate effectively.

As part of the consultation and residents agreement to enter a Residential Parking Scheme with CEC in the presence of numerous councilors (of both CEC and CTC), it was agreed fully that although the first length of Park Road (from Worrall Street to Daneside Theatre) would be a Shared Bay (Permit Holders and a 2hour free no return within 2hr) parking zone, to not only accommodate resident householders and business' but visitors to nearby local business', Spirtualist Church, Paddling Pool and Congleton Park, etc. The second length (from Daneside Theatre to Congleton Park) was agreed to be Permit Only, allowing appropriate space not only for the permit residents on this stretch but for displaced permit holders from the shared zone, when this is continually occupied by 2hr visitors to the paddling pool, park, local business' etc. As stated earlier this worked effectively during 2012 (April to the end of September) although notably this was a very wet Summer and as a consequence was much quieter than the average but has been essential during this year's (2013) hot summer, as on regular occasions it is common that only one Permitted Resident can obtain a space in the Shared Bay, hence leaving all other permit holders from the whole of Park Road to use the present Permit Holders Only bay. Additionally there have been numerous occasions (in 2012 and 2013) where the sheer volume of visitor's grid locked the area with illegal parking and the need for residents and pedestrians to help direct traffic to aid road safety and the safety of visitor to the CTC/CEC facilities of the Park and Paddling Pool, due to the nature of the single file road, obscured vision along the road, lack of appropriate turning head and most importantly the inadequate Park car park and the fact that many spaces can be occupied by workers and Town Centre visitors/workers avoiding car parking charges within the town.

Hence taking each of my reasons of objection in turn:-

- (1) On the Daneside Theatre to Congleton Park section of Park Road, House No's: 25-37 Park Road (7 Houses) in the Permit Only Zone J, these houses are reliant on on-street Parking on Park Road, as they have no alternative suitable off street parking:

- No 25 – Two Flats – Purchase Scratch Cards for Visitors
- No 27 – Purchase 2 Residents Permits
- No 29 - Elderly Resident – Reliant on Carer's Permit
- No 31 - Non Driver- Purchases Scratch Cards for Relatives /Visitors
- No 33 – Elderly Resident – Reliant on Carer's Permit
- No 35 – Property Undergoing Renovation – Future Permit Application Likely
- No 37 – Young Couple - Property has No Rear Access at all

Hence if the proposed changes go ahead and Park Road becomes totally free parking for up to 2hours for anyone, the parking is going to be totally and continually occupied by visitors to the Park, Paddling Pool (especially from April to the End of September) and workers from/visitors to Riverside, Meadowside, Dane Housing and Fellowship House and shoppers avoiding the Town Centre Pay and Displays, etc (as was the occurrence prior the introduction of the Permit Holder Only bay). Hence where are these Permit Holders/Residents suppose to park?, for they will not be able to leave/return to their properties, plus carer's will not be able to visit, as they will not be able to park and elderly residents will not be able to leave their houses (for

appointments or socially) as they can not be assisted in/out of cars easily in the middle of the road whilst completely obstructing the road (This has to happen on Sundays, because of no Sunday enforcement, whereby elderly residents (90+) and their relatives have to endure torrid abuse from visitors to the area).

(2) The other 6 houses on this section of the road (2 – 12 Park View) are slightly different in that they have longer back yards/gardens and can accommodate a car at their rear, hence the lower uptake of Permits (apart from Carers Permits) and fewer objections at this end of the road. The point worth noting though is that 85% of these residents are over 70+years old and ultimately in time these 3 bedroom properties will be occupied by younger people (as has occurred all along Park Road) hence naturally increasing the demand for Resident On-Street Parking and hence Permits. I appreciate that CTC are not to know peoples specific ages but should be aware of the areas demographics when planning such a scheme/Order! Or am I expecting to much?

(3) From a Highways Safety point of view, Park Road has a blind entry/exit, has a blind bend outside Daneside Theatre, has a limited turning head at the Park entrance (restricted by the parking bay and no Give Way or Yellow lines at car park entry) and when the Parking Bays are occupied is completely single file in its length. This results in vehicles being unable to pass each other and vehicles regularly having to mount the footpaths, which when coupled with the fact that the road can be used by upto 180+ cars/hour in the summer and that it is used by large Commercial Vehicles (to Dane Housing and Cheshire Electrical), Passenger Carrying Vehicles (to the Park and Fellowship House) plus routine delivery vehicles and service vehicles, it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. Residents and pedestrians on numerous occasions during summers have to act as impromptu traffic wardens controlling and directing grid locked traffic in Park Road and hence the purposed order by CTC Councillor's to encourage more traffic down Park Road (a dead end) under the impression that they can park there (the purposed order will not make any significant increase to parking availability, see point 5), shows CTC's lack of common sense, foresight and more importantly shows a complete disregard to public safety. CTC should be encouraging visitors to use the Pay and Display Car Parks on Mountbatten Way and Lower Park Street which are virtually empty and walk (health and wellbeing objective), rather than trying to grid lock narrow residential streets! Or look at the possibility of creating a seasonal overspill car park (bark chip construction, as at other local and regional tourist attractions) on Hankinsons Field (ideally with vehicle access from the Leisure Centre Car Park and a small path to the Park Car Park/ Park Entrance), whilst turning Park Road into residential only or at least to introduce some traffic calming measures, hence improving everyones (visitors to the Park, Paddling Pool and residents) wellbeing and safety.

(4) Additionally on a safety point, the additional traffic created by the purposed Order, would significantly impede any emergency vehicle's access to any incident at the Paddling Pool, on Hankinsons Field, at the Park or at a Residential Property etc. (Note, the Fire Brigade use the River Dane regularly during the Winter for practicing, they don't even venture down Park Road during the summer!), lets hope there are no emergencies! as it will only take one incident at the Paddling Pool, the Park or to a Resident, when an ambulance or fire engine can not reach the scene, before CTC and its Councillors have serious questions to answer.

(5) As stated earlier due to the single file nature of Park Road, if the purposed Order was to go ahead, you would have to lose a space off each end of the Daneside Theatre to Park stretch to aid turning and to allow passing outside Daneside Theatre and you would have to create a passing area (loss of two spaces) along each length of Park Road, hence a total loss of 6 spaces. As there are only 13houses (hence approx 13 spaces) along the Daneside Theatre to Park section of the road the net space gain

of the Order would be 7 spaces but if half these were taken by residents you would be looking at a realistic gain of 3 or 4 Spaces only! Additionally as is fully understood by residents, the present constraints placed on the CEC Parking Enforcement Team means that the Enforcement Officer can only visit the road 3 or 4 times during a shift and even now despite the road been Permit Holders Only, there are numerous illegal parkers (supported by your ticket numbers issued), hence if the road was to become 2hr no return within 2hr, even with a 2hourly logging check by the enforcement officer, people could occupy these additional 3 or 4 spaces for nearly 4hours without receiving a ticket (if they arrived 5mins after the officer had carried out his 2hourly patrol), Hence no significant parking availability or turn over of spaces is going to be created by this change in the Order!, Can CTC Councillor's not see this?

(6) My final concern is why has CTC and CEC chosen to propose an Order affecting both Park Road and Kinsey Street, rather than two separate orders?

Both roads are completely different, not only in the type and size of residential and commercial properties/facilities present on each and the type, frequency and duration of parking on each but from a safety issue Park Road is a Dead End which is Two Way but single file due to the parking bays, with a blind entry/exit, blind corner midway and an insufficient turning head, whilst Kinsey Street is a completely straight road of a One Way nature. Hence whilst it might be appropriate to relax the restrictions on Kinsey Street, any such action on Park Road would have major implications, hence I hope that this joint order is not an excuse for CTC / CEC to force through an inappropriate order on Park Road and its occupants!

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter and for recording my objection to the proposed Order affecting Park Road, Congleton. I hope that common sense and foresite prevails more freely within CEC than would appear within CTC, who appear happy to ride rough shot over residents and house owners for no apparent gain for anyone and that the present working scheme can be allowed to continue without everyone having to continually revisit the same ground over and over again.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Timothy. RD. Brough. BSc (Hons)

Congleton
Cheshire
16th July 2013

Councillor D Murphy
Congleton Town Hall
CONGLETON
Cheshire.



**Safety concerns at Congleton Paddling Pool
and surrounding area**

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to yourself as a mother with two toddlers and on behalf of a group of other mothers who frequently make use of the excellent facility of Congleton Paddling Pool and Congleton Park and are truly grateful for the Councils provision of such facilities.

Unfortunately the success of the paddling pool is its downfall, for the volume of people using the venue and volume of traffic using Park Road is a major safety concern and has a serious accident written all over it, with young unsupervised children continually running into the road and miles to many cars using a narrow residential road. Although it is ideal to have close by parking to the paddling pool/park, Park Road is not suitable for the volume of traffic you are encouraging down there, as it is narrow, single file with blind corners and inadequate places to pass parked vehicles especially when people are obstructing the road unloading their children and I sympathise deeply with the poor residents who have to endure the daily turmoil to get in and out of their houses.

As an individual and as a group we try to either park on Hankinsons Field car park or on the Pay and Display below the Police Station and then walk the short distance to the Paddling Pool/Park and although this is manageable for any parent and child, the condition of the footpaths (full of holes and narrow) make it difficult for buggies, which at busy times are forced into the road (which again is littered with potholes) and have to run the gauntlet of all the traffic.

On visiting on Saturday (13th July) it was notable how much safer and better the whole paddling pool experience was (most people were in agreement), in that the council chose to close Park Road for the Parklive Event in the Park, letting just residents to park in Park Road, leading to a much safer and pleasanter use of the pool and park without the continual threat of a string of traffic blocking the road with no means of passing each

other. Hence for safety of pool and park users and the poor residents, why do you not make it residential parking only, as happens with other councils around their tourist attractions, for this would not only improve safety significantly but the overall experience of visiting the Park and Paddling Pool in general. Additionally the Ice Cream Van that visits the area, although very much appreciated, always parks illegally either in the Residents Only Bay, or in the Private Road, hence leading to children running back and forward across the road opposite the theatre, with numerous near misses happening each day, hence why cant he have a designated spot on the theatre car park, so that the children do not have to cross the road at all, before someone gets seriously hurt.

Finally should an emergency vehicle (Ambulance or Fire Engine) be required in the Park Road area these would have extreme difficulty in accessing the area, which is wholly unacceptable and of significant concern with so many potential locations where they may be needed.

Please for the safety of Paddling Pool and Park users and the residents, will you take note of these points and ensure that they are fully considered by the appropriate council / police departments, because I would not like to think an accident or worst is needed for something to be done, because how the traffic is at this time of year it is only going to be a matter of time before the council has to explain to the public why they have buried their heads and done nothing.

In Hope of Some ACTION,

J. Bailey & Friends

Brian Hogan

From: Congleton Town Council
Sent: 14 August 2013 09:51
To: Brian Hogan; Jackie MacArthur; Mike Smith
Cc: Jackie Potts
Subject: FW: The Rural Fair Share Petition
Attachments: Final Petition form.doc

For your information

From: Richard Inman [mailto:richard.inman@congleton.gov.uk]
Sent: 14 August 2013 09:47
To: Richard Inman
Subject: The Rural Fair Share Petition

Dear Local Council Colleagues,

The Rural Services Network (RSN) is a membership organisation devoted to safeguarding and improving services in rural communities across England. Last year our work with MPs, on behalf of our member authorities, managed to secure an improved financial settlement for rural authorities.

RSN believes that the government needs to further improve on their settlement for rural local authorities, giving rural areas a fairer slice of the funding cake in the future. Our 'Rural Fair Share Campaign' aims to send a clear message to the Government from all rural areas in England that the current funding system is unfair, rural areas are losing out on essential funding to deliver services to rural communities. This year, the Rural Fair Share Campaign is giving your council the chance to lend your voice to this argument by signing a petition to be championed by your local MP at parliament.

The Rural Fair Share Campaign is comprised of over 100 cross-party MPs from rural areas, all aiming to ensure public services at all levels in rural areas receive a fair share of Government Funding, including Local Government Funding. You may have already heard from your local MP and/or your local authority regarding this campaign.

I have attached a copy of the petition to this letter. This is a petition process under the relevant parliamentary procedures and has to be in the name of parliamentary constituencies. To find out your constituency please visit this website: <http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/>. Due to this particular petition process as defined by parliament, we are unfortunately unable to host online petitions and these petitions must be printed and posted back to the address below.

How can you help?

We would be grateful if you could help us in our mission to get as many petitions signed as possible.

We would appreciate it if you could:

- 1) Print a copy of the petition, with your relevant parliamentary constituency added within the relevant box. Encourage your Councillors to sign the petition and to get as many of your local community to sign the petition as possible. The petition can be photocopied, but all should have the name of your parliamentary constituency area written at the top. PLEASE NOTE- photocopies of a completed petition with signatures will not be accepted by the House of Commons. The signatures must be original.

- 2) The signed petition/s should be returned to the Chair of the Rural Fair Share Campaign, Graham Stuart MP, by 30th September 2013. (Address details below). His office will then arrange for them to be forwarded appropriately to the relevant MPs.
- 3) Please do not send them directly to your local MP, they need to be collated and organised centrally. The original copy of the petition must be sent back.

The petitions for each constituency will be handed to the House by a parliamentary procedure across the floor of the House, seeking to involve as many relevant rural MPs as possible, in the first part of October.

This petition is just part of the planned parliamentary activity to ensure fair funding for rural areas. We appreciate that this process itself cannot prevent the planned cuts, however at a time when more savage cuts will have to be made on top of those already introduced, we seek to achieve a more realistic balance in relation to rural and urban areas.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this process, if you have any queries please contact us at petition@sparse.gov.uk or please visit: <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/parliamentary/rural-fair-share-petition>

Yours sincerely,

Graham Biggs

Chief Executive
The Rural Services Network

Petitions should be forwarded to:

**The Rural Fair Share Campaign
c/o Graham Stuart MP
House of Commons
Room 348
Portcullis House
London
SW1A 0AA**

RURAL FAIR SHARE

To the House of Commons

The Petition of the residents of [enter your Parliamentary constituency name here]

Declares that the petitioners believe that the Local Government Finance Settlement is unfair to rural communities; notes that the Rural Penalty sees urban areas receive 50% more support per head than rural areas despite higher costs in rural service delivery; and opposes the planned freezing of this inequity in the 2013/14 settlement for six years until 2020.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the Government to reduce the Rural Penalty in staged steps by at least 10% by 2020.

And the Petitioners remain, etc.

Name	Address	Signature

Please return by **Monday 30th September** to 'The Rural Fair Share campaign', c/o Graham Stuart MP at House of Commons, Room 348, Portcullis House, London, SW1A 0AA

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL: VOLUNTEERS POLICY

(Adopted by Council on 23rd September 2010)

Congleton Town Council is a local Council.

VISION: A flagship town, vibrant, enterprising and sustainable, which is as attractive to visitors, investors and workers, as it is to live in

MISSION: To deliver the strong governance and community leadership required to preserve and enhance the quality of life for Congleton residents.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. An active and engaged community.
2. A sustainable environment.
3. A celebrated and protected heritage
4. A strong and diverse economy.
5. Operational quality

OUR CORE VALUES: The principles by which we will operate the Council are:

- Democracy and openness
- Equality
- Working with others
- Value for money

Accordingly Congleton Town Council involve volunteers to:

- Increase our contact with the local community we serve
- Help ensure our services reflect the needs of our community
- Increase skills, experience, perspectives and diversity in the workplace.

We will ensure that volunteers feel part of the Town Council structure by enabling them to contribute to our ongoing development. We will have systems in place to involve volunteers in staff information sessions, and regular supervision.

Congleton Town Council does not aim to introduce volunteers to replace paid staff. We expect that staff at all levels will work positively with any volunteers and where appropriate, will actively seek to involve them in their work.

We acknowledge that volunteers require satisfying work and personal development and will seek to help volunteers meet these needs, as well as providing training for them to do their role effectively.

Volunteers may come through the Congleton District Community Action (CDVA), direct from the community or be students from a local educational institute.

Guidelines:

The following guidelines deal with practical aspects of volunteering with the Town Council. More information can be found in the Volunteers Handbook together with copies of policies mentioned here.

Recruitment:

All prospective volunteers will be interviewed to find out what they would like to do, their skills, suitability and how best their potential might be realised.

Volunteer Agreement and Task Descriptions

Each volunteer will have an agreement establishing what Congleton Town Council undertakes to provide for them. Also volunteers will be asked to agree to a written outline of the specific work they will be undertaking. Neither of these documents is intended to form a contract. Congleton Town Council has no intention of creating a contract with any volunteers. Each volunteer will also receive a Volunteers' Handbook

Expenses

Volunteers working a minimum of five hours per day will be able to claim expenses for lunch this would be paid against a receipt and no more than £3.50. Travel expenses carried out on behalf of the Town Council would also be met.

Induction and training

All volunteers will receive an induction into Congleton Town Council and their own area of work. Training will be provided as appropriate. Where possible, volunteers will be entitled to receive additional training on the same basis as paid staff.

Support

All volunteers will have a named person as their main point of contact. They will be provided with regular supervision to feed back on progress, discuss future development and air any problems.

The Volunteer's Voice

Volunteers are encouraged to express their views about matters concerning Congleton Town Council and its work to staff and councilors to their main point of contact.

Insurance

All volunteers are covered by Congleton Town Council's insurance policy whilst they are on the premises or engaged in any work on our behalf.

Health and Safety

Volunteers are covered by Congleton Town Council's Health and Safety Policy, a copy of which will be provided to each volunteer. Volunteers will be made aware of the Council's Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy and Procedures and where necessary CRB checks, registration and train will be undertaken.

Equal Opportunities

Congleton Town Council operates an Equality Policy in respect of both paid staff and volunteers. A copy will be provided. Volunteers will be expected to have an understanding of and commitment to our equal opportunities policy.

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

If the volunteer is to work in a regulated activity within the Council, the Council will carry out CRB checks and ensure the volunteer is registered with the ISA. The Council has a Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy which will be made available to you.

Problem Solving

We aim to identify and solve problems at the earliest possible stage. A procedure has been drawn up for dealing with complaints either by or about volunteers. A copy of the procedure is included in the Volunteers Handbook.

Confidentiality

Volunteers will be bound by the same requirements for confidentiality as paid staff.

Denis Murphy

From: [redacted]
To: <denismurphy@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 08 August 2013 17:28
Subject: map

Denis

Following the short chat, here is a shorter email. I hope it makes sense, I'm in a rush.

I am thinking of doing two maps.

Please convey the gist of this to CTC in case anyone is planning anything similar (don't think they are) and because I need help.

1. Footpaths

In the latest On Your Doorstep (a visitor guide we produce) is a walk around the loop of Priestly Fields / Lamberts Lane and out to Astbury / on the canal and out to Biddulph Valley Way.

It's a little hard to follow without a map so I propose to do a walking map to hand out free to visitors and others. It would be a folded up sort of thing.

I need a good name for the walk - I would like to think we could create a proper, named walk that will become known and lasting (especially if the housing plans near Canal Street and down are rejected).

There are several themes to go at. Obviously the Cannibal Trail would be one, after the famous Astbury cannibal. Or the Priest's Walks. Or something to link pagans and canals/railways.

Any ideas welcome.

Also, any advice over anything CTC might be planning to record the heritage of that side of town so we don't duplicate each other.

2. Town Centre

The TIC has not really got a decent, free, foldable (ie pocket size) map so I plan to do one.

I could try and sell adverts on it but that narrows down which businesses go on (ie limited to them that pay).

It would be better if I listed every business / shop in the town centre, which means I won't get any revenue. I just wondered if this is something that CTC would be able to help fund? In the interest of honesty, I'd pay for it anyway and use it as promotion for the Chron.

I'd like to know your thoughts on these two ideas.

PLEASE NOTE: I'm very busy and work long hours and these ideas are still in the planning stage! They won't be done next week.

Regards

Jeremy

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Brian Hogan

From: Russell Thomas <russell.thomas@cheshire.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 06 August 2013 19:39
To: Brian Hogan
Cc: John Dwyer; Paul Bates
Subject: RE: Stonehouse green car park problem ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]~

Brian
Thanks for the below.
We are indeed aware of the issues surrounding this area.
We are already looking into ways of dealing with this, which include placing the Cheshire East CCTV van (which we borrow as often as possible) in the car park. It proved very successful this weekend and we will continue to deploy this as often as possible.
We are carrying out regular patrols and it is one of our target areas.
However, in the long term, this needs resolving by the owners of the car park, Cheshire East Council. I have already been in contact with the car parks manager, Paul Burns and have arranged to meet up with him. I have suggested a barrier or even a speed hump may assist .. I will let you know the outcome!
Please encourage anyone who does complain about this area, to report it not only to us, but also Cheshire East Council, as they could easily solve this problem at relatively low cost by restricting access to the car park in the evenings/overnight.
PCSO Rhys Davey is going to visit the writer and advise him.
Thanks

Regards

Russell Thomas (SGT 2440)

Congleton Police Station
Market Square
Congleton
CW12 1EU
Phone: 101 Ext 3540

From: Brian Hogan [<mailto:bh@congletontowncouncil.co.uk>]
Sent: 06 August 2013 08:38
To: Russell Thomas
Subject: FW: Stonehouse green car park problem

Russ,

You may already have a copy of the enclosed letter to the Police Commissioner, but, can you let me know what action can be taken to mitigate the problem

Thanks

Brian

----- Original Message -----

From: Jackie Potts
To: Paul Bates (paul@jigsawrtm.co.uk)
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 11:09 AM
Subject: Stonehouse green car park problem

Hi Paul

John Dwyer, Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Cheshire Constabulary Headquarters

Clemonds Hey

Oakmere Road

Winsford

CW7 2UA

1st August 2013

Dear Sir



Re: - Public Nuisance on Stonehouse Green Car Park

I would like to make you aware of the public nuisance that is happening on the above car park from most evenings until early morning.

It is becoming a regular occurrence that most nights gangs of mostly lads come to this car park in their cars or on their motorbikes who race up and down creating noise, revving their engines, playing football on the end wall or just shouting, these instances can go on until the early hours of the mornings before they speed of the car park with deafening noise.

Due to the Council having the car park floodlit it is a regular meeting place for them, when passing the car park it appears the general public do not park on this car park after the shops have closed probably due to the above occurrences, I am aware that there have been several recent instances where it has been reported to the police to come and move the gangs and cars on, but it appears that it is still happening most nights, example on most nights this week there were numerous cars / motorbikes on the car park engines revving and some doing wheel spins and this goes on into the early hours of the morning creating disturbance and excessive noise, without respect for our private and family life, before they all race off creating a terrific noise, after leaving litter on the car park which the council worker has to clean up in the morning.

I would be grateful if you could please inform me of what action you plan to carry out to stop this public nuisance happening every night, would it not be possible for a barrier to be erected and controlled by the Council and / or regular Police patrols each night, I have heard that these gangs have already been moved from Tesco / Macdonald's, car parks.

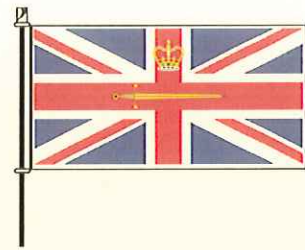
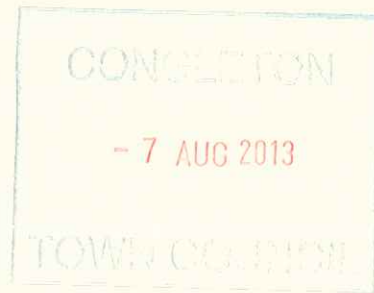
Yours Faithfully

C.c David Whatton Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary

Congleton Town Councillor Paul Bates

Cheshire Lieutenancy

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LL/RR

6 August 2013

Dear Brian

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 10 NOVEMBER 2013

I am writing on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant to enquire whether the Town Council would be willing to involve the Cheshire Lieutenancy once again this year at your local Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November?

If possible, it would be helpful to have your reply by mid-September so that we can make an assessment of how many Deputy Lieutenants might be required to be "on duty" on that day around the County.

Kind regards

Robin Roberts

The observations given below are from a historian's perspective. It is recommended that Counsels opinion should be sort as to clearly identify the correct legal position.

The George IV Charter or Licence in Mortmain does not contain any references relating to the then Council have jurisdiction over any neighbouring communities wishing to establish a market.

It deals solely with the granting of powers to purchase property to establish a market place to enable the market to be relocated from the main streets of the town.

The Henry de Lacy Charter makes no reference to a right to hold a market. It would be difficult to see, even if there was a specific mention of market how this Charter could have effect outside the town, as it was a manorial charter given by de Lacy as Lord of the Manor. The Authority to grant such a charter to his manors is referred to as follows 'by virtue of a charter grant and confirmation of liberties to our Boroughs, which we have from our Lord the King'.

The Borough Charters were effectively the equivalent of our modern terms of reference for committee etc. They set out the composition, officers, method of election and powers of the Council and whilst the content of such charters may be similar to a range of towns across the country, they were made as specific grants often in response to petitions and usually on the payment of a fee.

This method of establishing local government was swept away with the passing of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835. This established electoral wards a property qualification for voting, the basis for our current system.

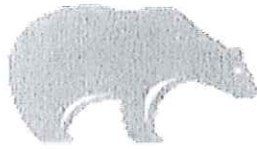
With regard to who has current jurisdiction over the town market this would depend upon what happened in respect of the transfer of powers following the 1974 re-organisation of local government. My recollection is that Congleton Town Council was not established until some years after the creation of the Congleton District Council if this proved to be the case then on re-organisation in 1974 all powers would by default have passed to the successor Council and any return of a function to the new Town Council would only have taken place under a specific agreement to do so.

Ian Doughty



LICENCE OF ALIENATION OF MORTMAIN
18TH AUGUST 1825

George the Fourth by the Grace of God of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and King defender of the faith To all whom these Presents shall come Greeting **Whereas** the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Congleton in the County of Chester have by their petition humbly represented unto us that by Charter or Letters patent under the Great Seal of England bearing date the twenty third day of January in the twenty sixth year of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth [1584] and also by Charter or Letters patent bearing date the nineteenth day of January in the twenty second year of King James the first [1624/5] It was (amongst other things) granted by the first mentioned Charter that by the name of the Mayor and Commonality of the Town of Congleton they Should be for ever persons capable in law to have and possess lands Tenements Liberties privileges Jurisdictions franchises and hereditaments of what price soever to themselves and their successors in fee by the name aforesaid and by the second mentioned charter it was (amongst other things) granted that they by the name of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Congleton in the County of Chester should be one body corporate and politic in deed fact and name and by the same name have perpetual succession and should be for ever persons in the law capable to have and possess manors messuages lands tenements liberties privileges jurisdictions franchises and other hereditaments whatsoever and of what kind soever to them or their successors in fee and perpetuity and for a term of life lived or years or by any other means whatsoever **That** by both the abovementioned Charters or Letters patent power and authority were granted to the said Mayor and Commonality and Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of instituting and establishing useful and necessary laws and orders for the good rule and government of the said Borough and the officers Servants and inhabitants of the same and after what manner they should behave carry and demean themselves in their offices trades and Businesses for the further public good common advantage and good government thereof and for the victualling of the same and all other matters and causes whatsoever touching or in any wise concerning the said Borough **That** at the time of the date and granting of both the above named Letters patent there was a public market in the said Borough and which Market was and now continues to be held in one of the public streets and highways of the said borough **That** the population of the Borough of Congleton formally amounted to less than one third of its present population which now consists of upwards of Seven thousand and is still rapidly increasing and a better accommodation for a Market or Markets is indisputably necessary the numerous Stalls or standings in the present Market occasioned by the great increase of population being a great nuisance and dangerous to the inhabitants of the said Borough and our subjects passing through the same on the market day **That** the petitioners relying on the Licence contained in the beforementioned Charters in this Behalf have lately concluded a purchase of certain premises lying contiguous to the public Market place with a view to the enlargement and improvement thereof at the price of seven hundred and fifty pounds and upon the Scite of the said premises so purchased a new Market house and other conveniences have been erected and built by Sir Edmund Antrobus Baronet at the expense of upwards of Two Thousand



pounds and presented as a Gift by him to the petitioners for the better accommodation of the Market **That** the petitioners have also contracted for the purchase of certain other premises Dwelling houses and lands for the purpose of a further enlargement of the said market and of making numerous other improvements in the said Borough on account of the aforesaid increased and increasing population at several sums of money amounting in the whole to Two thousand and eight hundred pounds which contracts the petitioners are also desirous of completing for the purpose above mentioned **That** the petitioners have not any other licence for purchasing and holding the said several premises in Mortmain than that which is contained in the aforesaid charters or Letters patent The petitioners therefore most humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant them a remission of the forfeiture which may have been incurred (if any forfeiture had been incurred) of the said several premises by the petitioners or any of their predecessors by reason of their having purchased or taken and held the same without any other licence than that contained in the aforesaid Letters patent and to grant to them Your Majesty's Royal Licence and permission to hold the same several premises forhenceforth in Mortmain with liberty to alien, sell and dispose of the same or any of them and they shall think fit and upon their so doing to take hold and enjoy other lands tenements and hereditaments in lieu of those so aliened and disposed of being of equal value **Now know ye** that we of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion have remitted and released and by these presents for us our heirs and successors **Do** remit and release unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Congleton in the County of Chester their successors **All** forfeitures Informations Suites Claims and Demands whatsoever which have accrued or may or might accrue to us our heirs and successors or which we our heirs or successors can or may or could or might have or be entitled to by reason or on account of the purchasing acquiring taking or holding in Mortmain by the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses or any of their predecessors of the lands tenements or hereditaments contiguous to the public Market place in the Borough of Congleton aforesaid lately purchased by them the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses at or for the price or sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds and the messuages or Market [house] and buildings and built thereon or any of them or any part or parts thereof respectively with their or any of their appurtenances without having previously obtained the licence in that behalf of us or of any of our royal predecessors or by reason or on account of any matter cause or thing in anywise relating thereto **And further know ye** that we of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion **Have** given and granted and by these presents for us our heirs and successors **Do** give and grant unto the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses and their successors Our especial licence full power and lawful and absolute authority to hold in Mortmain in perpetuity or otherwise or to the use of them the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses and their successors the said lands tenements and hereditaments so lately purchased by them the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and aforesaid and the said Messuage or Market house and buildings and built thereon and every of them and every part and parts thereof respectively with their and every of their appurtenances and also to purchase and acquire at or for any prices or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum Two thousand eight hundred pounds and to take and hold in Mortmain to or to the use of them the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses



and their successors in perpetuity or otherwise for the purpose of enlarging the Market in the said Borough or otherwise improving the said Borough any other messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever **And likewise** in case of the sale or alienation by the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses or their successors of all or any of the messuages buildings lands tenements or encroachments lately purchased or acquired by the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses as aforesaid or which may be purchased or acquired by the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses or their Successors under or by virtue of the Licence hereinbefore contained or expressed or of all or any other messuages buildings lands tenements or hereditaments of or to which the said Mayor Alderman and Burgesses or their successors are or may be at any time hereafter sized possessed or entitled to purchase acquire take and hold in Mortmain in perpetuity or otherwise to or to the use of the said and Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors any messuages buildings lands tenements or hereditaments not exceeding in value the messuages buildings lands tenements or hereditaments which shall have been sold or aliened by them as aforesaid **And We Do** by these presents for us our heirs and successors give and grant unto all and every person and persons bodies politic and corporate (otherwise competent) our especial Licence full power and lawful and absolute authority to grant bargain sell alien convey and dispose of in Mortmain at or for any prices or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two thousand and eight hundred pounds to or to the use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors in perpetuity or otherwise for the purpose of enlarging the Market in the said Borough or otherwise improving the said Borough any messuages lands tenements or hereditaments whatsoever **And likewise** in case of such sale or Alienation by the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses or their successors as hereinbefore is mentioned to grant bargain sell alien convey and dispose of in Mortmain in perpetuity or otherwise to the use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors any messuages buildings land tenements or hereditaments not exceeding in value the messuages buildings lands tenements or hereditaments which shall have been sold or aliened by them as aforesaid **And Lastly We Do** by these presents for us our heirs and successors grant unto the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors that these our Letters patent or the inrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in and by all things good firm valid sufficient and effectual in the Law according to the time intent and according thereof Notwithstanding their ill naming or not naming or not describing the messuages buildings lands tenements or hereditaments lately purchased or acquired by the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses as aforesaid or which may be purchased or acquired by them or their successors under or by virtue of the Licence in these presents contained or expressed or any of them or any part or parts thereof respectively or any missrecital nonrecital or other omission defect matter cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding **In Witness** whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent **Witness** ourselves at our palace at Westminster this eighteenth day of August in the sixth year of our Reign

By Writ of Privy Seal

Scott

The Charter of Henry de Lacy

(Translation reprinted from 'History of Congleton' edited by W.B.Stephens; Manchester University Press 1970)

Know all men present and future that we Henry Lacy, earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester, have given conceded and by this our present charter confirmed for us and our heirs to the free burgesses of Congleton that the aforesaid town shall be a free borough and that our burgesses of the same town have for evermore a merchant guild with all liberties and free customs to a guild of this kind belonging, they shall also have common pasture for all their animals and herds everywhere in the territory of Congleton, and they shall be quit of pannage, however many pigs they may have within the bounds of Congleton, and that, by virtue of a charter of grant and confirmation of liberties to our boroughs which we have from our lord the king, they are absolved forever through all places of Cheshire whether by land or by water under the guard and protection of us and our heirs with all their merchandise from toll, stallage, passage, pontage, lastage, and murage, and from all other impediments which affect merchandise except from reasonable fines if they do transgress, and that they shall not be impleaded nor judged for any pleas concerning their lands or tenements nor concerning any plea for trespass done within the limits of the town aforesaid without their own proper borough, and that if any of them incur an amercement before judgement by default, twelve pence shall not be exceeded, and, after judgement, a reasonable amercement according to the extent of the offence, and that they grind their grain at our mill of Congleton, on payment of the twentieth grain, so long as the mill is sufficient, and that our burgesses aforesaid may elect for themselves henceforth a mayor and catchpoll and ale-tasters and shall present them in the sitting of our great court on the Tuesday next after the feast of St. Michael and our bailiff shall administer to them an oath of faithful service to their lord and community, also we will and concede for us and our heirs and assigns that the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and assigns may have and hold peacefully and quietly for ever their burgages and the lands belonging to their burgages and also the lands which can be approved and let at rent within the lordship aforesaid by the oath of the aforesaid burgesses without damage to their liberties and their right of common aforesaid, namely, sixpence for each burgage and twelpence for each acre at the usual rent terms of the said town, and that they make three appearances at our court yearly at fixed times but that if a writ of right is current in our court they shall make suit from fortnight to fortnight for all other services and demands, and that they may lawfully sell, give, and mortgage, or in any way alienate at their will their burgages and lands aforesaid except to men of religion, and that if the bailiffs of the same town take any felon they shall if they will keep him in the stocks for three days and afterwards they shall deliver him at our castle of Halton with the chattels found on him saving to them the fee pertaining to the sergeancy.

And we the aforesaid Henry and our heirs will warrant acquit and defend forever all the aforesaid liberties burgages lands and tenants with the appurtenances and with free usages of the town to the aforesaid burgesses their heirs and assigns against all men. In witness thereof to this charter we have appended our seal. John Deyville, William de Vavasour, Robert de Stokeport, Geffry de Chedle, knights, Ranulph de Rode, Gralam de Tideby, Bertram de Saxeby, Vincent de Wombwell, Gervase the clerk, and others.

Bus service changes in Congleton

Local bus services will be changing on 1 September. Bakerbus has decided to withdraw the majority of their routes in and around Congleton on that date. These routes – operated without subsidy from Cheshire East Council – will instead now be operated by D&G Bus and High Peak Travel.

The services affected are the 76, 90, 91, and 95 – which serve Congleton town, Bromley Estate, Mossley, Banky Fields and West Heath; and the X38, 93 and 99 services – which serve Biddulph / Biddulph Moor, Congleton and Macclesfield.

Cllr David Topping, Portfolio Holder for Environment on Cheshire East Council and Ward Member for Congleton West, said:

"I was concerned to hear that Bakerbus has decided to deregister or modify their registrations in the Congleton area. I know how valuable the bus services are to local residents, and their loss would be a great blow to the town. It was very good news to learn that officers of the council and other local bus companies have been able to quickly step in to ensure there will be no break in service. All credit to D&G and High Peak, both of whom managed to register the services promptly so that local people will still be able to travel."

David Reeves, Managing Director of D&G Bus, said:

"I am pleased that we will now be operating in the Congleton area. The company has made substantial investment in South Cheshire of late, and extending our services into Congleton was the next logical step. I look forward to welcoming our new customers and hope to build on the solid support local buses have in the area. We are in the process of updating our timetable booklets and making sure our drivers are familiar with the routes so that we are ready to offer our services from 1 September."

New timetables are scheduled to be available from Congleton Library and Town Hall from Monday 19th August.

Further information can be found by calling Cheshire Traveline on 01244 972666 8am – 8pm 7 days a week.

In other transport news, the council has recently awarded a new contract for the provision of flexible transport to D&G Bus. The service is aimed at anyone who struggles to use public transport – whether due to age, infirmity, disability or lack of access to suitable public transport. The transport has to be pre-booked at least 24 hours in advance, and is free to use by anyone who holds a concessionary bus pass. To enquire about the service or to make a booking, contact the booking line on 0845 077 9110, between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday.

Chris Williams
Transport Manager
Cheshire East Council

Bus Passenger Notice

Congleton Bus Service Changes from 1st September 2013

There will be major changes to bus services in Congleton from 1st September 2013.

bakerbus have registered to withdraw all their services except for part of the 99, 99B service which will continue to serve Biddulph – Congleton and Buglawton with some journeys to Macclesfield. Most journeys to / from Macclesfield have been withdrawn.

As a result of these changes D&G Bus and High Peak have registered the following services to replace most of those withdrawn by bakerbus, subject to Traffic Commissioner approval:

- 90 D&G Congleton - Bromley Estate
- 91 D&G Congleton - Mossley Circular
- 42 D&G Crewe - Leighton Hospital - Holmes Chapel – Congleton – diverted to serve West Heath via (Cumberland Rd, Chestnut Rd, Sycamore Ave, Delamere Rd) to replace withdrawn bakerbus X38, 93 West Heath journeys.
- 77 D&G Congleton - Kidsgrove – diverted to serve Padgbury Lane, Ullswater Road and Sandbach Road.
- 76 D&G Congleton - Banky Fields - The Westlands - Congleton – part replacement for the withdrawn bakerbus 76 service. Serves Banky Fields and The Westlands in opposite direction to previous service. See revised 77 for Ullswater Road replacement.
- 36 D&G Crewe - Haslington - Sandbach – new service part replacing the withdrawn bakerbus X38 service. Will serve Haslington, Primrose Avenue on all journeys.
- 39 High Peak Macclesfield – Buglawton – Congleton
- X38 passengers can use the existing 38 service to / from Crewe, Sandbach and Congleton.

Further details can be found via:

Cheshire Traveline
0845 140 2666

(open 7 days a week
8am to 8pm)

or

D&G Bus
01270 252 970

High Peak
0843 5236 036

bakerbus
01782 522 101

Further Information
can be found online:

cheshireeast.gov.uk
or via the QR code:



Brian Hogan

From: Congleton Town Council
Sent: 22 July 2013 10:04
To: Brian Hogan; Jackie MacArthur; Mike Smith
Subject: FW: Congleton Bus Service Changes from 1st September 2013
Attachments: Congleton Notice.doc; ATT00001.txt

From info Mailbox

From: GREENING, Nick [<mailto:Nick.Greening@cheshireeast.gov.uk>]
Sent: 22 July 2013 09:29
To: Congleton Town Council
Subject: Congleton Bus Service Changes from 1st September 2013

Hi Jackie,

As discussed:

Please find information below on the bus service changes affecting Congleton from 1st September:

There will be major changes to the bus network in Congleton from 1st September 2013 as a result of bakerbus withdrawing most of their commercial network.

As a result of these changes D&G Bus and High Peak have registered new services to replace some of those withdrawn by bakerbus on a commercial basis, subject to Traffic Commissioner approval, with the Councils supported 42 and 77 services rerouted to cover West Heath and Ullswater Road.

Please see attached Passenger Notice for Congleton explaining the changes in more detail.

Information will be published on the Councils and D&G's website over the next few days along with notices at the bus station and library to keep passengers informed about the changes.

Passengers can call the Cheshire Traveline or bus operators direct to find out how their journey will be affected and to get the new times using the numbers below:

- Cheshire Traveline 0845 140 2666 (open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm) – for all bus and train times
- D&G Bus 01270 252 970
- High Peak 0843 5236 036
- Bakerbus 01782 522 101

Please let me know if you require any more information,

Regards Nick

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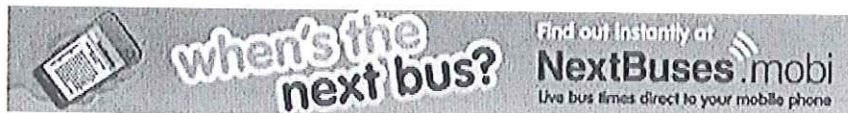
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FIONA BRUCE MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr B Hogan
Town Clerk – Congleton Town Council
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Congleton, CW12 1BN

15 July 2013

Our Ref: C/FB/HC

Please quote the reference on any correspondence

Dear Brian

Please find enclosed copy letter of 3rd July which I have received from Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, regarding the Community Assets Fund which I thought you and the Town Council may be interested in.

If I can be of any support regarding a future application to the Fund please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Bruce MP
Member of Parliament for the Congleton Constituency
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03 July 2013

Dear Colleague,

Earlier this month, at the first G8 event on social investment, the Prime Minister announced that the social investment bank Big Society Capital and the Big Lottery Fund are developing a £50 million Community Assets Fund.

The Community Assets Fund aims to provide a blend of grants and loans to help communities through the phases of local ownership. It will mean community groups will be able to explore the feasibility of projects without incurring major debts if they decide not to proceed. At the same time, long term loans will be available to those that do go ahead – attracting further funding from local authorities, philanthropists and Local Enterprise Partnerships.

For example, Fenham Swimming pool in Newcastle closed in 2003 despite local opposition. It was revived by the community with investment from Big Society Capital enabling them to install solar panels to heat the pool, reduce their running costs and make it financially viable as a community centre. With the Community Assets Fund, projects like this will be possible in every community across England.

The Fund is part of long-term commitment by Big Society Capital and the Big Lottery Fund to provide a quarter of a billion pounds over the rest of this decade to help communities with ambitions to own local assets like pubs, shops, community centres and affordable housing. The full details of the fund are being developed over the coming months, with the aim that it will be open for business next year.

The Prime Minister announced two other measures last week to further incentivise social investments. These included a consultation on a new Social Investment Tax Relief and the launch of a Social Stock Exchange. This platform showcases publicly-listed social impact businesses, including those listed on the London Stock Exchange,

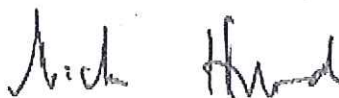
making it easier for people to consider the social as well as the financial impact of their investments.

Alongside the G8 event, Government has published a progress update on our wider social investment strategy. This sets out both the actions taken by Government and the wider sector over the past 12-18 months, and some indicators of what's happening in the market as a result.

The report is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/growing-the-social-investment-market-a-vision-and-strategy.

We hope that these actions, along with those in the wider sector, continue the positive momentum of market growth, and support its end goal – making it easier for charities and social enterprises to access long term, affordable finance.

Yours Sincerley,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Hurd', with a stylized, cursive script.

NICK HURD

Brian Hogan

From: Paul Bates <paul@jigsawrtm.co.uk>
Sent: 16 July 2013 17:39
To: Brian Hogan
Cc: Bob Edwards
Subject: Fw: TRAFFIC - HOWEY LANE

Can we do this is highways at planning.
Thanks
Paul.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mrs J Shatwell
To: paul@jigsawrtm.co.uk
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 12:59 PM
Subject: TRAFFIC - HOWEY LANE

Hello Paul,

I am very concerned about the number of heavy goods vehicles constantly coming up and down Howey Lane. As you probably know, this is a very narrow road and we already have a major problem with cars parking - even more so since the introduction of parking charges!

I realise that the lorries etc. are to do with the development at the top end of Tudor Way but they are up and down what seems to be every 5 mins and not slowly either which is very dangerous as the road is congested at the best of times. In fact, a few weeks ago the road was totally gridlocked due to inconsiderate parking and the police were called to tow away some vehicles.

These big lorries are mounting the kerbs and are damaging trees and bushes at the roadside. I am fortunate enough to have a drive but take my life in my hands when exiting. The other day I came head on with one of these lorries coming down Howey Lane and only avoided a collision by swerving into Priestly Court. I feel it is only a matter of time before there is an accident. The road is used by mothers taking young children to Daven and Marlfields Schools often with youngsters in pushchairs and I dread to think what could happen if one of these lorries came round the bend on the pavement if children were present.

I think the company is WJ Earthmovers along with several cement tankers.

I realise that there is probably little that can be done but Howey Lane is such a lovely quiet area which is how being spoilt by lorries thundering up and down and I felt it should be brought to someone's attention.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Kind Regards,



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Fax: 01260 297340

To all Patients

Re: Money and the Clinical Commissioning Group

You will have heard that from 1st April this year all local health services will be managed by the new Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group [ECCCG] based in Macclesfield. We are one of 22 practices in the CCG. The CCG has the responsibility for spending the £221.5 million budget on purchasing all the drugs and medical care for the Eastern Cheshire population. The government had promised that by giving control of the budget to local doctors and patients we would improve services which would be better targeted. The old Primary Care Trust [PCT] which had this responsibility until April had always been under funded in comparison with other PCTs in the North West and similar PCTs nationally. We had expected a new funding formula for CCGs which would take account of the proportion of elderly patients in the population and fund our CCG more equitably. A formula was proposed but the government rejected it and has continued to use the old one to calculate CCG budgets. Eastern Cheshire has a large population of elderly patients, many in nursing homes, who have a high use of medical and social services. The current government formula takes little account of this, considering other factors far more important.

The consequence is that our CCG will receive an average of approximately £1000 per head of population. We have the lowest funding of ALL the CCGs in the Northwest, some of whom have 50% more money per capita (ie £1500 per head of population). Our budget for one year is £221.5million. We start the year with a projected overspend of £12.5million based on past year budgets and historical spend. We are required to produce a balanced budget at the end of year 1. This is a tall order and very serious.

The options are:

1. Major change in the way in which GP and hospital services operate, which will mean alterations to service provision.
2. To overspend and be deemed to have failed, with the prospect of control of the CCG being taken over by commercial accountants who will cut services to balance the books.

This situation is grossly unfair. Our CCG has appealed to the government but without success. The CCG board will continue to fight our case, but will also have their energy directed at commissioning medical services which is their primary purpose.

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A simple example illustrates the situation. If you move a few miles into the Stockport or South Manchester CCG areas you will immediately have more money allocated to your healthcare. Can your MP explain why our government is spending less on your healthcare than your neighbours in Stockport, Manchester, Liverpool etc when you pay the same rates of income tax, National Insurance, VAT as everyone else?

Perhaps you would like to consider asking your MP to justify this situation which clearly has significant implications to the healthcare offered in eastern cheshire?

Yours faithfully

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