

Town Clerk

To: Pauline Dee
Subject: RE: Enquiry - Overfields Farm, Ellesmere Road, Wem and Parking outside Ellesmere Road cottages.

From: Pauline Dee <pauline.dee@shropshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 13 August 2018 09:54

To: Victoria Merrill <victoria.merrill@shropshire.gov.uk>

Cc: Steven Brown <steven.brown@shropshire.gov.uk>; Steve Davenport <steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk>; Victoria Doran <victoria.doran@shropshire.gov.uk>; David Gradwell <david.gradwell@shropshire.gov.uk>; Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>; Chris Mellings <chris.mellings@shropshire.gov.uk>

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I am very concerned that the requests from Shropshire Councillors is not enough to instigate the process for the safety of our residents. I have brought this to the attention of officers for several years and I am sure that over the years so has Wem Town Council.

This is the first time that Wem Town Council has not met in August but I am sure it will be on the Agenda for the September meeting.

Kind regards

Pauline

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Shropshire Councillor for Wem Urban, Wem Rural and Whixall
Wem Town Councillor for the East Ward

On 17 Jul 2018, at 13:30, Victoria Merrill <victoria.merrill@shropshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Councillor Dee,

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the lack of footway in the vicinity of Overfields Farm, on Ellesmere Road in Wem, which has been passed to me. I am sorry for the delay in providing a response to you.

As you may be aware, Shropshire Council's Highways and Transport capital budget has been reduced by £5m in each of the next two financial years. This reduction is to support Shropshire Council in meeting its savings targets, which are as a result of reduced central Government funding and also recognise the additional pressure on Adult Social Care budgets.

If prioritised for funding through the processes contained in the Road Safety Policy (accident led schemes or community led road safety concerns), this type of scheme would typically be funded from the Integrated Transport capital budget. In order to achieve the necessary savings we have been required to carefully consider and prioritise how this reduced budget is allocated. Therefore, the focus will continue to be accident cluster site schemes, generated from recorded personal injury accident data, and post-scheme safety reviews for the forthcoming two financial years. It is proposed that the submission of new community led road safety concerns from town and parish councils will be put on hold for this period. You will have received an e-mail containing more details on this interim proposal for community led road safety concerns from Steve Brown yesterday.

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I have spoken with the local traffic engineer who covers the north of the County, Dave Gradwell, and he has not been made aware of any issues in this location in the past and the concern has not been put forward by Wem Town Council as part of the Road Safety Policy community led concerns process in the past.

Therefore, in light of the above we are unable to progress with assessing and prioritising a scheme in this location at this time. I recognise that this is unlikely to be the response that you were hoping for, however at the moment we need to target our limited resources to those sites where the defined safety risk is highest. However, if the Town Council wish to discuss the potential for double yellow lines outside the terrace cottages on Ellesmere Road, as outlined in the e-mail, can they please contact the area traffic engineer, Dave Gradwell.

I have also asked Dave Gradwell to visit the area to ensure that the appropriate signs and lines are in place or to assess whether any additional low cost measures could be considered here.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Victoria Merrill
Transport Planning Commissioner

Highways and Transport
Shropshire Council

On 21 Apr 2018, at 14:39, Pauline Dee <pauline.dee@shropshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Steve

This morning I was manning a stand at Wem Library for Wem Town Council, when [REDACTED] came to me with her concern at the lack of a pavement from the above property. [REDACTED] has a daughter [REDACTED], who walks to Thomas Adams school and as there is no pavement on either side of the road it is quite dangerous as vehicles speed along this road coming out of Wem, and in some instances travelling into the town.

There have been two serious accidents recently close to the Farm, one resulted in the telegraph pole being knocked down which caused a great deal of inconvenience.

There were talks, I believe, about putting double yellow lines the beginning of the Ellesmere Road. Cars park outside these cottages despite there being vehicular access to the properties as the back. This causes problems as it is sometimes difficult when travelling out of Wem to see if it is safe to overtake as visibility is impaired as to whether there is an oncoming vehicle on the left hand side.

The gardens to the back of the houses on the Old Rectory site were supposed to be part of widening the road at the junction of Lowe Hill Road and Ellesmere Road. I am aware of this because I worked for the Architect who got the Planning permission for the houses to be built.

I would appreciate a site meeting for you and officers to see the problems and if a solution can be found.

There are also another three children next door to Overfields Farm who have to use this road to walk to school. The previous headmaster wrote a letter to the Council School Transport Dept recommending that school transport be provided for [REDACTED] because of the hazardous conditions but her parents would have had to pay for this privilege! Surely a child's safety is important?

Kind regards
Pauline

Town Clerk

To:
Subject: RE: Ellesmere Road Parking and speed limit

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 August 2018 06:54
To: Pauline Dee <[REDACTED]@shropshire.gov.uk>
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Subject: Re: Ellesmere Road Parking and speed limit

Dear Pauline

Please could you let me know what progress has been made in relation to the 2 issues of traffic calming on the West approach Wem (Ellesmere Road) and also the parking of vehicles outside the row of cottages on the blind bend?

I would think that a flashing speed sign advising drivers of their speed would be a simple first measure to help with the speed issue and double yellow lines outside the cottages would sort the parking .

Would it also be possible to put some more horse awareness signs up on the Ellesmere and Lowe Hill Roads now that there is a lot more regular equine activity in this area please?

I will send under separate cover a picture taken recently outside the cottages - an accident waiting to happen if ever there was one !

I look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]
 Sent from my iPhone

On 16 May 2018, at 22:24, Pauline Dee <[REDACTED]@shropshire.gov.uk> wrote:

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 5:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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Dear Edward

Please would you let me know who I should contact at either WTC or SC regarding on road parking outside the cottages on the South side of Ellesmere Road just past the right turn to Lowe Hill Road and also the failure to observe the speed limit in this area.

There are frequently cars parked outside nos 1 & 2 which means that any vehicle, cyclist or horse rider has to overtake (

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and stray onto the opposite carriage way) into the face of oncoming traffic approaching round a blind bend (and usually at great speed).

I would like to see double yellow lines outside the cottages (as a top priority) and also enhanced speed restrictions to force traffic to approach/ leave the town within the speed limit. Cars often travel at great speed on the approach to Wem so are often breaking hard at the bend – speed humps in the region of the electricity sub station to enforce the limit would be a great deterrent!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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