**Unofficial notes of the Local Area Forum Thursday 21st June 2018**

**1) Local Policing update.**

There has been an increase in burglaries and theft from cars across the Three Rivers area but, due to police targeting, arrests have been made and the number of reported incidents for these crimes has reduced dramatically. On the whole the level of reported crime in Croxley Green remains at a low level.

The Herts Police website now has a live webchat facility where crimes and incidents can be reported.

Drug dealing in the area is still an issue of concern for police. Due to difficulties in carrying out ‘stop and search’ the police rely heavily on members of the public reporting incidents of drug dealing and other intelligence gathering. The local police always encourage residents to report any information they may have on drug dealing or other offences as this is their best method of information for combating local crime.

The local police also encourage resident to sign up to the OWL scheme so they are aware of local crime updates and giving information on matters related to local policing.

**2) Croxley Danes School update**

Construction work on the school site started in April with completion targeted for Autumn 2019.

The latest secondary transfer for applicants to Croxley Danes is oversubscribed. The 2018 intake for Croxley Danes has been located to the previous site of the Reach Free School in Tolpits Lane while construction of the new school is taking place.

Some residents asked for the contact detail of the construction company so that information could be obtained. Cllr Drury will aim to provide this.

**3) Parking**

The new parking review for Croxley Green is still on going. The proposed date for the draft plans to go out for public consultation is 9th July but it is likely this date will have to be extended further due to lack of admin resources.

Parking services for TRDC have been now been contracted out to Hertsmere from Watford Council. Due to lack of resources at Hertsmere, administration workloads are experiencing significant delays.

Residents felt that residents’ parking should be protected against commuter parking, also that parking should be available for local shops and services (eg dentist etc).

**4) Local Development Plan**

TRDC’s Local Development Plan for proposed sites for new housing is due to go out for public consultation in early 2019. Claire May is the TRDC contact.

**5) Step-Free Access at Croxley Station**

Decisions on which TfL stations will be selected for step-free access works is still awaited...Croxley station is one of those on the list for consideration and TRDC are still pushing for Croxley to have step-free access.

**6) Metropolitan Line Extension**

The MLX project is still on hold due to a shortfall in funding. The new Mayor of Watford is trying to activate this – but don’t hold your breath!

**7) AOB**

* A mobile Breast Screening Unit is due to be situated in the Community Way car park in the near future. The current proposed date is during August 2018 and it will remain for about 8 months.
* A resident highlighted concerns about speeding traffic along the Watford Road at night. It was advised that residents should contact local police about any concerns they have about speeding traffic.
* The speed camera location on the Watford Road opposition Winton Approach has been dislodged so that it is facing the wrong way. Cllr Drury reported that no information is available as to when it will be repositioned.
* A new “smiley” speed warning display has been installed in Barton Way near the junction with Fuller Way. However a resident pointed out that the location of the post may impede the width of the pavement especially for blind residents or those with push-chairs etc. Cllr Drury will look into this further.
* It was pointed out that mopeds parking outside takeaway restaurants are taking up significant space on the pavement. It is advised that residents contact TRDC if they have any objections to the mopeds parking in these spots.