

**NESTON, PARKGATE, LEDSHAM & WILLASTON  
COMMUNITY FORUM.  
NESTON TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, NESTON  
24 October 2009  
(10:00am – 12:00noon)**

Community Forum Members

Councillor Gareth Anderson (Chair)  
Councillor Myles Hogg  
Councillor Kay Loch  
Councillor Scott Mealor  
Councillor Graham Smith  
Councillor Brenda Dowding (apologies sent)

Officers:

Rob Callow – Area Manager, Rural West  
Paul Friston – Planning Officer  
Richard Nickson – Senior Manager, Network Strategy  
Noel O’Neil - Head of Facilities and Asset Management  
Andy Raynor – Senior Traffic Engineer  
Patrick Sebastian – Democratic Services  
Alan Slater – Head of Strategic Housing & Spatial Planning

Other Attendees:

40 – 50 members of the public (including a number of Neston  
Town Councillors)

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## Visitor Comments (verbatim)

### 1. What is working well in your community / area?

- Refuse & Recycling provision.
- Children's after school activity group (C.A.N.)

### 2. What is not working well in your community / area?

- Lines of communication, I and my neighbours do not receive 'Standard', 'Globe or other news and thus do not know about meetings such as this.
- Parking and parking enforcement, particularly on pavements, obstructing pedestrians.
- A540. No provision / safety for cyclists. Two cyclists killed and one pedestrian in the last 4 years nothing done. Except lay-by in central reservation by Badgers Rake Lane – for Police vehicles at a cost of £158,000. This money could have provided a safe cycle lane.
- Neston High Street needs to be one-way traffic so that pavements can be widened and there can be proper cycling lanes.
- The new ALDI.
- I agree with the comments above re parking. In our road there is unrestricted and dangerous parking on 'T' junctions; the corner of roads; parking on pavements preventing access mainly by the same individuals month in and out. There needs to be proper traffic enforcement – Abbots Way; The Priory Neston.
- Dog Fouling – No Dog Warden for the area, but Council can pay the Chief Executive more than the Prime Minister.

### 3. In your view, what are the priorities for improving your area?

- The play area for children at the top of Woodfall Lane needs attention. The area is not surfaced and dogs roam freely over the site, making unsafe and unsuitable for its purpose.
- A540 Cycle Path please. There is good cycle communication to Hooton – West Kirby but all other routes have no cycle

provision – and they are all uphill so it is difficult to cycle at anything close to traffic speed – thereby annoying drivers who consequently pass too close etc.

- Improvements to Johnson Recreation Ground, especially the children's play area.
- A larger community hall for Willaston – present hall is too small for a large village.
- Our historic town needs a face lift – think summer visitors – flowers would be good to brighten us up.