

A) Items which were current at the last meeting of the group:

- 1) The lack of any bus stops between Wharf Road (Sainsburys) and St Johns Road (half way along) despite the fact that First 7A and D&G 9 services to Hanley both now use this section of Tunstall Road.
- 2) The consideration of bus users' needs at the proposed supermarket development on the Meadows School site.
- 3) The maintenance of bus shelters at Wharf Road (Sainsburys), Wharf Road (Home Bargains) and Woodland Street. Particular issues were that the Home Bargains shelter needed repair to the glazing and the Woodland Street shelter needed a thorough clean.
- 4) The assistance offered by SCC staff in the renewal and maintenance of the contract for bus service 93.

B) Items which could be included in a forthcoming meeting of the group:

- 1) Any progress to report on item A1.
- 2) Any progress to report on item A2 particularly as work on this development has now commenced.
- 3) In the present situation the maintenance of bus shelters is probably a very low priority. This may explain why issues still remain at the shelters in item A3. Is this the case?

Also:

- 4) The pandemic has clearly had an enormous impact on bus use and there must very few, if any, services in the locality which are currently commercially viable. Government assistance has, I believe, helped to keep things going so far. What assistance is being provided for service 93 and what are the prospects for the foreseeable future?
Could SCC be asked to assist by sharing their knowledge in this area? (Ref. item A4).
- 5) In the last 12 months or so, there have been changes in the ownership of D&G and, recently, a significant increase in their activities in the Stafford and Cannock area.
Has D&G mentioned any of this (simply as background information)?
If not, AL would be pleased to provide an update.

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