

Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 28 June 2017

Updated Work Programme

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Communities and Place Work Programme 2017-2018

Terms of Reference of the Committee

To fulfil all the functions of an overview and scrutiny committee as they relate to –

- the review, scrutiny and development of policy recommendations,
- the management of performance,
- the monitoring of progress towards delivering corporate priorities, and
- the formulation of advice for the Cabinet, Council and other partners and stakeholders.

To have specific responsibility for (but not limited to) the scrutiny of: -

- The performance of services seeking to deliver sustainable communities towards agreed local and national performance indicators,
- StreetSmart services,
- Transport and strategic transport planning;
- Strategic Planning,
- Flood risks,
- Environment and sustainability;
- Waste and Recycling;
- Library services,
- Traded services, and
- Business Support.

Reports for noting

Reports with a recommendation “to note the report” will be included in a separate section at the back of the Agenda and will not be heard at the committee meeting, unless specifically requested by a Member of the Committee.

Review of the Work Programme

The work programme will be reviewed at every meeting of the Streetsmart and Highways Overview & Scrutiny Committee to ensure that it remains relevant, to ensure that Members and Officers have sufficient capacity to deliver the work programme, and to include any additional items on the work programme, if appropriate.

Proposed Programme

Wednesday 28th June 2017

- To consider and approve a work programme for the Committee for the current Municipal Year.

Tuesday 5th September 2017

- **Residents Requests**
 - a) Review of Parking Strategy – how to create additional spaces, tackle obstruction and pavement parking, supported traffic calming measures
 - b) Review of Bus Lanes – With a reason for keeping or changing
 - c) State of un-adopted roads and footpaths
 - d) Road Safety – Summary of issues around the town, including Thamesdown Drive. What action should the Council take.
 - e) Invite to Police

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

- **Volunteering** - This overlaps with the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Adult's Health and Social Care, so we will need to develop a joint presentation to Committee on this item.
- **Littering** – How can the Council support community efforts to clear up, what steps can the Council take to be more proactive
- **Recycling**
- **Dial-A-Ride**

Wednesday 10th January 2018

- **Communications and Engagement** – Capability of the Council to communicate and support the delivery within communities. For example, public call received 32 requests, Highways has a newsletter subscriber list of 1,500+, Libraries 30,000+, use of Facebook and Social Media.

This theme needs further focus as it potentially cross-cuts all Cabinet portfolios, including the Leader of the Council. Will require joint presentation with Communications colleagues.

- **Parish Council** – Responsibilities, Review of service standards eg grass cutting, play park provision, how to improve joint working and value for money

Wednesday 28th February 2018

- **Community Assets (in particular Community Centres)** – To provide an update to the Committee on current position regarding community assets – overlaps with portfolio of Cabinet Member for Property so will need to develop a joint presentation on this item

Other Proposed Topics - Member

- Public Safety – Cycling on pavements, pedestrians crossing roads, speed at roundabouts misuse of hatched areas on the public highway.

Officer Comments - These are issues for the police to enforce rather than highways. Can we use resources to run campaigns to highlight issues; to monitor or assess compliance; or change infrastructure to bring better levels of compliance etc.

Effectively the work of a road safety team – however this team no longer exists as resourcing was removed or reprioritised to other areas over recent years

There's no longer resource to carry out Road Safety visits to schools, cycle training only occurs if we bid to government for funds; budget for School crossing patrols has been reduced; staff resources have been removed via MARS. Etc.

Work in these areas would require additional resources.

- Infrastructure across the Borough - examples raised were Thamesdown Drive (enforcement with partners), Noise Barrier progress in the east (how do we continue to drive the project forward), wear and tear on the centre of the road arising from residents parking., Lessons from Med way Corridor congestion, do we need to bring roads that currently have restricted use back into public use.

Officer Comments:

Thamesdown is about camera enforcement working alongside the police. Structure does not exist yet to progress enforcement and driver retraining – at present this isn't a cabinet priority to progress so this would need to be addressed

Wear and tear in the centre of a road – Committee could consider options available in consultation with local residents.

The Council has a NPIF bid to government for improvements to reduce congestion along the Mead Way corridor. – this could be shared with Committee.

Roads with restricted use – Some examples might be useful. It could relate to removing bus lanes, however this would need specific sites to be looked at and we'd need some good rationale why as it would be contrary to our transport strategy.

- Recycling Strategy – What benefit do the residents receive, future use for fuel pellets produced – can these be used more locally, Food recycling can we

help facilitate a local project with commercial partners?

- Options for future use of bus lanes or other options such as bus priority signals.

Officer Comments - Specifics relating to actual sites would be needed

- Review the Future of the Dial a Ride Service (Councillor Derique Montaut)

I understand the Communities and Place Overview Committee is reviewing its work programme at its meeting today. I would welcome the opportunity for the overview committee to review the future of the Dial a Ride service.

Since you left the Cabinet last year I have become deeply concerned with the way the new Cabinet Member has approached the Dial a Ride service. Previous commitments you made when you were the Cabinet Member about finding new sources of income for the service, have not been met by the new Cabinet Member.

I was also alarmed in the Cabinet Report it is the Council's current plan to withdraw all funding from supported bus services by 2020, affecting the Dial a Ride service. If Dial a Ride is to survive in the long-term this policy needs also to be reviewed by the Council.

I believe the Communities and Place Overview Committee could do a great service to Dial a Ride if they can find a long-term plan for how the local Dial a Ride service can continue. I read your article about urging local residents to send the Council their views and I believe there are many Dial a Ride passengers who would be happy to feed in their own views on the service to the committee.

If your committee were to review the future of the Dial a Ride bus service and add this to its work programme, I would be happy to work with the committee on this.

Proposed Topics - Public

Bus/Bus Lanes

- Just seen the Facebook post, I think for me I would like to see some of the bus lanes and gates reconsidered. I think that as they have been added piecemeal it has forced all other traffic into very small areas which causes a huge amount of congestion. I also think a park and ride from North Swindon would be beneficial.
- Buses - I know you are going to say that this is no longer the council's problem, but ten years ago I could catch a bus to anywhere from the Link Centre, now I have to catch a bus to the town centre, then wait for another one to take me where i want to go. We need a circular bus route - some of us

need to get to places other than the town centre.

Community/Volunteering

- However, there are some potential positive ideas
 - how can the council create a sense of community when there is a large amount of new dwellings being made? How is community, and the volunteering required to make a community be assisted? I am thinking of governors at schools, scout groups, litter pickers, fun days. What can the council do to assist with creating a community sense when new people (of which I am one) come to the town? How can the council help make this easier?
- Additionally, in order to build a sense of community can I recommend the council investigate the work undertaken by Falkirk Council in Scotland. Falkirk is a former industrial town, with a country house, an unmaintained canal and until 15 years ago not much else. It's shops were very 1980s, and the town centre very badly maintained. No one would go there for a day trip or holiday. This has changed with two developments...

The Falkirk Wheel which joined two canals together which were previously broken. This is a major tourist attraction, and completed the Scottish canals stated aim of linking the canal routes.

<https://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/falkirk-wheel/>

Then, next to a new football stadium, the council built the Kelpises. They are two giant statues, in a newly created park. They have a large number of visitors, and local people also go to the park. These are impressive and have made a nondescript town a centre for tourism.

<http://www.thehelix.co.uk/things-to-do/the-kelpies/>

Thinking bold has helped this town, which could be an interesting case study for the council to look at.

Community Facilities

- Public Toilets - The toilets down Evelyn Street have been locked permanently because of the newly formed Parish Councils, These need to be re-opened soon, as many runners and walkers use them.

Consultation/Communication

- It really is heartening to read about your new Community and Place role. As the originator of the petition against the new-build SMAG, I was bewildered that I little about this plan had come through our doors from our local councillors: this surely was something affecting Community and Place. I remain convinced the new- build adversely affects the likelihood of adequate

treatment of our shabby heritage areas, and it is evident that many are likewise concerned.

I know many people who feel that adequate consultation is something sadly lacking within SBC. Telling people about plans is not consultation. This I welcome any moves or practices that bring in genuine consultation.

I would hope that the secure treatment of the heritage buildings within our communities will be an item for true consultation.

- communication about these issues could be another area to consider. Planned activities get cancelled- so how can this be explained and communicated to those who are affected?

Cycle Paths/Footpaths

- Cycle paths - these should not be used as the council workers private roads. Last year I was nearly hit by a bin truck, two sit on mowers, and a roadsweeper - all being driven at high speed to get to other areas of the town. They drive a bit slower now, but they need to be banned.
 - a) Cycle paths should not be closed for months so that utility companies can dig holes, without providing a viable alternative route - Thames Water should not have been allowed to dig up the Western Flyer for the entire winter, without making arrangements for cyclists to use B&Q Car Park. Forcing cyclists to use the Great Western Way resulted in at least two cyclists having accidents, and suffering with head injuries.
 - b) There needs to be a cycle route through the town centre, and one to the Outlet Village. Also "muggers alley" needs to be monitored due to the many attacks that have taken place there.
- Footpaths - there are too many places in Swindon that are designed for Cars only - many places with no pedestrian access.
- The Eastern Flyer - well done for providing this, so please take my response as positive, however, when I cycled this on Saturday 24/6, there were 13 cars parked at various places along the Oxford Road part of the route. Action to stop this parking would be appreciated.

Development/Jobs

- My final major issue is the deserted old gym building behind Morrisons and the lack of development on the land where the old shops used to be. For years now the old Fitness First gym has been derelict which is a really eyesore on the area. There were talks this could be a petrol station when Morrisons was built but for whatever reason this never happened. I know this is not council owned land but surely pressure can be put on the private owners of the land to try and sell the land for redevelopment? It could be used for a new green area, small/medium sized businesses or affordable homes/social housing. With this being so close to the M4 and the A419 I am

actually baffled how this land has been derelict for so long. Surely pressure can be applied for development to start in this area?

- Jobs - we need more office blocks, factories etc, and we also need to do more to encourage employers to open firms in Swindon. There are far too many houses in Swindon and not enough jobs. It's not right that many of us have to commute long distance every day to work, and be at the mercy of extortionate train fares.

Education

- Schools - the primary schools around the town have far too many students, and all of them are being taken to school by their parents, result - traffic congestion in housing estates near the schools, aggressive driving, irresponsible parking. We need additional schools, and parents need to be encouraged to send their children in via other means.
- School transport for disabled over 16's - should not be stopped next year. In fact see the point above - we need school buses for all schools in Swindon. I used to travel to school on a school bus when I was young, I paid for a buspass, which paid the local bus company to take me there, so why can't we do that again?

Litter/Recycling

- As a resident I am particularly concerned about the amount of litter in our town and surrounding areas which seems to have got much worse in recent years. I appreciate that there are many bins provided for people to dispose of their rubbish responsibly but this still does not keep our town rubbish free.

I live in Stratton St Margaret and have noticed a considerable increase in the amount of discarded take away cartons in my area and feel that more resources are needed to tackle this issue.

Taking pride in our environment matters and unfortunately it gives the town a dirty appearance to visitors and residents alike.

My husband recently volunteered to work for a day with our local parish council to clear rubbish from a local footpath and he picked up over a dozens bags in a couple of hours!

If anything can be done to tackle this issue I believe it would benefit the town enormously.

- I have a question on garden waste. It would be interesting to know how successful the garden waste service has been

I personally was not prepared to pay for a service which I believe should be part of the standard recycling service

If it is a government target to increase recycling then to introduce charges

must surely have reduced garden waste recycling. Many I speak to don't pay for the service.

As it is possible to produce compost and sell it as surely the service should be free

So here's my questions:

1. How much take up is there if the service
2. Would you consider offering it free again

- Bottle banks - all gone. Not only were they a great way to recycle, but they were good to ease the aggression of my autistic son.
- Recycle Centre - it's bad enough not having a car and only going there on the odd occasion when we hire one, but shortening the opening hours? Big mistake, it's bad enough that so many people dump their rubbish, and it will get worse.
- With the charges of bulky waste collections plus the charge for green waste collections many more people are dumping their rubbish in the common hedgerows behind their houses, or along side of public footpaths, making each hedgerow a waste ground site
- Residents continue not to recycling properly many throw waste food around causing an increase in rat numbers, what are the council doing to stop this? Are they visiting the residents, sending letters? I don't think so
- I would like to know what is being done to tackle plastic waste. Especially plastic packing and bags. We have recycle boxes for recyclable plastics but plastic bags are a major nuisance and just end up in landfill.

Local Environment

- I am a great believer of help yourselves if possible ,so maybe more local voluntary groups with help from the council.I live in Greens Lane and we have already had two working parties to improve our area(though it needs to be done again).

More encouragement is needed for people to maintain their properties that encroach on to pavements and roads ,if there is a drain outside your house to clean it out some are so clogged up they are of no use.We are a beauty spot in the old part of the village but The Pitchens is a disgrace.

- I live at the end of Spencer Close, The Prinnels, Swindon. This stream is at the end of our road and passes mine and two neighbours houses and gardens. Since we have moved here in March this year this stream has been neglected and not cleared of weeds and debris. We are concerned that this will increase the flood risks we already have in this area. Would it be possible for you to discuss this issue in your meeting as we would like to know who is responsible for maintaining these areas. Also the walkway past the

Brookhouse Farm is full of Stinging Nettles and is never cleared by the frequent council gardeners I have seen in the area.

- The community and place committee could consider the following
 - the steps at the Orbital which have been boarded up for over 6 years. The committee could focus on how to speed up the process of getting them fixed. I appreciate it is complicated but the council might like to exert some pressure.
 - the fountain at the orbital shopping centre which is rarely used. The committee could focus on why the fountain doesn't work. Again the council might be able to pressurise the owners to maintain the shopping park.
- I saw in the Swindon Advertiser an article asking for questions to be put to the above committee. Here are a few!

Why are we wasting time and money on pursuing the planned new Museum and Art Gallery. The design is so out of keeping with the rest of the area and any hope of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund must be slim - take a look at the Town unfinished projects, boarded up plots, empty shops and those we have are mostly coffee shops, pound shops or pawnbrokers. We have a perfectly situated heritage building begging to be used for such a purpose in the Carriage Works. Ideally located and would mean that the whole area through Emlyn Square and into the central town could be sympathetically regenerated, including the Mechanics Institute.

Swindon undervalues its heritage, we have so many buildings crying out for restoration it seems ridiculous not to use them.

- On the subject of a run down town, the streets are beginning to look like those in some underdeveloped countries I have visited; litter everywhere and worse the gutters overgrown with weeds and accumulated dirt. Drains can't function properly. I know the budget is stretched and such luxuries are probably not affordable anymore but surely those on community service could be put to good use litter picking and gutter cleaning.

Also distinct lack of litter/ dogpoo bins some parishes are ok but others have few. I walk through areas where people having picked up after their dogs and finding no bins simply throw the sacks in alleys etc. Time to implement the fines!

Parking

- Parking is a topic where feelings run high – it could be lack of parking, parking charges or inconsiderate parking.

But anyone who has ever been forced to walk on the road because of a motorist who has decided to park on the pavement will agree that this particular form of parking can be hugely annoying. And it can be dangerous as well – especially if you happen to be a wheelchair user, pushing a buggy, or have sight loss.

I live in Redhouse and due to lack of parking, parking on pavements is a major problem. In fact, vehicles park on the pavement right outside my ground floor flat window!

Not only is this an annoyance and a danger to persons wishing to use the footpath, parking in general on this estate is a huge problem and needs rectifying before an accident occurs.

Many vehicles cause an obstruction parking on bends, especially noticeable in Eastbury Way and Redhouse Way. Most roads on the estate are restricted to now being one lane as the other lane is blocked by lines of parked cars.

The roads on this estate are hazardous for both vehicle drivers and pedestrians as views are restricted by obstructions.

In this day and age where there are often 2-3 vehicles per household, why do the estates not make provision for this? My street has allocated visitor spaces but no visitors can use them as these are all taken by the '2nd' car from the flats and houses surrounding the area.

It is a total nightmare. The worst is trying to avoid the buses. They clearly too have a problem as there was a recent incident in Redhouse Way when two buses needed to pass.

I appreciate that the Council cannot stop people parking on roads but surely they can take action against the mindless drivers who cause major obstructions both on the roads and pavements in this area?

It would be welcomed if this could be looked into.

- We have lived in said area for 24 years. Since the hospital went up we've had to put up with parking in our streets from mainly hospital employees who insist on parking everywhere including on dangerous bends making getting out of some streets difficult.

I have complained to the hospital but with little help in return.

I don't want residents to have to pay extra for living in their streets or double yellow lines added as this makes things difficult for us but maybe a permit that doesn't cost residents or their visitors anything as we do already pay council tax.

Some visits during the working week will show you how bad it can get. Yes I know they pay road tax too.

Any suggestions should be consulted with residents too.

- The roads around all these estates in North Swindon, I live in Oakhurst so this area in particular for me, are getting dangerous. People are parking on roundabouts, corners of roads and across areas marked for disabled people to cross the road. It's also impossible sometimes for emergency vehicles to get around these estates due to idiotic parking or on some roads such as

Voyager Drive, Cassini Drive and Pioneer Road, the whole one side of the road for a few hundred years has parked cars, it blocks the roads constantly.

I have queried before, but had no response, about parking restrictions such as yellow lines being placed on the roads although this may be no use if not policed regularly or if some of the greener spaces which aren't used or the pavements which are wider than the roads can be part used and made into parking bays? This would clear up some of the congestion on the roads. This parking problem is getting worse year on year and isn't going to get better unless more space is made available for people to park off road.

- The first is parking. Eldene was not built to house this many vehicles. If you are late coming home for whatever reason you 99% of the time will not get a parking space. What this has led to is people parking on kerbs or grass verges. This leads to damage and an untidy environment. The only ways to solving these issues are to knock down empty garages and use as parking plots and replacing small green areas with parking plots. It would lead to more organisation in the cul-de-sac areas where you will find people park where they can.
- In response to your request for questions for the new committee, I would like to know why Swindon has not passed a local law, as London has, to stop parking on pavements.

It causes not only problems to disabled people, mothers and other members of the public. It is also a safety issue as quite often it forces people onto the road in order to pass the obstruction.

- I would also love to see a parking strategy created for Swindon, a piecemeal approach does not make economic sense. Perhaps a report from the customer service team over parking complaints and resolutions could create a good debate (from what I have seen Officers have no authority to enforce anything, even parking in someones disabled spot. The police have zero interest).
- Illegal parking on Commercial Road is an everyday event that inconveniences other road users and, when cars are parked on the pavement, pedestrians and wheelchair users, too. Would you urge the police to take action?

Parks/Open Spaces

- Another issue I would like to raise is the lack of parks and play areas. Growing up, I had the 'diamond' park next to Eldene Primary school but this area had been neglected and is now an unsafe place for children. The diamond has had the ropes removed, slides and swings damaged and covered with graffiti and the football/multi sport areas have been damaged quite severely. The closest play area to this park 'Shaftesbury' park has also been neglected and is very dangerous for young children. Growing up I had a fenced, managed play area next door to here that included big wooden swings, slides and a zipwire. This now does not exist and is just a deserted piece of green space

covered in dog faeces. The 'Thorney' park in the Overbrook area has also severely deteriorated with broken swings and equipment. The solutions I can only suggest for this is investment. It is imperative that the young children of the area have somewhere to play. I was hoping Eldene now being a part of a parish would see an improvement in this area. If you look locally to Covingham and Oakley park they have well managed play area with good facilities. Without involving politics I know there have been major cutbacks to budgets but this really is an issue that needs to be seen and addressed.

Parishes/Parish Services

- Why now we are paying much more for council tax, green waste collections, Parish tax are we not seeing an improvement in services.
- Grass cutting had improved but has now slipped back, patches of grass being missed by the blades, grass all over footpaths which cause people to slip & fall.
- Litter picking is not done as often as is needed, community people are now doing it but many don't know they can get equipment etc from the council, or how to get their bags picked up,
- Dog poo bins left too long before being emptied hence gets over fill, some people use them for normal rubbish as no other bins are around.
- I would like to see a review into how Parishes offer value for money, having attended a few meetings (some Parishes have not had any land or parks transfer, these are still under SBC according to the Parish) and seen what you are doing in your own Parish there are huge differences. I think this would really help identify gaps in knowledge/experience and set 'best practice', we all want Parishes to be successful.
- In addition when grass cutting etc. was carried out by SBC we had 'x' cuts per year. It was a real battle to get anything extra done due to resources. The new Parishes are all paying for an 'enhanced service', are SBC investing money into Streetsmart to meet the agreed service level and how sustainable is this if Parishes have the option to source their own contractors?
- I have just attended Grange Leisure Centre this week to donate blood.

When I enquired about my next donation I was told that the Leisure Centre was no longer being used.

I believe this is because the NHS Blood and Transplant Service is charged by the Leisure Centre for the use of the hall. Local churches are now being used - not a problem but I was surprised that they were being charged.

- Surely this fantastic service should not be charged for the use. I'm pretty sure local residents would not object to this service using the centre free of charge.

Planning Process

- The planning process and how things get built in the town could also be a rich area to explore. The Oasis snowdome was initially touted to be complete 2015. The ground has not even been broken, and the development is uncertain. How and why developments like the snowdome and town centre take so long, and often have problems with developers could be explored.

Railway Station

- Railway Station - I thought the idea of modifying the station front was to make easier access and reduce the quantity of taxis there? It hasn't really made much difference. The cycle rack at the front of the station isn't big enough to hold all the bikes, and locking bikes padlocked to the trees is not the answer.

Roads/Road Safety

- I would like to see the Bruce Street layout revisited, as getting from the Rodbourne end is a nightmare no matter what the time of day and the lines and arrows are still not correct.
- A third improvement that could prove to be a boost to the safety of our residents is speed bumps along Eldene Drive. Too many times do I see cars doing 40, even 50mph around Eldene Drive which is totally unacceptable. With their being no speed cameras in Swindon the only way of solving this is speed bumps. For example, a speed bump every 150 metres would slow cars right down and make the area safer. I feel speed bumps are also not a massive cost so should be something looked into and definitely considered.
- Roads - we do not need the relief road from Thamesdown Drive to Barnfield Roundabout - it's going to put more pressure on Bruce Street Bridges, as the single roundabout hasn't really made a lot of difference has it. Additionally the relief road will block the buses from coming out of the depot, and cyclists using the Western Flyer. Besides it will only encourage developers to build more houses alongside it, which we do not need.0
 - a) Removing those plastic bollards from Bruce Street Bridges would also be a good idea - they are a danger to cyclists.
 - b) There needs to be some parking inspections along Firefly Avenue - since those flats have been built, residents are parking on the double yellow lines - this road should be kept clear for the traffic.
 - c) It's high time traffic lights were placed on the White Hart Roundabout so traffic can join the roundabout safely from the A419, and the exit from Sainsburys petrol station closed off, to allow traffic to get out of Toys R Us
- Some roads in Toothill were resurfaced a while ago but our road wasn't touched. We have a bad pothole road surface at the entrance to Beverley,

just off Flint Hill. There are 92 homes in Beverley so this particular section of our road gets much use as we are a cul de sac with no other exit. It's not a very large area that needs to be resurfaced so wouldn't cost a huge amount.

- It is the unadopted roads in North Swindon specifically taw hill around Lavinia Walk. I have been emailing Taylor Wimpey for a number of months now regarding the state of the footpath and the street lights that are out.

I don't know if this is something you are able to influence or add to your list of topics to discuss.

I have attached the last email I sent to Taylor Wimpey (which did not get a response). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Explore contact with one of the car manufacturers to see if they would sponsor the "magic roundabout". This would paid for white lines, and potentially some low planting on certain side reservations of the roundabout. This roundabout is known, and so smartening it up could be good, with focus on the centre section, signage and lighting (there are many interesting, cheap options with LEDs)

Swindon Bus Station

- I used the bus station last week, and thought it rather tatty, peeling paint, in need of painting. And glass cleaning. And may be couple boards put up with some local schools pics or advertising. 4 bit colour and lift drab, tired look. Not welcoming and good impression 4 visitors. If got funds?

Street Lighting

- Street lighting is often either not working or on 24/7

Transport

- I gave up my car ten years ago, because the government priced me off the road, however we appeared to have good cycle paths, a good bus service, and nearby Enterprise Car Rental used to have a fair and honest system for renting cars when we needed them. Now there are times when it's not possible to cycle, we can't go anywhere on our buses that we want to, and Enterprise have so many hidden charges and penalty fees it's impossible to rent from them! Other firms are just as bad or too far away, so thanks to you and them, we are becoming prisoners in our own home!
- As a resident of South Marston, I have had lorries drive over and damage my lawn. These lorries are defying a weight restriction by driving through South Marston. This is an offence with fines of up to £1,000 for both driver and owner. The police do not act on this despite photographic evidence and witnesses being available. The police do contact the owners of vehicles but this doesn't seem effective. Would you urge the police to take more punitive action?

- I have just seen the article on the Swindon Advertiser regarding questions to the council. My question is about charging infrastructure for electric cars in car parks. There are only 2 public charge points in town center car parks. Is there money available to roll out further units in other car parks around Swindon? OLEV has money available I'm sure if you approached them they could give you guidance.

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