



**NORTH EAST
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING – 19 SEPTEMBER 2023
WRITTEN ANSWERS PROVIDED TO
PUBLIC QUESTIONS**



1.	Public question from Pete Thornett
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Mr Thornett described the parking problems for residents and visitors and access for the emergency services on football match days when Sheffield Wednesday played at Hillsborough Stadium. He enquired about possible solutions such as yellow lines, 20 miles per hour limits or closing their road on match days.</p> <p>The Chair asked the LAC to pass these concerns to Sheffield City Council Highways department to look at the matter. The Chair advised that an answer would be provided at the next meeting of the LAC.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>In 2009, a Coning Order was issued to Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, by South Yorkshire Police which allowed for the Police/Club to place 'No Parking' cones on the highway on a number of roads around the stadium. In previous seasons, it is understood that the club placed cones out to this original Coning Order, which included the left-hand side of Scraith Wood Drive (these reinforced the double yellow lines on Scraithwood Drive).</p> <p>Since the parking laws have been de-criminalised, the enforcement of parking offences has been under the remit of the Council's Parking Services section. Parking Services can only issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) where a vehicle is contravening a Traffic Regulation Order, such as double yellow line or parking on a clearway. Further up Scraith Wood Drive, where there are no parking restrictions, Parking Services cannot issue a PCN as no Traffic Regulation Order is being broken.</p> <p>In situations like these it is only the police who can enforce parking offences where there are no Traffic Regulation Order present. In reality, 'No Parking' cones have been put out where there are no double yellow lines, and are there to act as more of a deterrent than an enforceable threat.</p> <p>Towards the end of the 2018/2019 football season, a number of meetings took place between Sheffield City Council, South Yorkshire Police and the club, to talk through the existing traffic management plans and regulations that have been in place at the club and how to formalise the existing arrangement to the current legislation and standards.</p> <p>As part of this review, historical use of 'No Parking' cones has been assessed at a number of locations, Scraith Wood Drive being one of them. The decision was</p>

	<p>taken not to put them out from the start of the 2019/2020 season, the rationale being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council have no legal powers to enforce them • The distance from the ground to the cones on Scraith Wood Drive is approximately 0.5 miles, which was felt to be too great a distance from the ground for the club to put out cones out. The same decision was taken to omit cones from Fox Hill Road. <p>The club has, for the last couple of seasons, been working closely with residents around the ground and has been holding regular meetings with both residents and councillors, (these have mainly been with the residents around the ‘Leppings Lane triangle’) and have been seen as a great success. The club have this season created a residents app which residents can sign up for.</p> <p>The situation on Scraith Wood Drive can be monitored and, if necessary, the club can be asked to put some ‘No Parking’ cones out as a deterrent, although the Council has no legal powers to enforce them.</p>
2.	Public question from Mohamed Ali
	<p>Question:</p> <p>The accessibility needs to be improved to the Vestry Hall for charities, private organisations and the community following liaison with other charity groups such as food banks and warm banks. Mr Ali advised in his experience it was difficult to book and access the building. He also suggested that volunteers could collect shopping for the local community who struggle to access Tesco now that the main entrance had been closed and collect the shopping from Vestry Hall.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Facilities Management are looking at the booking system process and how accessibility can be improved for users of Vestry Hall building as a matter of urgency. We will consult further with the community through the LAC for ideas on how we can make best use of the building in future, as part of our Community Buildings review as a priority. The LAC team can assist Mr Ali to discuss his idea further regarding the creation of a warm space and local shopping idea, as some grant funding is available through the LAC.</p>