



LOSTOCK AREA FORUM – 28 SEPTEMBER 2006

Questions submitted by Bretherton, Croston and Ulnes Walton Parish Councils

1. Road Side Advertising

The number of advertising placards appearing by the side of the local highways has increased considerably, a particular hot spot is Southport Road. Not only are they an eyesore in the rural environment but also present a distraction for drivers. Many of the boards appear to require planning consent, which clearly has not been requested. It is questioned how the Borough intends to deal with such advertising material?

2. Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement Inquiry

A letter has been addressed to all parishes by the Chief Executive advising that the Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel has undertaken an Inquiry in to the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Chorley and asks that specific locations for enforcement request be notified to the Borough. Clarification is sought as to exactly what this means for the villages and does this only apply to double yellow lines?

3. Trade Effluent Waste

Concern is expressed at the amount of trade effluent waste being deposited in the fields around the Lostock Ward and the associated unpleasant smells. It is understood that the Environmental Services Team are aware of the situation and have taken steps to investigate the root cause of the problem. It is questioned what action can be taken to alleviate the problems?

Background information -

Approximately 20 complaints were received by Environmental Services at Chorley Borough Council regarding a very bad smell emanating from the spreading of treated waste within the Bretherton area. Following investigation by Environmental Services, they have established that this activity is being co-ordinated by United Utilities Water plc. United Utilities are operating within the boundaries of the law and therefore unless the matter becomes a statutory nuisance, Chorley Borough is unable to take any action.