

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM PARISH COUNCIL'S

Euxton

Street sweeping/litter

Euxton sweeps its streets, along with CBC so Euxton is lucky to be virtually litter free with cleaner streets than most.

Grasscutting

Basically happy with grass cutting as understand problems with weather but, the football pitches are always being requested to have a shorter cut by adjusting the cutters but are never adjusted, and the land behind Greenside pavilion keeps getting left and has only had 2 cuts this year rather than 12.

Litterbins

Frequency/size problem - Bin at Highways Avenue, adjacent the fish and chip shop is often overflowing on a Friday night which causes serious litter problems Friday evening and Saturday - we have to litter pick the area on a Fri and Saturday to keep on top of this issue.

Frequency/size problem - Bin on Shawbrook Close has been reported many times, over the years to no avail. It is too small and is sited at least 4 feet off the floor and kids can't use it - which makes it quite useless. This bin is often full with doggy bags and needs to be larger to cope as they sit on the top of the open bin and sometimes get blown off on to the grass area.

Replacement - Bin outside Spar at Runshaw Lane (green very old one) is very old and been hit by a car, the door does not shut and it is in need of replacement.

Replacement - Bin opposite Spar on Runshaw Lane (plastic yellow one) is ancient and could do with replacing.

Missing off list - Bin missing off your list, which is located at junction of Euxton Lane and Wentworth Drive.

Repair - Post mounted bin at Millennium Green car park entrance is supposed to be set off the floor but has fallen down and has been down for many years but never repaired. Needs repairing.

Suggested resite - Bin Runshaw Lane, set behind bushes by Medical Centre. This is on private land, which has just been sold and will be re-utilised in time. It may be wise to re-site this bin before it gets dug up as it might go missing.

Croston Parish Council

The service provided by the Streetscene Section is generally good.

I note, amongst the objectives the Inquiry is looking into, are frequencies of schedules relating to litterbins and identification of all of the Council's land on maintenance schedules. It would be advantageous for the parish council to have some form of list as to the locations of the bins and areas.

The Parish Council employs a Lengths man to collect litter within the village but we are unable to deal with the main routes between villages as they tend to have either no pavements or be subject to national speed limits or are a distance out of the village. Assistance with these areas, on an occasional basis, would be most helpful.

Eccleston Parish Council

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It would be advantageous for the parish council to have some details as to the locations of litter bins and areas of all Chorley Council's land within the parish.

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Heapey Parish Council

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Given the weather over the past few months the grasscutting service has been excellent.

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The Parish Council does not employ a Lengthsman due to the nature of the parish (ie mainly open country with narrow rural lanes) there are relatively few areas where a Lengthsman could reasonably work so we are reliant upon Chorley Council for assistance. We get very few complaints regarding litter.

Brindle and Hoghton Parish Council's

As promised Brindle and Hoghton Parish Councils have the following comments on the Streetscene Inquiry.

Both Parish Councils feel that the litter bin collection service is adequate but the general level of street cleaning particularly in the areas of the two parishes when it occurs is unacceptable.

Astley Village Parish Council

Bin outside Chemist shop and Community Centre is often full and overflowing. This area is litter picked by our lengths men once a day and Places for People's caretaker once a day to keep on top of the litter, probably besides CBC work men but if the bin were to be bigger or emptied more often then the litter problem wouldn't be as bad.

The Council is auditing the need for litter and doggy bins at its November meeting so can I request that Astley Village input further to this process following this.

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council

The issue was discussed a meeting of the Parish Council on 20 October 2008. The Parish Council would think it useful to know the frequency of maintenance currently in operation and a copy of the schedule would be helpful.

This is one area the Parish Council thought could be improved particularly on grass cutting though the Parish Council are aware that largely the weather determines this.

Clayton-le-Woods does employ four length men so litter is not really a problem although there is a shortage of litterbins around the Parish.

The complaints often received from residents are overhanging trees and bushes along footpaths around the Clayton Brook estate paths in addition to highways paths and also around the Clayton –le-Woods area generally. The Parish Council have a situation at the junction of Juniper Croft off Wood End Road where overhanging branches on both sides of the entrance are causing problems for residents with prams, wheelchairs and cyclists.

Also, another issue which comes up frequently is relating to road signs and lamps which are often covered with over-hanging branches. This, of course, is a road safety issue and perhaps a tour of the area checking these would be beneficial.

On the whole, if the above issues could be addressed, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council is fairly satisfied with the streetscene maintenance.

Anderton Parish Council

Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Streetscene

In response to your letter of the 8th October 2008 requesting comments on the streetscene service provided by CBC, the following observations are supplied from Anderton Parish Council.

Litter Bins

The general litter bin maintenance service and emptying schedule (including dog-bins) is considered satisfactory with no real problems.

We are particularly impressed by the support given in the provision of new bins and the replacement of damaged bins.

Our one area of concern is the group of recycling bins adjacent to the Coop store and within our parish which are either of inadequate size or have inadequate emptying frequency and often give rise to the spread of litter within the area.

Street Cleaning

Within the major dwelling areas this is considered adequate apart from the area around the Coop store car park and adjoining road as mentioned above.

We have an ongoing problem with the accumulation of litter on the roadside verges in the more rural parts of the parish where dedicated litter picking is required.

Tree Pruning

There are a couple of areas where overhanging tree branches cause us some problems, namely obscuration of road signs and partial obstruction of public footpaths. The division of responsibilities for pruning between the borough council, county council or landowners is not clear.

Grass Cutting

We are very happy with the grass cutting service and frequency provided by CBC. Our main concern is the split responsibility between CBC and LCC for different sections of the parish. The LCC service is considered unsatisfactory at present.

Lengthsman Provision

We feel that the parish would benefit from having a resident lengthsman who may be able to address some of the accumulating litter issues associated with more remote road areas. Some time ago we entered into a tentative agreement to share a lengthsman with adjoining parish areas but this scheme fell through owing to the withdrawal of LCC. Any new initiatives for the provision of a lengthsman by the borough council would be welcomed.

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