

**Partnership Plan and Feedback from Task Groups**

**Portfolio:** Community Engagement  
**Service Area:** Neighbourhood Services  
**Wards:** Phasey Park Farm & Paddock

**Summary of report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress of the various task groups.

**Recommendations**

1. For LNP members to continue in attendance at the workshop meetings
2. For individual LNP members to encourage wider participation from community members within the task groups
3. For the LNP to agree the new pledges for 2006-2007
4. For the LNP to note details of the next workshop

**Feedback from workshops**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 – Partnership plan review (2<sup>nd</sup> Session):**

This workshop concluded the partnership plan review and resulted in a set of new pledges and actions for the LNP over 2006-2007. The suggested pledges/actions have been attached and need to be agreed by the partnership.

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 – Illegal parking around schools/Health Screening facilities**

This workshop looked at 2 aspects.

- **Illegal parking around schools** – a major growing concern as areas around school continually become congested and hazardous particularly around collection and drop off of children. Representation from a relevant council service was present ensuring issues are feedback. A more detailed synopsis has been circulated to members.
  - **Screening Facilities** – members have highlighted concerns around the lack of health screening facilities. Yvette Sheward, the LNP's tpct representative, was in attendance who took back various actions and will report on progress in due course.
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## **20<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – Youth Issues**

This workshop took place as a result of Youth Opinions Unite's presentation at the January 2006 LNP meeting. The presentation provided feedback on the youth consultation they completed around what facilities the young people of the area would like to see.

From this workshop a small group agreed to pull together a project proposal which will detail a series of summer activities, the group will include Youth Services, Youth Opinions Unite and Collingwood Centre. The LNP will then be requested to fund the youth program.

More detailed notes on workshops have been circulated and are available by contacting Parpinder Singh

### **Next Workshop**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2006 6pm - 8pm. The County Hotel, 45 Birmingham Road, Walsall WS1 2NG.

Topics for workshop:

- Presentation by Vikki Tolley – Health screening manager
- Street pride, discussion on litter issues and enforcement – Steve Chapman

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## **Pheasey & Paddock LNP**

### **Pledges 2006-2007**

#### **Local Area Agreement (LAA) pillar: Safer & Stronger Communities**

##### **Pledge: Reduce illegal parking around schools**

###### Problems:

- Parents/guardians parking illegally during drop off and pick up of children
- Causing traffic congestion
- Hazardous to people crossing roads
- Nuisance to local residents as illegal parking can prevent entrance to their driveways
- Health and safety issues

###### What the LNP will do:

- Work with school head teachers to identify measures to prevent illegal parking
- Promote walking buses initiative
- Look at safer routes to schools
- Engage relevant council departments such as highways and jointly identify measures to reduce the problem

##### **Pledge: Improve open spaces making them more attractive**

###### Problems:

- Areas not being maximised to full potential
- Lack of facilities being offered within open spaces
- Illegal activities taking place i.e. drugs, Anti social behaviour

###### Open spaces improvements suggestions:

- Barr Beacon
- Doe Bank Park
- Chuckery Green
- Arboretum Park

###### Solutions:

- Link into current park improvement groups i.e. Barr Beacon and Doe Bank Park groups
- Engage relevant council departments to explore possible improvement projects i.e. green spaces improvements, environmental regeneration
- Link into green spaces strategy and identify what the strategy can offer to the LNP

## **Pledge: Reduce the amount of litter making the area more attractive**

### Problems:

- Too much litter around schools
- People not depositing litter into bins

### Solutions:

- Engage school head teachers to explore joint initiatives to reduce litter around schools
- Liaise with departments such as Street pride to ensure litter services are meeting local needs and demands
- View and influence the current dog wardens service within the LNP area

## **LAA pillar: Healthier Communities and Older People**

### **Pledge: Improve screening facilities for both males and females**

#### Problems:

- Lack of screening facilities within community settings
- People ignoring health issues and the importance and benefits of screening

#### Solutions:

- Engage with tPCT to explore ways of making screening available in community settings.

## **LAA pillar: Children and Young People**

### **Pledge: Provide support to projects and community groups providing youth development opportunities**

#### Problems:

- Lack of sustainability and support for groups providing youth services/projects

#### Solutions:

- Engage with youth services to explore possibility of mainstreaming projects
- Support groups in attracting funds by providing support and engaging the external funding unit

## **Summary of pledges for 2006-2007**

1. Reduce illegal parking around schools
2. Improve open spaces making the area more attractive
3. Reduce the amount of litter making the area more attractive
4. Improve screening facilities for both males and females
5. Provide support to projects and community groups providing youth development opportunities