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Tramworks - news and updates

November 2013

Hello again,

The tramworks continue to cause appalling traffic delays and considerable disruption to residents and businesses throughout Beeston, Chilwell and Toton. Scroll on down to find out how I am helping to solve the huge amount of problems and for the latest updates.

I have received a number of specific complaints about the unacceptable conduct of some construction workers along the route, including reckless driving and offensive and sexist behaviour.

I immediately contacted NET and TWA who took swift action (in one case sacking a worker).

The complainants and myself are grateful for the way these matters were handled by NET and TWA, to their considerable credit.

These are rare incidents and the overwhelming majority of the work force are excellent.

As ever,

Anna

Holkham Avenue

Thank you to Holkham Avenue residents who took the time to meet me and local councillors in the Cadland Pub in Chilwell this afternoon.

They have a number of outstanding concerns about the tram works which they have been living with for almost a year.





Notwithstanding a meeting with NET and TWA these important issues, for example, drainage and fencing have simply not been addressed.

Like everyone affected by the tram works these are good, reasonable people who deserve better communication from those responsible for the profound loss of amenity and, in most cases, part of their gardens.

On Monday I will contact NET and TWA at a senior level and City Council leader Jon Collins to give their concerns urgent priority.

Further to my last newsletter I am happy to inform everyone that a number of organisations are available to act for residents and businesses, for example Beeston's own and excellent CP Walker & Son.

High and Chilwell Roads - exceptional hardship fund agreed amid further delays

The first phase of the works on the roads are further delayed and will not be completed until the end of January 2014.

Businesses are being pushed to the limit and we need clear, well-communicated timetables as well as honesty about what traders and residents can expect.



I am pleased that Notts County Council have backed my proposal for a £50,000 hardship fund for traders - we now need Broxtowe Borough Council to get on and distribute it! It is on the agenda for Broxtowe's Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday and I will let you know the outcome.

I have invited Cllr Jon Collins, on behalf of traders and residents, to visit Chilwell and High Road.

I have written twice to Notts County Council to ask for better signs to advertise that shops and businesses are open even if roads are closed. Having failed to get a reply I raised it in my meetings with them and was told the problem was with national Government and they wanted the new signs.

So, I wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport asking him to sort it out! Imagine my surprise when his Minister replied that local officials are "content that the current road traffic regulations are sufficient"! Hm - all

very odd. I went back to Notts County Council for an explanation and five weeks later I am still waiting for one!



Lower and Fletcher Roads

City Council leader, Jon Collins, visited Lower and Fletcher Roads to meet residents and learn how the tramworks are making their lives a misery. We were also joined by Broxtowe Borough Council leader, Milan Radulovic. Residents have had to endure pile driving, rats, loss of gardens, constant noise and dust.

Both roads had under gone a huge pre-visit clean up and both Jon and Milan promised to make an unannounced visit to get the real picture!

I have called on the City and County Councils to compensate residents for the loss of amenity and reduction in their quality of life during the tramworks.

You can read the City Council's notes of the meeting and action points [here](#) just scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Lower and Fletcher Roads visit 25.10.13.'

My thanks to Lower Road resident Ken Kirk for his 'then and now' photos (below) which rather say it all!



Residents neighbouring the Logistics Centre in Beeston have been putting up with noise, dirt, rubbish, mountains of soil and broken glass. Perimeter fencing has been erected but residents are concerned at the number of dumper trucks and diggers and the consequent noise. I have asked that this inconvenience and nuisance is sorted out as a matter of urgency and for the benefit of residents.



Brickbats (no bouquets this month!)

NET - talk to Simon!

In my last email newsletter I praised the work of Simon Hale of Ellis-Fermor & Negus. It is therefore a shame that his correspondence on behalf of a number of businesses over the last month is yet to receive a response from NET.

TWA - talk to residents!

For goodness sake can someone get on and make a decision about fencing that is fair to residents! Apparently TWA have rejected Broxtowe's request to allow 3m high fencing which a number of residents want. They are "doing a study" which they will share with "stakeholders". Unfortunately "stakeholders" don't appear to be residents - the people very people you might think should be the first to be consulted with. The only stake's they want are about 3m high!

Grove Avenue Closure

This has been a very difficult matter. Residents were suffering from the narrow road being used as a "rat run"; there were genuine concerns for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists after a survey showed the number of vehicles using Grove Avenue has doubled. However, traders on High and Chilwell Roads saw it as a further blow to access to their shops and businesses. I have worked with NET throughout and they have agreed to monitor the closure.

Get the latest

We are posting information, as we get it, on my website www.annasoubry.org.uk. I know that the excellent Bramcote Today also posts updates and info from NET.

If you have any tram issues, stories or photographs then please send them to me and I will include them in my next tram email newsletter and post them on my website.

My thanks to residents of Lower Road and Holkham Avenue for their

photographs.

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