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Next Local Plan: Refined Issues and Options Consultation 2020

After reading the Consultation Process and also receiving a leaflet concerning the issue from Valley Park Parish Council I have the following comments:

1. Indoor/Outdoor Leisure Facilities and Recreation Areas: My husband and I take a regular walk around this area and there is often a lot of rubbish left by people including broken glass which we consider is very dangerous. Also we have seen what appears to be homeless people sitting around the rear door of the building.

I would also suggest having bicycle racks by the skate park area as cycles are left on the ground and could possibly cause accidents with people/children tripping over them.

2. Transport - Climate Change and Air Quality: "The pedestrian and cycle ways need to be maintained". In spite of the bins available there is often a lot of rubbish left around and we have seen teenage girls cycling and throwing rubbish onto the ground without a care. If you ask them to pick it up they just shout at you. "Valley Park local facilities - journeys by car could be reduced with the addition of further facilities (e.g. post office, cafe". As the nearest post office is not within walking distance it would be a good idea to have one near to the local Tesco Express.

3. Green Infrastructure: "The Parish will be looking for support from the Borough for a program of planting mature trees in strategic locations within the Valley Park area". Tree planting in streets, if there is available space, would be a good idea e.g. using parts of grass verges? This would also (hopefully) prevent people parking their cars and vans on the verges and would also greatly improve the appearance of the area. Blossom trees would be nice.

4. Car Parking: Parking of vans used by residents, either for work or their businesses, has been causing problems for some time. They are quite often partly parked on the pavement and residents with children have to walk and/or push their pushchairs in the road which could be an accident waiting to happen. They are also regularly parked on the road at the entrance to Tyne Close blocking sight to cars/vehicles driving in and out of the Close which could also cause an accident. Neighbours and visiting friends/family's vehicles have been very close to being hit by others driving in and out of the close and not being able to see what was coming towards them. I have raised this issue with [redacted], who was totally in agreement and passed on details to the department dealing with parking etc. but for some reason they did not think it was a problem, which I consider to be a very bad decision. I would suggest that there should be an area made available for vans to park away from the houses. Our streets are already turning into car parks with some residents leaving their vehicles off their drives and causing problems for other residents who have to drive across their front lawns in order to reach the road.

5. Crime/Anti-Social Behaviour & Safety of the VP Community: VP Parish Council and the community would welcome the reintroduction of a more visible and active level of community policing. This has not been available for a number of years.

I hope my comments will be considered by yourselves and I thank you in anticipation.

