

EDR Number	Decision	Reason	Key Decision	Confidential	Date of Decision
026.19	To approve the programme for joint working with Highways England to address cleanliness levels on A38.	The A38 forms parts of the nation's strategic road network as, as such, is maintained by Highways England (HE). However, as Principal Litter authority, the Council retains responsibility for litter picking. It is a major route through the borough used by a high volume of traffic and, as such, accumulations of litter can have a significant impact. Whilst the council has established direct links with key personnel at HE to establish a strategy for undertaking litter picking, it must also work with Kier Highways, HE's appointed contractor. This has proven to be more difficult, despite significant effort by the Council to formulate a 'partnership'. Whilst the council has previously undertaken such work and has risk assessments and safe working procedures in place, Kier has made numerous requests for additional information, including: * All employees to have passed a safety critical worker medical; *Construction Skills Certificate Scheme (CSCS) card; *Risk Assessment Method Statement; *Vehicle risk assessments and LOLER certificates; *Evidence of staff training and competence; *Welfare facilities and emergency contact numbers. All documents and supporting documents and supporting information have been proved to Kier. A38 is a high speed trunk road and for health and safety reasons, it is not possible to collect litter along key stretches of the carriageway unless the workforce is protected by a lane or road closure. The intention is that the council carry out their street cleaning activities during periods when Kier has a closure in place to undertake their own maintenance obligations. This is generally performed during the night to minimise impact on the travelling public. There is a window of opportunity in June, with a closure on the northbound carriageway between Branston and the A50 interchange. The council is mobilising a crew to work on these dates. In addition, the council has requested further dates when closures have been programmed with a view to undertaking further litter picking and will continue to liaise with HE and Kier in this regard. It is therefore proposed that contact be made on a quarterly basis to ensure that an up to date maintenance schedule is maintained and so the Council can programme its resources/activities.	No	No	19/06/2019
027.19	To consult on the Shopfronts guidance for a period of 6 weeks between June and July.	The Design Guide SPD adopted in 2008 contains in Appendix 2 shop front guidance. Whilst much of the information provided is still considered up to date, it still is necessary to reflect current Local Plan and national policies and reinforce important features which make a good, well designed shopfront. It is also considered beneficial to include local examples of important shop front features, which are not included in the current guidance.	Yes	No	24/06/2019

028.19	To consult on the guidance for a period of 6 weeks between June and July.	<p>Policies DP3 and SP24 of the adopted Local Plan seeks to manage the design of new residential development and included with the policies are safeguards to ensure that residential layout and design provides high standards of privacy and outlook for both existing and proposed residents. Despite the existence of these policies, their implementation is subjective and not supported by any standards or detailed guidance. This has led to difficult and at times protracted negotiations whereby developers push the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to accept ever decreasing separation distance between dwellings, small gardens and generally poor residential amenity. An issue is that whilst officers always seek to do their best and generally as a 'rule of thumb' stick to 20m separation distances 50 sq garden sizes, there is no basis upon which to sustain a refusal at appeal given that these informal standards are not written down anywhere. Coupled with this is the ongoing stream of day to day relating to the impact of extension on neighbours and the use by the LPA of the 45 degree rule when assessing the acceptability of proposals. Clarity on the application of the 45 degree rule was felt to be necessary to provide consistency and robustness in approach. The guidance will assist with addressing these issues.</p>	Yes	No	24/06/2019
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