

## **COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS TO COUNCILLOR A V SMITH**

##### **Area surrounding Mantle Lane Rail Bridge, Coalville**

“At its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 I asked to the Portfolio Holder about enforcing a tidy up around the Mantle Lane Rail Bridge Coalville.

A copy of the Portfolio Holders response can be found at: <https://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/documents/g1576/Printed%20minutes%2012th-Sep-2017%2018.30%20Council.pdf?T=1>

My question: “Clearly no work has been undertaken since the Portfolio Holders reply in 2017 and I would be grateful if she can update me on any action NWLDC has taken ‘behind the scenes’ to improve the outlook of Mantle Lane surrounding the Rail Overbridge?”

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A V SMITH**

“There are a number of work streams that are currently business as usual regarding Mantle Lane Bridge.

Firstly the Street Cleansing Team have an ongoing regime for this area as follows:-

1. Barrow man litter picks – 3 days a week. He now has a new barrow with a suction hose to also pick up small litter and detritus.
2. Mini sweeper covers footways once a day Monday to Friday.
3. Channel sweep 2 x weekly, and when required (gully alongside the kerb of the road).
4. Street Scene Team Leader monitors this area very closely to ensure this area is kept to a high standard as possible.

Secondly the Environmental Protection Team have been endeavouring to encourage Network Rail to resolve the impact and problem of pigeons and will continue to do so.

Street Environment Officers continue to include the bridge and the area around it in the annual Big Tidy Up.

However, it is acknowledged that to improve the appearance of the bridge itself that a project is required and this will be scoped out in the next two months. We have previously advised that there is Litter Innovation Funds that are available to groups who may be interested in accessing this money to tackle areas such as this.

There is also potential, subject to agreement with Network Rail, for the appearance to be improved utilising artwork.

This will be investigated as part of wider work on developing a vision and masterplan in Coalville and presents a significant opportunity to enhance this important entrance to the town”.