

COUNCIL – 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN

Environmental Conditions Mantle Lane Coalville

“At its meeting on the 27th February 2018 I once again placed a question to the then Portfolio Holder about using the Council’s Environmental powers to insist that the surrounding landowners remove overgrown vegetation on Mantle Lane Coalville.

Whilst regular cleaning is carried out by the Council’s Cleaning Teams, overgrown vegetation on structures and land belonging to Network Rail continues to be an unkempt eyesore that spoils this key entrance into Coalville Town Centre.

When will the Council use its powers under law to insist that Network Rail tidy up their property to the benefit of road users, pedestrians and shoppers?”.

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN

” Enforcement Officer, Ian Webster, has visited the site and confirms that the level of overgrown vegetation constitutes issuing of a Community Protection Warning.

This is the first stage of the formal process leading to the issuing of a Community Protection Notice if the problem persists.

In line with our Procedures and Policies, Network Rail have been contacted and advised of the vegetation issue. Ian has received notification today (5.9.19) that Network Rail have logged his request and that contact will be made to address the issue. If we do not receive further communication within a reasonable time frame we will progress with the first level of action.

The Business Focus Team recognise that Mantle Lane is an important gateway into Coalville Town Centre and a link to the new Leisure Centre. Consequently we are looking at ways in which the Future High Street Fund bid and Regeneration Framework might bring forward improvements. Business Focus have contacted Network Rail about working with them to improve the appearance of the bridge and are awaiting a response”.