

CHAMBER REPORT

There were many issues raised at the last Chamber meeting and in general discussion thereafter, most of these affected highway matters/motor usage.

One member had raised the issue of how contracts were awarded for contracts for taxis and how there appeared to be different criteria set for charity/community organisations as against the private sector. Members were advised that the DVLA were looking into the matter nationally and the Chairman also advised that there were ongoing local discussions.

Concern was raised with respect to traffic issues around Gilston Road and Carkeel roundabout which seem to be getting worse with one member noting that it took him only 10 minutes to shop at Lidl but 20 minutes to get from the car park to the A38. The Chairman informed members that he understood that there was ongoing consideration of the matter.

One member mentioned the application by Majestic Wine for planning consent for one of the units built adjacent to Lidl. It was regarded as positive that Majestic Wine want to come to Saltash as they attract a wider catchment for customers than a standard off-licence and it was therefore felt that it would not have a significant impact on the town centre. It was also felt that it would not have a major impact on traffic as although the store would have a constant flow of customers there would not be a mass surge.

Members gave a positive response to the playing of carols through the speaker system in Fore Street although, subsequently it was mentioned that there were variations in transmission levels and members wondered whether there needs to be a balancing of volume.

The Chairman gave an update on the activities of the Town Team and that the selection process for consultants would be taking place during January.

Concern was raised with respect to the 'travellers' who were on the land at Howdens. The Chairman explained that the legal process to get them to move on does take time.

Peter Ryland
Chairman