

ITEM NO. 2(b)

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Joanne, further to our meeting earlier today I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) A1086 Horden Hall to B1283 Roundabout Horden.- There are a small number of thin branches hanging across the footpath, below head height which could be potentially dangerous. I have asked my Highways Inspector to deal with these the next time he has resource available in the area.

2) A1086 Blackhall to Horden Horden Dene.

a) Concern was expressed regarding the poor condition of the concrete fencing in the vicinity of the Highways Depot.

Durham County Council no longer operate out of this depot and have not done so for a number of years. The process of terminating the lease and formally "pulling out" of the depot is currently ongoing. A general clean up of the area will take place before we hand it back.

The existing fencing is in very poor condition due to a combination of old age and traffic damage. I am arranging for an estimate for the removal of the fence and its possible replacement (it may be that this is not necessary where the hedge prevents access). Once I have the estimate consideration will then be given to possibly funding the works later this year.

b) The District Member also drew attention to the bus stops in the Dene area which have obstructed visibility due to overgrown trees.

As agreed I have spoken to colleagues in Integrated Transport Unit regarding this matter. They undertake a annual programme of bus stop improvements each year and have agreed to consider these locations, on receipt of an estimate from this Office. I will therefore arrange the estimate which will include, raised kerbs for easier access to bus, dropped kerbs for better access to the stops themselves, clearing back of trees/bushes for improved visibility and new road markings.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at this Office.

Regards

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