

Conservative for Stirchley News

27 Bus Route Will Remain in Stirchley!



Your local Councillors are extremely pleased to inform you that the 27 bus route will remain unchanged and will continue to use the popular Bournville Lane route.

It was only a few weeks ago that local Councillors had been informed by National Express West Midlands, the private bus operator, that the route was to be diverted from Bournville Lane and would instead go up Umberslade Road towards the Hospital.

A vigorous campaign, with almost 500 Stirchley residents responding to our last leaflet, demonstrated the opposition to such a move. Rerouting the buses would have left Stirchley isolated from the 27 bus route and would have left the Bournville Railway Station and the Cadbury factory without a bus service.

Your local Councillors have had many meetings with the bus operator and finally a compromise was reached. In exchange for the Council making changes to the route on Bournville Lane the bus company agreed to drop their plans to reroute the service. The company said they would also drop plans to introduce larger single decker buses which would have been unable to travel under the Bournville Lane bridge.

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The School Zebra Crossing to be Enhanced



Within the month the school crossing on the Pershore Road will be dramatically enhanced. Councillors did consider replacing it with a new Pelican Crossing but that would have required it to be moved.

In the end we decided that the crossing should stay where it is but should be re-laid with new improved lighting around it and **new illuminated black and white poles.**

This will make the crossing far more visible and with the dark evenings coming will improve road safety for the school children.

Stirchley and Selly Park Flood Meeting

On Sunday afternoon on the 19th October Councillor Nigel Dawkins organised and chaired a large public meeting to discuss the recent flooding that took place on the 6th September in the Stirchley and Selly Park area.

The meeting had 2 MPs, your local Councillors as well as representatives from The city's drainage department, Seven Trent and the Environment Agency.

Hundreds of local residents attended.

Councillor Dawkins was determined to find out from the experts what precisely caused the flooding and what can be done to reduce the effects of any future flooding. There were three main areas affected along the Pershore Road.

1. The Ripple Road/Cartland Road area.
2. The Cecil Road/Fashoda/Kitchener Road area.
3. The Sir John's Road/Fourth Avenue/Third Avenue area.

Each of these areas was flooded due to a range of different reasons and each reason was discussed at the meeting. Local residents gave valuable first hand accounts of what happened on that Saturday.

The many issues raised at the meeting will each need investigation. There will be no quick solutions. Some of the main issues raised were;

1. The bridge on Dogpool Lane, which contributed to the flooding needs improvements.
2. The bridge over the Bourn Brook on the Pershore Road by the Nature Centre also needs to be modified because it also contributed to the flooding.
3. We need a dramatically improved warning system to give residents more warning so they can take the steps necessary to protect their property.
4. We need a much better system of supplying sandbags to the vulnerable areas.
5. We need to ensure that public health is on standby if the flood water is contaminated with sewage.
6. We need to have accommodation available and on standby in case future flooding displaces people from their property.



Councillor Dawkins addressing the meeting



Flooding at Sir John's Road in Selly Park

Stirchley Christmas Lights Switch-On, December 3rd.

This year the Stirchley Christmas Lights and the Stirchley Christmas Tree will be switched on at 2.30 on the 3rd December.

Again like last year, Councillor Nigel Dawkins will be helped in the switch-on by the children of Stirchley Community School. There will be carols and mince pies for anyone who can join us.

