

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL****Planning & Environment Committee****Welton Road Littering as requested by Cllr Suresh Gattapur**

- 1.1 At the announcement of the lockdown on March 23 2020, the Parish Council moved into a reduced level of litter collection. Many local volunteers indicated that they would not be participating and the Parish Council office advised groups that group litter picks should cease until further notice.
- 1.2 Swindon Borough Council have confirmed that two of the full-time equivalent cleansing staff are currently shielding. A temporary member of staff has been added to the cleansing service, but it is reduced to two members only. There is no weekend bin emptying.
- 1.3 Welton Road has historically experienced a high volume of parked vehicles however this has reduced due to the reduction of activity at the university. This has provided more opportunity for on street parking.
- 1.4 Cllr Gattapur has made frequent observations that since the reopening of KFC on Welton Road as a drive thru takeaway service, littering has increased dramatically. The Parish Council has also received complaints from local businesses who are frustrated at the volume of week day litter which they believe has a negative impact on their business.
- 1.5 The Parish Manager has spoken to KFC who have advised that the littering is taking place in parked vehicles which have driven away a short distance and parked up in the Delta estate, particularly Welton Road alongside debris left from people 'picnicing' on the green areas on the estate.
- 1.6 To tackle the problem, the Parish Manager has reported the issue to the community policing team and Swindon Borough Council environmental enforcement. The Parish cleansing team are also litter picking as and when bins are emptied. KFC have also confirmed that they are undertaking three litter picks a day and will be providing an extra bin in the area.
- 1.7 It is anticipated that with these measures and the return of local volunteer litter picking, the impact of the current levels of littering should be reduced.

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Parish Manager