



# FOCUS

## On Broadstone

November 2005

We have received a large number of complaints about the recent changes to Wilts and Dorset bus services. These range from total loss of service to increased journey time and to increased number of double decker buses through residential areas including West Way and Lancaster Drive. Annette and your Lib Dem councillors have made representations to both the Council and to the bus company. Mike has also had a meeting with representatives from Wilts and Dorset. It is clear the main consideration has been economic rather than offering a public service. The impact on many residents' lives is considerable and we will continue to fight for a better service.



## Does local public transport work for you?

To help us with this we would be grateful if you could complete the short survey below and return to Cllr Mike Brooke using our freepost address.

1. Do you use local bus services? Y/ N  
 If your answer to Q1 was Yes, please continue with Q2.  
 If your answer to Q1 was No then please go to Q5.

2. How frequently do you use the bus service?  
 a) daily                      b) weekly  
 c) monthly                    d) occasionally

3. What are the main difficulties you encounter when using the bus service?  
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4. Wilts and Dorset has recently changed a number of its services. What do you think of these changes?  
 a) have they made it easier for you to use a local bus service? Y/N  
 b) have they made it more difficult to use a local bus service? Y/N  
 Please give reasons for your answer.

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If your answer to question 1 was No then please continue here:

5. Why do you not use a local bus service?  
 a) Inconvenient              b) too expensive  
 c) uncomfortable            d) other – please state

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY. Please return it to Cllr. Mike Brooke, Freepost, Liberal Democrat Office, 14 York Road, Broadstone, BH18 8BR.**

The Liberal Democrats and Annette Brooke MP may use the information provided from returned surveys to contact you from time to time to keep you informed of subjects we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information you have provided to be used to help with this. If you give us your phone number, we may call you in future - even if you are TPS registered - unless you let us know otherwise.

Name.....  
 Address.....  
 E-mail.....

## OTHER TRAFFIC ISSUES

A recent survey carried out by Mike and Graham along West Way revealed a significant demand for some form of traffic calming/speed monitoring. Since the survey there has been one further bus crash and a near miss involving two double decker buses. Discussions are taking place with the council officers, Wilts and Dorset Bus Company and the police. The police have offered to monitor speeds using their mobile cameras and details are being finalised. Sections of West Way will also undergo repair and surface improvement to reduce skid risk.



## BROADSTONE IN BLOOM

Once again the ladies of the Broadstone in Bloom team, led by Denise Hill have done a wonderful job in organising and managing the displays along the Broadway, The 'village' has looked better than ever and we are grateful to them and all local traders who have taken part in the scheme, for the time and effort freely given. It is a pity that not everyone seems to appreciate the displays – there has been more vandalism this year which culminated in the mindless destruction of a planter and a seat. Let us or the police know if you see anyone involved in such wanton destruction and anti-social behaviour.

## ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

The trial areas in Poole have been described as a success and it has been agreed that further Alcohol Free Zones may be rolled out. Your Lib Dem councillors have had many discussions with residents, the police, and the Council's anti-social behaviour officers and it was agreed, following Area Committee approval, to progress a request for such an area in Broadstone. Unfortunately since making that request the Council have changed the procedure and will now only accept requests directly from the police. "This is very disappointing" said Cllr Mike Brooke, "especially since much work has been done by many people. I will now have to go back to the police to seek assurances that they will proceed with a submission."

## AIRCRAFT NOISE

We are receiving more and more complaints about aircraft noise both during the day and through the night. Representations have been



made to both the Civil Aviation Authority and to Bournemouth Airport. It would appear there is little that can be done unless the planes are breaking normal flying regulations and this is highly unlikely. There has been an increase in flights from the airport this year and this is expected to further increase next year as 3 major tour companies relocate from Southampton. The Authorities are forecasting over 1.2million passengers for 2006. If you are disturbed by the noise you can contact Poole Council's representative on Bournemouth Airport's Consultation Committee, Cllr Ray Smith, via the Civic Centre.



Cllr Mike Brooke



Cllr Graham Mason

To discuss these or any other local issues of concern, see your Lib Dem Councillors - Surgeries in Broadstone Library 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month from 10.00am till 12.00 mid-day with Annette Brooke MP or contact:

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