

West End News

October 2011 Update

from West End Ward councillor

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Bus Services : I am continuing to campaign to have a proper school bus service for St John's High School pupils who live in the West End restored, following the removal of the 45 bus service by National Express Dundee.

I am also meeting the City Council's Head of Transportation later this month regarding the 204 bus service that replaced the 69 service. Residents have pointed out to me that they feel that it requires greater publicity if it is to get better patronage and I

am keen to discuss this with City Council transportation officials.

Pennycook Lane Car Park : In May of last year, the City Council, following my request for proper bay markings in the Pennycook Lane car park, did some lining work to better highlight each parking bay.

Unfortunately, in recent months, much of the paint has worn and faded (see right) so I asked the council to repaint the bays markings.



I am grateful to the City Council's Head of Transportation who has responded to my request for re-lining very promptly as follows :

"I have arranged for the Car Parks Maintenance Assistant to repaint the defined parking bays in the Pennycook Lane Car Park."

Nethergate : I have received residents' complaints about the amount of litter and other rubbish left late at night on Fridays and Saturdays in particular in Nethergate, near South Tay Street.



The photo (right) is the situation first thing Sunday morning. I have brought the matter to the attention of the Environment Department of Dundee City Council, at residents' requests.



Balgay Cemetery : I have expressed concern about a number of terrible instances of vandalism of graves in Balgay Cemetery. I have condemned as appalling and mindless further recent vandalism affecting around 15 headstones.

I have been again in touch with the Tayside Police local Inspector and Sergeant about actions our local police are taking to apprehend those responsible. The police have advised that :

"Unfortunately the incidents have been on a sporadic basis and there is no definite pattern. We have increased high visibility patrols in the area using special constables to boost numbers, along with regular officers on foot and cycle patrols within the cemetery. Patrols shall continue for the foreseeable future, using CCTV where appropriate, and we are looking to conduct plain clothes patrols with a view to identifying whoever is responsible."

I am pleased at the proactivity of our local police service and would urge anyone who sees anything suspicious to contact Tayside Police.