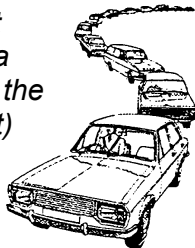


## TESCO ROUNDABOUT

Two major planning applications, Allen's West and Urlay Nook, will each increase the amount of traffic at the Tesco Roundabout. The developers have agreed that if their applications are approved by Stockton Council Planning Committee they will pay for some widening of the roads approaching the roundabout. The changes are described as follows by the council engineer dealing with the issues:

*The improvement scheme includes local widening to the approaches on the Durham Lane and two A67 legs of the roundabout. This will allow two formal lanes for traffic queue and therefore move traffic through the roundabout more efficiently. There is of course a complication to this, as we are aware the wider highway network (Yarm High St) is the bottle neck. Under the legislation, the developer must mitigate their own impact on the affected junctions and existing problems on the wider highway network remain the responsibility of the Authority.*



If the planning applications are approved these changes to the roads will be implemented. If you have any comments on these changes please let your councillors know as soon as possible.

## DURHAM LANE BUS SERVICE

A number of residents have complained about the poor service along Durham Lane compared to Yarm Road. There may be changes to the 20 service as a result of the new Long Newton A66 interchange, but it is too early to say what these might be. If you would use a more frequent service on Durham Lane do let your councillors know.

## ALLEN'S WEST RAIL CROSSING

Alan is still writing regularly to Network Rail in an effort to get the crossing levelled off. It is taking some time because they don't want to spend money on it but Alan thinks that is a poor excuse.

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**Or see us at Ward Surgery:**

Tuesday 15th July, 6.30-7.30pm, Eaglescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane  
Friday 1st August, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue  
Tuesday, 19th August, 6 - 7 pm, Eaglescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane  
Friday, 5th September, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Avenue

## PLANNING

Stockton Council approved:

- **Butts Lane** – extra house, next to the Cemetery
- **2A Albert Road** – change to dwelling
- Teesside Prep. & High School, **The Avenue** - extensions
- Replacement house for *Meadowcroft*, **Aislaby**

Applications pending as we went to press:

- 11 flats to replace *Eagle Service Station*, **502 Yarm Road** (revised application)
- Teesside Prep. & High School, **The Avenue** - further extensions
- Conversion of **658 Yarm Road** to 8 flats
- **Egglecliffe School** – 2 mobile classrooms & metal fencing for **Seymour Drive**
- **Preston Hall** - refurbishment & alterations
- *Roxloe Equestrian Centre*, **Newsham** – timber building
- Conversion of disused warehouse at **Allen's West** to a Children's Play Centre
- **Allens West** – mixed development of housing, industrial, community & nursing home
- **Urlay Nook** – Outline application for general industrial or storage.

The Planning Inspectorate:

- upheld refusal of 7 apartments at **1 South View**
- will hear an appeal against the refusal of 14 apartments at **690 Yarm Road**
- will decide an appeal over the raising of the height of **8 Valley Gardens**
- allowed extensions at **5 Wear Crescent**

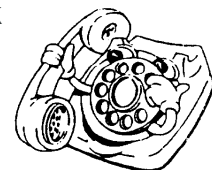
An application for 7 new dwellings at *Preston Farm*, **Preston Lane**, was withdrawn

More details of any of these from Alan, Maureen or John.



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## POST OFFICE SERVICES

Lib Dem Stockton South Parliamentary candidate, Jacquie Bell, (below with Sarah Teather MP) is worried about the future of local Post Offices.



“The Post Office network has been neglected by both Labour and Conservative governments” said Jacquie. “It now needs major investment. The current

proposals are to close 2,500 offices but more could follow.

“The Post Office network has seen its tasks stripped away – pension books were withdrawn and now the Post Office Card Account is threatened to end by 2010. Car tax and TV licences can be paid on line.

“The Government has no plan to save the Post Office network. 3500 offices closed under the Tories and 4000 have already closed under Labour. After failing to support Post Offices in a Parliamentary vote, the Stockton South Labour MP now wants Stockton Borough Council to find cash to save Long Newton Post Office. When she had the chance to save it she could have done so by voting against the Government and persuading her Labour colleagues to do the same. If Long Newton closes there will only be longer queues at Eaglescliffe.

“Liberal Democrats have a fully funded plan to save the Post Office. It would invest £2 billion in the Post Office, increase the services offered at branches and enhance the whole network. Government services would still be available and there would be a new legal requirement for the Government to maintain the Post Office network.”

The National Federation of Subpostmasters is running a campaign to save the Post Office Card Account, vital for many on low incomes. Maureen has details for anyone who wants to sign.

## SNIPPETS

**Building Schools for the Future:** Drop in, July 8th, Yarm Library, 1530 - 1800, ask your questions there.

### Good news:

- New fence on the railway side of **West View Terrace** (*Focus*145)
- At last, public open spaces at **Chaldron Way/Royal George Drive** corner & the bottom of **Black Diamond Way** have been transferred to the Council, who are also adopting the roads on **Kingsmead**.
- Stockton Council are resurfacing the path from **Grisedale Crescent** to **Dunbar Drive**.

Issues taken up by our councillors include:

- More bollards for **Aislaby Green**
- Overgrown hedges at **Stoney Bank & Old Junction Bridge**
- Potholes in **Croft Road, Newsam Crescent, Mayfield Close**
- Tree roots in **Ashville Avenue**

## SAFER ROADS

Your councillors are pleased to report that more work is to be done to improve safety on **Durham Lane** north of Kingsmead. This includes making the advisory 50 mph speed limit mandatory. The broken white lines along the hatching are to be made solid and the road edges are to be better defined.

On **Urlay Nook Road** between Tesco Roundabout and Hunters Green there will be road marking to slow traffic, as well as some dropped kerbs to encourage crossing at the point with best visibility.

Those people who use **Station Road** will have noticed the new dropped kerbs. These improvements are being financed by a combination of the Ward Environmental Improvement and the Western Area Transport Strategy Budgets, an example of partnership working well.

**WORRIED** about bogus “water board” callers? Ask to see their ID and ring Northumbrian Water to check on 0845 7171 100