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The Talkback section of the Council's website is where Council staff respond to questions raised on Cue Television's City Talkback show. Replies from senior Council staff will be available here.



Demolition issue

Catherine called about old house in Tweed Street between Connon and Nith Streets. The house had no windows, the doors were kicked in and it was used by squatters from time to time. She contacted the Council and was told the owner was in Australia. She wanted to know what progress was being made.

Building Regulation Services Manager Simon Tonkin said the owner applied for a building and resource consent to demolish the building at 173 Tweed St as it was not fit for habitation. "The consents were granted in 2008 and the owner wrote to the Council in January 2009 advising it was still his intention to demolish the house in 2009," Mr Tonkin said. "A letter will be forwarded requesting the owner to action the demolition as soon as practicable."

Glengary toilets

Lena asked why the Council bothered spending money to survey people about the placement of the Glengary toilets, when they ignored the survey results and went with the option favoured by residents.

Building Assets Manager Paul Horner said 55 survey letters were delivered to residents around Glengarry Crescent and shop owners asking their opinion of two options for location of the public toilet. Option 1 was beside the playground to the north of the shops and Option 2 was at the west end of the car park to the south of the Challenge service station.

Of the 26 replies were received, 17 were in favour of Option 1 and 9 in favour of Option 2. Presentations were made by residents who would be directly affected by the placement of the toilet at Option 1

Council staff made the decision that, when all factors were considered, Option 2 was the better choice. These reasons were provided to residents in a follow-up letter.

Option 2 was chosen because it provides pedestrian access for shoppers and playground users; provides off-street parking; provides a toilet for bus drivers, minimises noise and disturbance to adjacent residences, and is surrounded by easily maintained surfaces.

Talbot St track

Stephen asked if part of the Talbot Street track by Salford School could be built up, so that it is not underwater.

Parks Manager Robin Pagan said the path in the Talbot St reserve had been attended to and should no longer be holding water.