

Wirral South Constituency Committee, Questions Answered Post-Committee 6 June 2016

	Question	Answer
Question 1	<p>Councillor Christina Muspratt made reference to a recent incident where a refuse vehicle had unidentified material in it which warranted the road, where she lived, to be closed. She asked the Constituency Manager to ascertain why the residents of 45, 47 and 49 Fairacres Road, Bebington had not been informed about the incident at the time.</p>	<p>Richard Clarke, Station Manager, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service responded: "The residents that were in and answered their doors were informed to remain in doors unless they intended to leave in the immediate few hours. They were also queried about the possible contents of recycling bins. The suspected materials in the bins concerned are readily available but not recommend to be put into recycling. Some products when mixed, such as some powerful drain cleaners and household produces will release fumes that will affect refuse workers who are subject to emptying the bins.</p> <p>The materials found in the refuse vehicle were treated in the way that any unknown would be and the appropriate cordoned put in place. The materials were later assessed as only being of concern in the immediate area of the vehicle and therefore no wider resident announcements where necessary.</p> <p>The vehicle was handed back to the waste company and a hazardous waste specialist to look at contaminating the vehicle. The road way was left with Wirral cleansing and no further action was required."</p>
Question 2	<p>A member of the public (Laurel Parkinson) raised a point in relation to the poor internet speeds experienced in some rural areas of the constituency. How could businesses be developed without access to high Broadband speeds?</p>	<p>Although there is an ongoing Liverpool City Region project to increase broadband access the focus of this is aimed more at areas of higher population.</p> <p>The issues experienced by the resident appear to be the cause of a physical constraint. Although the location does appear to be enabled with fibre optic infrastructure the technology deployed is what's called Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC). This means the link between the cabinet and the actual end user premise is delivered over the existing BT landline which is copper based.</p> <p>The only way to actually overcome this problem would be to order a bespoke Fibre To The Premise (FTTP) or a Wireless solution both of which can be expensive.</p> <p>On further discussion with the resident they intend to canvass their neighbours and assess the extent of the issue and raise it with their elected members following collation of responses.</p>