

**Trowbridge Area Board 20 January 2011**

Item 5i

## **Chairman's Announcements**

### **Update on cars being sold on the roadside**

The serving of a control order on two areas of land in Salisbury has brought about a marked reduction in vehicles being placed for sale in these locations. Since the control order became active only one vehicle has been placed for sale and this was removed within three hours of the seller being advised that our contractors would be removing the vehicle the following day. There is no requirement for us to provide this period of notice under the terms of the control order but best practice would incline towards a brief period of notice when the evidence suggests it is the first breach of the order by an individual. As yet there have been no reports of new vehicle sale 'hotspots' appearing elsewhere following the control order on this land, though this may become clearer now that the Christmas break is over.

That the control order appears to have reduced the instances of cars being placed for sale in these locations can certainly be viewed as a success, though we will not truly know how successful the orders are until - and if - they are challenged in a magistrates' court. However, at this point officers are content to extend the scheme to include areas in Trowbridge.

Officers are scheduled to meet with the Area Board Manager (19 January) to review problem areas in Trowbridge and identify areas on which to serve control orders in the first instance. A further update on the progress of this scheme will be provided at the March Area Board.