

Dear Rick & Chris,

**Aftermath of the National Bowl event, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

I am e-mailing you to make you aware of a number of problems and issues that have arisen as a direct result of the Electric Daisy Carnival event held at the National Bowl, Milton Keynes, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

**Firstly, the one real compliment / success:** all the residents of Bilbrook Lane, North Furzton, who have thus far commented, are very pleased with the arrangements made with regard to the curtailment of parking issues and allied matters. It is clear that they would like the same arrangements to be put in place for the Foo Fighters 2-day event to be held, I believe, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. I have already e-mailed you separately about this and have included a typical e-mail of compliments.

Now for the issues that arose: -

**The lack of a full and comprehensive clean up after the event:** I attach a pdf of some of the photographs taken by a resident of North Furzton, depicting a significant amount of debris, mainly glass, not picked up after the event. As you will note from my caption, the glass is still very much in evidence several days later! Allied to this is my own inspection of local Redways, estate roads and grid roads. The grid roads, in particular the H7 from its junction with the Bowl roundabout to its junction with Loxbeare Drive, North Furzton, had still not been cleaned by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Most estate roads and several of the local Redways were also unkempt. It is unacceptable that residents who, for the most part, want the National Bowl to succeed, should be faced with a lack of concern for their environment and their enjoyment of their local landscaping. This was, in my view, one of the most shoddy clean ups after a Bowl event that I have personally witnessed! I do expect the glass shown on the attached pdf to be cleared away with an appropriate urgency on your part. The pdf shows the location of the glass and other detritus.

**Obstructive and indiscriminate vehicle parking on Parkside, Favell Drive & Braybrooke Drive, South Furzton:** Although I am no longer the Councillor with responsibilities for South Furzton, I fully support my colleague, Cllr Maggie Geaney, in her condemnation of the total lack of control of vehicles on Parkside, Favell Drive & Braybrooke Drive. I attach a pdf of an article that appeared in the MK Citizen, which shows the disgust of local residents about the indiscriminate parking and the lack of concern shown them by the Organizers of this particular Bowl event. When we met, prior to the Bowl event, both Cllr Geaney and I made it clear to you what the effect of your proposals would be on this area of South Furzton - and, unfortunately, our fears have been completely justified.

**Obstructive and indiscriminate vehicle parking on Rutherford Gate, Hauksbee Gardens & Joules Court, Shenley Lodge:** Despite the yellow signage, this area of Shenley Lodge became inundated with irresponsible vehicle owners attending the Bowl event. After several telephone calls from irate residents, and having visited and spoken with them, I contacted the Bowl 'hotline' only to discover that they were a) unaware of the problems and b) no traffic Enforcement Officers had patrolled the area. I requested that Officers be sent there immediately and to be kept informed of progress in dealing with the indiscriminate parking – but, even as I compose this e-mail, no one from the Organization has bothered to let me know how many vehicles were towed away or received parking fines etc.

**National Bowl 'Hotline':** Unlike on many previous occasions, the hotline telephone number was, on this occasion, actually correct! Unfortunately, however, there were, as I understand it, only two people 'on duty' – and, when they were engaged with a caller, the hotline simply cut everyone else off without any answerphone service or even the opportunity to wait in a queue! I tried the number several times, from both my mobile and my landline – and it took, on average, seven attempts to get through – on each of the other six occasions, the line simply went dead, after an automated message stated "*the other person has hung up*"! This is not the best way to deal with residents who want advice or want to complain – and it does not help to engender a feeling of confidence in the Organization.

The above are just four of the issues that many of us would like to discuss with you URGENTLY in plenty of time before the next National Bowl event. This was, despite the relative small number of concert-goers, one of the most badly organized Bowl events for a very long time!

We do not wish to enter a long e-mail debate on these matters - we want an urgent face-to-face meeting with you to be assured that these issues will be taken seriously and much better plans put in place before the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September!

We await your contrite and rapid response!

Regards,

Cllr Chris Williams