

# HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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- Arrangements had been made for the lengthsman to do so low maintenance work around the playground by re-staining the fence and posts. We have been able to secure a contribution from SRBC towards the cost which means that the low level improvements will now be done far earlier than if we had left them to done in accordance with the normal SRBC maintenance schedules.
- Help Direct is a service developed for all adults in Lancashire. It will aim to be the first port of call to get practical support, guidance and information needed to get the most out of life. More information is available @ [www.lancashire.gov.uk/helpdirect](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/helpdirect). It is also expected that a short presentation will be made to the Council at the September meeting.
- An open day was held at TEG on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. A number of issues were discussed and an announcement made that TEG had accepted that the location and indeed the site itself was less than ideal and that they were now seeking an alternative location away from residential properties. Discussions were taking place in respect of 2 possible alternatives. Residents will be kept informed by way of regular meetings.
- A response has been received from SRBC following a request from this Council to investigate breaches of planning permission relating to activities taking place on the restaurant car park adjacent to Autorange. SRBC acknowledge that the activities highlighted are taking place however they have the view that they are not of a sufficient nature to do harm to the environment or amenity of the area and have therefore decided that no action is required. The response is copied below.

'The Councils Enforcement Officer has been aware of the activities carried out by Autorange over a period of time. Vehicles have been parked on the car parking area to the adjacent restaurant displaying for sale signs, vehicles have been valeted and the parking area has been used for overflow parking of vehicles.

The Enforcement Officer has visited the site on a number of occasions the last being on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009. He has found that the activities are carried out infrequently and not on a regular basis. The activities do not cause demonstrable harm to the environment or amenity of the area. The car parking area is still available for the use of customers when the restaurant is open in the evenings and we have received no complaint from the owner of the restaurant. **As a result the Councils view is that there has been no breach of planning control requiring any formal action'**

Should the activities increase to the extent that vehicles are parked permanently on the restaurant car park, reducing available parking for the premises, the Control will investigate the matter again and consider what further action might be appropriate'