

**DARLINGTON PEDESTRIAN HEART**

**Minutes of the Darlington Pedestrian Heart Meeting, held at Thorpe Park, Leeds  
between Darlington Borough Council and United Utilities on  
Friday 10 February 2006**

<b>Present:</b>	John Buxton	JDB	Darlington Borough Council
	Brian Dobinson	BD	Darlington Borough Council
	Dale Carter	DC	United Utilities
	Peter Foster	PF	United Utilities
	Neil Hampshire	NH	United Utilities

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	
1.1	“To discuss problems encountered in Prospect Place, due to the depth of the 12 inch gas main and to discuss possible solutions”.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Ideas discussed</b>	
2.1	DC opened the meeting by stating that United Utilities had already done some investigations and found that the main is a major supply pipe and cannot simply be cut off.	
2.2	DC stated that the 12 inch main had a “condition score” of 12 to 20, which means it is not due for renewal for approximately 24/25 years. United Utilities are currently replacing mains with a score of 200 plus.	
2.3	NH stated that by removing the tarmac layers off the concrete, it may lead to a premature cracking of the main, which is something we all wish to avoid.	
2.4	NH’s suggested use of a redundant water main as a conduit was dismissed.	
2.5	DC pointed out that the works would have to be fully rechargeable, apart from the standard 18% discount.	
2.6	BD/JDB felt that, due to the depth of the main, the only sensible solution was to arrange for the 12 inch main to be re-laid along both Prebend Row and West Row.	
2.7	BD suggested that Birse should do this necessary excavation as they are already on site. This was agreed by United Utilities.	
2.8	It was agreed that NH should contact Catherine Xavier regarding trial holes and cross sections.	
2.9	DC stated they would have a price for the works within 2 weeks.	

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2.10	PF/NH provided a trench cross section to BD to enable Birse to price the excavations, surround and backfill.	