

## **Motion to Full Council – No. 2 – 13 December 2011**

### **Inappropriate use of “Blacktop” Tarmacadam to replace paving slabs in Taunton Town Centre**

**Motion proposed by Councillor Ross Henley and seconded by Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey:-**

Taunton Deane Borough Council has invested a huge amount of money enhancing our town centre and is therefore concerned at Somerset County Council’s policy of using unsightly blacktop Tarmacadam to replace broken paving slabs. This policy will lead to a squalid look for our town centre and is not helping and supporting businesses either.

This Council calls upon Somerset County Council to discontinue its policy of using blacktop Tarmacadam to replace broken paving stones in central Taunton Town Centre streets such as High Street, Fore Street, North Street and East Street. We also request that the County Council replaces blacktop already used in these areas with appropriate paving slabs.

Furthermore, to enhance Taunton High Street we request this Council to arrange for bins for chewing gum and recycling receptacles for bottles and cans to be placed at suitable locations to encourage recycling in the town centre.