

Area Panel 5 Community Issues Update Report

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1.2 Ref 506032 – Ice on Park Farm Car Park, Allestree – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A local resident asked if it would be possible to reduce problems with ice on Park Farm in winter.

Action: To ask the Park Farm owners to respond.

Update: The Park Farm owners put grit on the ground level car park in the evening before ice is expected but only on the main walking routes from the pavement to the rows of cars as well as around the disabled parking spaces. They do not grit the pavements because they are owned by the Council. With the rooftop car park, grit is put on the ramps and steps as well as the main walking routes. They do not have the resources to grit the whole of both car parks because the gritting has to be done by hand. Should the surface of the car park become too dangerous to drive on then the car park would be closed. To make sure the gritting is effective the staff are regularly trained to on how much to use and where to put the grit. Note and close.

Further information: Kate Davies, Park Farm Centre Manager, telephone 553374

1.3 Ref 506021 – Petitions – Toddlers play area, Coppice Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition was received signed by 57 residents of Coppice Park, Allestree opposing the proposed toddler play area, on the grounds of increased antisocial behaviour, and health and safety.

A counter petition had also been received signed by 13 residents in favour of the play area, which had always been included in the development plans.

Action: Ask officers to investigate the petitions and provide a report to a future meeting.

Update:

Meetings were held with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation and the lead petitioners on Friday 17 November. A report responding to the petition can be found elsewhere on the agenda in item 6. Note.

Further information:

Duncan Inwood, Group Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255926

Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.4 Ref: 505039 – Petition – Well repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street, Darley - received 12.10.05

Issue: A petition containing 80 signatures, had been received from residents of Strutt's Park and Rivermead House requesting the repair of the well at the bottom of Well Street and the installation of a handrail on Well Street, as they were concerned about the general state of Well Street, in particular the slippery surface and the difficulties faced by everyone who use the route to negotiating the steep hill.

Action: Update on progress to complete the repairs to the well and the longer term options for the area.

Update: Highways and Transport officers have placed an order for the handrail to be installed. Unfortunately, there has been a delay as they have encountered unexpected design problems. They aim to install the handrail before the Area Panel 5 meeting on 31 January 2007.

Derby Homes are working up proposals that will tidy up the well area and surroundings, improve health and safety, reduce anti social behaviour around the well and make the area more attractive while in the long-term making the area sustainable. Work is being progressed to design a suitable enclosure to the Well that will prevent a member of the public falling down into it and at the same time allow for cleaning the well and restrict people taking water from the well. Environmental Services have quoted to tidy up the stone work and complete minimal repairs to the well using specialist contractors. Derby Homes are considering fitting bollards to prevent further damage to the well by traffic, this will be in line with the Conservation Area and World Heritage site requirements and it will also need Listed Building Consent.

The repairs to the brick sets should be completed in November. However, Derby Homes does **not have** a budget readily available to fund the larger scale work and they are proposing that the City Housing Improvement Plan – CHIP, funds this project but funding would not be available until after April 2007. Riverside West Community Panel will discuss this request for funding at a future meeting. Note and put in outstanding issues table.

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064
Peter Matthews, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 717831

1.5 Ref: 505026 – Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street, Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: A petition signed by 63 people had been received requesting a one-way system on Markeaton Street, due to the concerning level of traffic that converge daily on the street. It also referred to the anticipated increase in traffic and parking problems due to the high level of developments in the area, and the proposals to expand Derby University. It also requested that the area be monitored on a regular basis by traffic wardens.

Action: To update on how officers are communicating progress to the residents.
To update on progress to complete the work.

Update: At the Area Panel meeting in July, the Traffic Management section was asked

to carry out a further consultation exercise with the residents of Markeaton Street about 2 options suggested to remedy the through traffic problems.

Since then, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, Councillor Chris Wynn has asked the Traffic Management section to carry out some urgent work elsewhere in the city. Regrettably, this has meant that the re-consultation with Markeaton Street residents has had to be delayed. A letter has been sent to the lead petitioner informing them of this.

It is expected that a further letter will be delivered to all residents of Markeaton Street in December and it will detail both options and include a plan showing the details of the proposals. The Cabinet Member, Ward Councillors and the lead petitioner have been informed about the situation. Note and put into outstanding issues table until April 2007.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.6 Ref 506012 – Granite kerb stones on Darley Lane, Darley – raised 01.02.06

Issue: A resident asked what had happened to the granite kerbstones that had been removed on Darley Lane and had been replaced with concrete in a conservation area. Subsequently a resident reported damage to bollards by contractors.

Action: Agreed to keep the item open and update on whether the recommendation will be introduced as a new procedure as part of maintenance work on the highways.

Update: The recommendation at Conservation Area Advisory Committee refers to Highways Development Control establishing a proper system/storage facility for salvaged highway materials. We can confirm that Highways Development Control will keep records of salvaged highway materials in conservation areas for new developments and liaise with the Built Environment Team. Highways Maintenance will continue to liaise with the Built Environment Team for more routine works in conversation areas. Note and close.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.7 Ref 506015 – Darley Park – BBQ Notices, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern about the use of disposable barbeques at Darley Park, as the grass and tree trunks were being damaged, and there were also problems with food remains being left on the ground. It was felt notices should be erected informing the public that barbeques are not allowed. Could a designated area be considered?

Action: To update on idea of introducing designated barbeque areas.

Update:

Parks officers have consulted with seven neighbouring local authorities about how they respond to barbeques on parks. As a result a set of guidelines are being produced that will clarify the use of barbeques on parks and open spaces in Derby. These guidelines will be available when they have been formally agreed and can be viewed by contacting

Dawn Dagley on 716272. Consideration is still being given about how the guidelines can be appropriately enforced and publicised on over 300 pieces of open space. Note and close.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

1.8 Ref 506017 – Parking Enforcement, Markeaton Primary School, Bromley Street, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A representative from Markeaton Primary School informed the panel that although they had a traffic regulation order, there was still considerable problems with parents parking on the zig - zag lines. She explained that as requested, she had kept a record of offending vehicles, but to date had not been contacted by Officers.

Action: Provide details of traffic restrictions revoked in Area Panel 5 area.

Update: No waiting restrictions were revoked in the Area Panel 5 area in the recent review. Note and close.

Further information: Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Constabulary. Telephone 613131
Steve Alcock, Parking Development Engineer, Regeneration and Community.
Telephone 71 5128

1.9 Ref 506020 – Petition - Street lighting on Nottingham Road, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A petition signed by 57 residents was submitted which asked for street lights to be installed on part of Nottingham Road near to the city centre.

Action:

To ask for more information on progress of the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative - PFI.

Update: The Street Lighting PFI is still being developed. There is no further information available at this time but when progress is made information will be provided at a future area panel meeting. Note and close.

Further information: Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community Tel: 715014

1.10 Ref 506026 – Shrubs, Broadway, Darley ward – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A resident informed the panel that the shrubs on the side of Broadway, as you approach Kedleston Road needed trimming, as they were obscuring visibility for traffic.

Action: To investigate and cut back shrubs

Update: We have asked the Arboricultural team to arrange for the hedges and trees to be cut back. Note and close.

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064

1.11 Ref 506035 – Fly Tipping on footway at Bridge Street and Lodge Lane junction, Darley – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the fly tipping on Bridge Street and Lodge Lane junction. Photographs were handed to the panel, showing the results of a week of tipping. She explained it is not a one-off occurrence, it happens everyday to a lesser or greater degree and that some people who know that the premises – Alton Metals – is a scrap metal merchant, dump rubbish outside and expect it to be dealt with. The panel were asked if something could be done to stop this problem continuing.

Action: Investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Update: The location has been monitored by Environmental Health using CCTV equipment over the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 October. A number of individuals were observed leaving various items of waste outside the site and have been identified through their vehicle details. Leaving waste outside the site is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Division is now in the process of interviewing those concerned. WE will then decide what action to take against them. Prior to using the CCTV equipment evidence has previously been collected from items left and a number of warnings have been given. There is currently an old Environment Agency 'no-tipping' sign outside the site but this is quite small and not very noticeable, so we will replace this with a larger, more up to date sign. This has been ordered. The intention is to survey the site with CCTV again when the sign has been replaced, and periodically on further occasions in the future. The items that cause problems are those that the site is not authorised to accept, such as fridges/freezers and other non-metal waste which are often left when the site is closed. It is thought that a high proportion of those people leaving waste are 'regulars' and by monitoring the area and taking action against those found tipping the problem can be reduced. Note and close.

Further information: Ian Donnelly, Group Leader Public Health, Environmental Services, telephone 715219

1.12 Ref 506036 – Air Quality at Five lamps, Darley – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A resident confirmed that he had received the latest CD about Air Pollution and stated that it refers to a new Air Quality Management Area – AQMA, being put into place covering the Five Lamps area. He asked if the AQMA is in place yet and if not when.

Action: To provide a response to the resident by email.

Update: An email was sent directly to the resident stating that the Air Quality Management Order was made at the end of October 2006 and Five Lamps is now officially within an Air Quality Management Area. Further information is available on the Council website www.derby.gov.uk . Note and close.

Further information Julian DeMowbray, Group Leader - Pollution Control, Environmental Services, telephone 715228

1.13 Ref 506030 – Petition – Old Chester Road Traffic Offences, Darley – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A petition was received signed by 104 residents who are opposed to dangerous drivers on Old Chester Road and City Road. They are concerned about speeding 'rat runners' who abuse the one way system between Kirk Street and the Coach and

Horses mini roundabout on Mansfield Road. They have requested positive action from the Police and Council.

It is worst at weekends when people leaving Darley fields use it as a short cut.

Action: Report back to a future meeting on options available. Cut back branches from tree. Police to continue monitoring the road

Update: A report in response to this petition can be found elsewhere on the agenda for 6 December 2006 in item 6. The report proposes to note the actions already taken to address the issue including replacement of signs, lamps and an additional sign and proposals for footway build-outs. Also that the possible implementation of traffic calming has been added to the list of possible highways and transport work in 2007/08. Note and put into Outstanding Issues table until April 2007.

Further information:

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.14 Ref 506014 – Scout Hut on Leytonstone Drive, Mackworth – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident raised concern over the empty scout hut that constantly being vandalised by local youths. This issue had been raised previously at Area Panel 5 in October 2005 and the responses had stated that Cabinet has agreed £20,000 for demolition and that the work would be progressed.

The resident went on to state that the tender for demolition had not been progressed yet and wanted to know why.

Action: Update on progress to demolish the building.

Update: The building has now been demolished. Note and close.

Further information:

Julie Basford, Asset Manager, Chief Executives, telephone 255545

1.15 Ref 506022 – Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition had been received from the residents of Mackworth Estate living in the area of Balham Walk, requesting the urgent repaving of Balham Walk.

A report responding to the petition was presented to the meeting in October 2006. It recommended that no action is taken other than to make sure Transco repair their reinstatement and that the six monthly routine inspections continue.

Action: To refer to the Cabinet member for a Planning and Transportation for reconsideration of the response.

Update: This issue will be considered at the Planning and Transportation Individual Cabinet Member meeting on 13 December 2006. In consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, the Cabinet Member will decide on the new response which may either confirm the original response or involve a review of policy or resource allocation by the Council Cabinet Member or the overview and scrutiny commission. A response will be provided at the Area panel meeting in January 2007. In the meantime Balham Walk has been included on the list of Highways Maintenance issues to be considered for 2007/08. Note.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.16 Ref 506034 – Quality and Cleanliness of Cycle Route in Friargate, Mackworth – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the cycle route from Cobden Street into the city centre, via Friar Gate. He is concerned that some of it is cobbled, which is not very suitable and some is identified by a white line down the existing footpath and is unsafe because of rubbish blown up from the road and is not cleared. Can they be swept?

Action: Investigate reason for cycle route including cobbled areas and what is done to reduce rubbish on cycle routes and report back.

Update: The cobbles are part of the historic fabric of Friar Gate. The cycle paths on Stanley Street, Stepping Lane, Uttoxeter Road and Friar Gate received an extra sweep in mid November. Most footways/paths in residential areas are swept on two occasions each year but we will always respond, as in this case, to specific problems that may arise. Note and close.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

Malcolm Price, Waste Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716350

1.17 Ref: 505040 – University Parking, Allestree and Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Over the past two years residents have raised a number of issues, concerns and petitions about student parking and traffic around the University of Derby. These include complaints about student parking on Oakover Drive and Amber Road in Allestree, Broadway and Penny Long Lane and around Markeaton Street. Complaints had also been raised about the amount of litter generated on Broadway due to flyers and posters being placed on the car windscreens. The University, Police and Council have put initiatives and campaigns in place to help address the issues since October 2005.

Action: To request that Allestree and Darley councillors are involved in the regular liaison meetings.

To investigate when the gate on the A38 footbridge is closed.

To feedback on actions that can be taken to prevent parking on footpaths in Penny Long Lane and on Broadway verges

To receive feedback about use of Darley Abbey Drive and Mundy Play area car park.

Update:

Council response: In response to the concerns about the level of parking at Markeaton Park car parks and Darley Park Drive car park as well as issues on Broadway, the situation has now settled, as is always the case, now the hectic first few weeks of a new academic year are behind us. Council officers continue to monitor the situation and have taken enforcement action where this has been appropriate.

Since the last meeting the Councils Parking Services team have commenced enforcement within the Markeaton Park car parks. Together with improved signage this enforcement is having a positive impact and the problems here have reduced. Parking within Darley Park Drive car park has also reduced as has the extent of on street parking on Darley Park Drive and other areas. While occasional vehicles continue to park inconsiderately on Broadway the situation here is also now improved and in the main vehicles park responsibly. At the start of term we had significant concerns about

the lengths of vehicle queues on Kedleston Road and onto the A38 as well as the extent of parking taking place on Amber Road. These issues too have now reduced considerably and no longer pose a threat to road safety.

Before the start of this academic year we installed bollards in some areas of Broadway to prevent vehicles parking on the verge. These bollards were successful but the problem did occur elsewhere along the road. We are currently considering what action we may be able to take in the future to prohibit vehicles parking and damaging areas of verge. Unfortunately the situation on Broadway is not unique, many other areas suffer similar problems, and the matter is compounded by the fact that some residents also park on the verge. Residents of the row of cottages adjacent to Newton's Walk have particular concerns because they have no off street parking facilities. If we are able to develop any mechanism to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge then we must consider the impact this would have on these residents.

Reference was made at the last meeting about a liaison meeting between the Council and the University and members sought clarification about the purpose behind the meeting and who was invited. The meeting that was referred to is a meeting that essentially takes place between the Councils Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community and the Universities Vice Chancellor. The meeting is attended by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation but it is not a public meeting and it is not directly relevant to the issue of student parking. Residents and members of the panel have indicated that they would welcome a meeting being arranged to discuss the student parking situation. Such a meeting may be appropriate if resources are made available as part of the 2007/08 work programme which the panel is currently being consulted about.

University response: In response to the issue about noise and the gate on the footpath the University confirms that the gates to the A38 bridge are locked at 10.30pm, as this is the closing time for their learning centre. Any students or staff who have walked or cycled will still use this egress from the site and as we encourage these forms of transport we would not want to disadvantage them by making them go the long way around off the site.

The Student Union bar does operate after this time but the people who use this facility who leave after 10.30pm have to use the main drive. We have had instances where people leaving have climbed the gate to the A38 bridge. We actively discourage this and we are looking at extra physical measures to prevent this dangerous practice. There is a meeting with the students Union who manage the bar, later in the month and this complaint will be raised. Note and put in Outstanding Issues table until April 2007.

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131
Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

1.18 Ref 506033 – Bus Lanes on Duffield Road, Allestree and Darley – raised 04.10.06

Issue: A resident raised concern about some of the side effects of the proposed bus lanes on Duffield Road. Capacity is always a problem on Duffield Road, and he considered that the new bus lanes will force cars onto the side roads. He asked what measures are being put in place to address the impact on other routes such as Mile Ash Lane.

Councillor Hickson stated that providing a bus lane will benefit the bus service and to support the Council and bus users the bus companies have promised more buses,

newer buses and a more reliable service. The Council will monitor the result of the improvements closely and will make necessary changes if there is a knock on effect with rat running. He confirmed that the proposed Kedleston Road bus lane has been postponed until the work around the five lamps area is completed.

Action: None.

Update: It is proposed that the Kedleston Road bus lane is postponed until the Connecting Derby work begins. We anticipate this will be the end of 2007 or in early 2008. Note and close.

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

1.19 Ref 506029 – Pedestrian crossing, Markeaton Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A local resident considered that the new skateboard park at Markeaton Park now meant even more residents from Mackworth were going to Markeaton Park. He considered this was more evidence for the need for a pedestrian crossing by the Prince Charles Avenue junction and he asked the panel to consider the request.

Action: To report back at the next meeting.

Update: As it is nearly two years since we last reviewed Ashbourne Road, we arranged for a new survey of pedestrian activity to be undertaken on a Saturday morning during the summer when pedestrian activity is higher. The survey has been completed and the results are being collated and analysed. We will provide a further update when the investigations are complete. **Note.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

1.20 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Petition – Crossing on Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree	provide an update when the work has been completed or at April 2007 Area Panel 5 meeting	Upon completion or April 2007
Cheviot Street Recreation Ground Brook, Mackworth	Report back once a options report is produced	January 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	None.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Area Panel 5 community issues update report, background information