



## Area Panel 1 Community Issues Update Report

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1	<b>Item No</b>	<b>Issue title</b>	<b>Recommended panel action</b>
	1.2	Mobile phone mast, Oakwood	Note and close
	1.3	Dangerous wall – Spondon Village Hal, Spondon	Note
	1.4	Antisocial behaviour on West Park, Spondon	Note and close
	1.5	Alcohol Free Zone, Spondon	Note and decide
	1.6	Outstanding issues	

#### 1.2 Mobile phone mast, Oakwood – received 02.11.05

**Issue:** A member of the public raised concern about a proposed Vodaphone mobile phone mast on Bishops Drive that was close to a children's nursery and a doctors' surgery. She asked that Councillors support local residents and reject the planning application. A previous mast in the Oakwood area had resulted in a 700 signature petition but it had been too late to prevent the mast being agreed.

Oakwood Councillors expressed their support for the residents concerns.

**Action:** Update on any applications to install a mast.

**Update:** No formal prior notification has been received by the planning section in 2006 and nothing has been heard from the mobile phone company since the last meeting of the area panel in June 2006. Propose to close.

**Further information:**

Councillor Smalley, Oakwood ward, telephone 833250

John Stewart, Principal Planner, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255934

#### 1.3 Dangerous wall – Spondon Village Hall, Spondon – received 02.11.05

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the dangerous wall at the rear of Spondon Village Hall and asked the panel who it belonged to and what was happening with it.

**Action:** Update on progress.

**Update:** The Council completed a boundary wall inspection in 2004 and this wall was identified as being potentially dangerous and was fenced off. Due to the historic importance of the site, remedial works will reinstate the wall to its original appearance. Discussions have started with all property owners adjoining the wall over any split of the cost of the works. A meeting was held on 14 July with the residents adjoining the

wall. Broad agreement was reached on the way to proceed with the repairs to the wall subject to final prices on the cost of the works being agreed and legal advice on the ownership of the wall and the liability. If the Council still have Party liability then we anticipate that the works will be started in early autumn. Note.

**Further information:** Chris Edwards, Assistant Director - Property Services, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255070

#### **1.4 Antisocial behaviour on West Park, Spondon - received 07.06.06**

**Issue:** Two members of the public raised concern over antisocial behaviour at West Park Meadow. They explained that wildlife were being used as targets and shot, and as a result, live shot cartridges were on the football pitch. A resident explained the cabin used by AFC Crusaders had been burnt with all their equipment inside. He stated that the football club had been advised to cancel the Saturday soccer training for the 6 years old, due to the cartridges, and the dangers they pose. He also stated that people were driving motorcycles over the pitches, whilst the youngsters were playing football. He reported that the storage container for the football equipment had been subject to an arson attack, which resulted in the loss of all equipment. He emphasised that this was a very serious problem, and they are trying to provide a safe and happy environment for the youngsters. He asked the panel whether there was a joint initiative between the police, council, park rangers and the community to get rid of this problem, as he was concerned that the school holidays were approaching.

**Action:**

Councillor P Berry to set up a meeting with the police, antisocial behaviour team, councillors and residents.

**Update:** A meeting was held on June 12 with the Police, Councillor P Berry and local residents to progress the issue of nuisance caused by motorcycles on West Park area of Spondon and other localities. It was agreed to produce and distribute leaflets to local households warning them of the issues, encouraging people to report incidents to the Police and informing them of contact numbers. The Crusaders Football club and Spondon Community Association produced and distributed the leaflets.

Since then the Police have initiated Operation Tigrone, which is a series of Police Operations to seize these machines, prosecute offenders and raise the profile of their illegality. During the first operation ten machines were seized and persons reported for Road traffic Offences.

In addition, following a debate between the Police and the Community Safety Partnership a Section 30 dispersal order has been authorised under the Anti social Behaviour Act 2003. The dispersal zone covers most of the Ward of Spondon and early indications are that it has been a huge success with significant reductions in nuisance and disorder and calls for service to the Police. This order runs from 3 July 2006 to 2 January 2007.

**Further information:** Inspector Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 0845 1233333 Andy Thomas, Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

#### **1.5 Alcohol Free Zone, Spondon - received 07.06.06**

**Issue:** A local resident asked if the current alcohol free zone in Spondon could be extended up to Dale Road park, as there was a problem with drinking in the open

spaces.

**Action:** Update on possibility to extend the Alcohol free Zone.

**Update:**

When consulting on the proposal to replace the old alcohol consumption byelaws in Spondon with a designation as an alcohol free zone – AFZ, the Council received a request from Vancouver Avenue Neighbourhood Watch, Spondon Village Improvement Committee and Councillor Berry to extend the AFZ to include other areas in Spondon particularly the large area south of the A52.

We were not unsympathetic to this proposal. However to introduce such a large area would have meant the Council having to start the whole lengthy procedure for designating an AFZ, again. We were reluctant to do this because it would have inevitably delayed the designation of the AFZ beyond the time when the old byelaws were going to automatically expire in September 2006. This, for a time at least, would have left all of Spondon without the protection of either of the byelaws or an AFZ designation.

We have consulted the Police on the suggestion to extend the AFZ to the south of the A52 and they are supportive of it. There are however two further obstacles to taking such action. Firstly, there are already three other areas in the city waiting to have an AFZ introduced and the Police have currently given them a higher priority. Secondly, there is at present no budget to pay for the signage and advertising costs for any AFZ designations so none are being prepared at the moment.

The Area Panel could, if it wished, use part of its budget to fund such a designation. The cost would be approximately £3,000. If this funding was found, the designation process could proceed and would take approximately 6 months.  
Propose to note and decide.

**Further information:** Stuart Leslie, Chief Legal Officer, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255450

## 1.6 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us, Chaddesden	Report back when more details are known, and investigative work has been done.	November 2006
Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent	Report back with more information	January 2007

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Area Panel 1 community issues update report, background information 6 September 2006 on Council Management Information System
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None