

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT
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1. Ref: 204004 – Right of way, near Noel Baker School – received 14.01.04

Issue

The reinstatement of this footway has been done poorly.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

It was reported that a meeting was held on site on 7 June between Severn Trent, Mr Ransford and the Area Panel manager. Severn Trent accepted their responsibilities for reinstatement of the footway and stated that work would start within two weeks. The footpath between Woodminton Drive and the former canal path is not the responsibility of Severn Trent and there is thus no opportunity to get it surfaced.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

This work is now complete.

Responsibility

Councillor Blanksby
Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

2. Ref: 204006 – Request for pedestrian crossing or central refuge, Boulton Lane – received 14.01.04

Issue

A member of the public thanked the Council for removing the speed humps in the Boulton Ward. She had not received any complaints about speeding along Boulton Lane. She had however received complaints from pedestrians trying to cross the road by the Co-op. She asked if the Council would consider putting a refuge in at the point.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

In responding to the wishes of residents of the Boulton area, by removing the speed cushions, the Council gave no undertaking that alternative measures would be put in place.

The Council's approach was and still is clear. We will continue to monitor the accident situation. Should accident levels rise then we will consider if action is appropriate and necessary. We would of course consult fully with residents and those affected by any proposals before undertaking any work. We are pleased to be able to tell residents that accidents have not increased since the speed cushions were removed. This is very encouraging. We will of course continue to monitor the situation.

Fixed speed cameras cannot be deployed on Boulton Lane because the road does not meet the government criteria. The mobile speed cameras on Boulton Lane are managed by the Safety Camera Partnership. We were successful in reaching agreement with the Partnership that allows their use on this particular road.

The Safety Camera Partnership has guidance for how and when they deploy mobile speed cameras. While we are not able to state exactly what enforcement has already taken place, we are able to confirm that they will continue to operate on Boulton Lane. The purpose of the cameras is not simply to catch people speeding but is intended to encourage people to slow down. To find out when the camera will be used on Boulton Lane, please visit the partnership's web site at www.slowitdown.co.uk or ring the Safety Camera Partnership General Enquiries number 01773 572726

With regard to the pedestrian crossing, this is currently being investigated, and it is hoped that an update will be provided at the September meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Information was passed from a member of the public to the Council.

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

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A new puffin crossing will be installed on Crayford Road near to the shops, when funds become available. This request was assessed too late to be considered in this year's works programme but will be considered for next year. This crossing may help to reduce the numbers of children crossing near to the Holbrook Road/Crayford Road/Bracknell Drive staggered crossroads. Provision of a crossing at this junction would be difficult without signalling the junction and a stand alone crossing

installed away from the junction may be ignored by children. This location will be added to our list of investigations and an evaluation will be carried out during the next school term.

An assessment has been made regarding a crossing request on Boulton Lane/Maidstone Drive. A survey conducted in July showed this site did not meet the criteria for a crossing. Observations on site revealed that pedestrians were able to cross safely using suitable gaps in traffic.

Regarding Cllr Wynn's request for a school crossing patrol on Boulton Lane, we will investigate this during term time. Putting in a new crossing on Crayford Road may alter travel patterns. Since two of the four schools in the vicinity are senior schools a crossing patrol might not be well used even if one was provided.

Responsibility

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025.

Nick Rule, Senior Traffic Signal Technician, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716063

3. Ref: 204016 –Tree Pruning – Whitehouse Close- received 10.03.04

Issue

Trees at Whitehouse Close needed to be pruned. This cannot be authorised under the terms of the current Tree management Policy.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

A verbal report was given at the meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The Council's Planning and Environment Commission is undertaking a review of the tree management policy commencing this month. A report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

Responsibility

David Romaine, Council Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, telephone 255598

4. Ref: 204024 – Footpath, Green Lane- received 05.05.04

Issue

Impact of anti social activities on residents of Lilian Prime Close. Concern about drainage over new bridge, dog fouling, and levels of adopted paths.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

It was reported that an inspection has been carried out, and an assessment has to whether the stoned surface is suitable for its uses. We have noted that the footpath is pot-holed, and will issue instructions to our contractor to carry out repairs. We feel that as a right of way, the stoned surface is suitable for its purpose.

We are unaware of any Highways Agency proposals to install street lighting when the scheme was developed. From the Council's point of view, the right of way is rural in character and our policy is not to provide lighting in such locations. It would be expensive to install and maintain because of lack of cabling, potential access problems and possible vandalism.

With regard to Lilian Prime Close, we are aware of the high upstand on the kerbs at the dropped crossing. We have passed this to our contractor and they are programming works to correct this defect. A date has yet to be confirmed.

When the drawings were originally given to residents for information, the design included a gully to prevent water collecting at the point where the paving blocks were removed from the junction into Lilian Prime Close. During construction it appeared that this ponding of water was not going to occur. The gully was thus not felt to be needed and consequently was not installed.

However, during heavy rain they noticed an area of standing water where the paving blocks in the carriageway have been removed, and to address this issue they are likely to be reviewing the design of the road in early September

The Council's Cabinet has confirmed the location of its dog bins; this will not include bins in this location.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

To keep the matter of dog bins under review.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Councillor Graves

5. Ref: 204028 Parking at Alvaston Library- received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the car park at the rear of Alvaston Library. There was a lack of lighting and many potholes on the car park.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Councillor Bayliss advised that the car park did not belong to the Council. There were concerns about the lack of lighting in the car park and it had been suggested that lighting be installed on the back of the library and would take this issue up with Ray Rippingale. Once the refurbishment of the shopping centre was complete they would be less parking to the front of the shops so people would have no choice but to park at the rear.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

A meeting to discuss this issue is being convened on 14 September. A verbal report will be given to the Panel.

Responsibility

Fran Renwick, Libraries, telephone 716610
Bill Reed, Area Panel manager, telephone 258501
Councillor Bayliss

6. Ref: 204029 Resurfacing of Wragley Way - received 07.07.04

Issue

Councillor Dhamrait asked when the road on Wragley Way would be resurfaced

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Bill Reed stated that this would be investigated and he would report back to the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The carriageway is due to be resurfacing in September 2004 but due to poor weather this may be delayed. There are no planned works on the footways. The footways were inspected in August, and though untidy, do not warrant resurfacing.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

7. Ref: 204030 Cars parking on pavements - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public asked if anything could be done to stop cars parking on pavements. This was inconsiderate to disabled people and she was constantly getting her clothes dirty trying to get past them.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Bill Reed stated that this would be investigated and he would report back to the next meeting

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

Inspector Gascoigne has alerted all his officers to the need to be vigilant about this issue.

Responsibility

Inspector Gascoigne, Derbyshire Constabulary, telephone

8. Ref: 204031 Road markings on Friary Avenue - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public advised the Panel that the markings on Friary Avenue had faded

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Bill Reed stated that this would be investigated and he would report back to the next meeting

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The works have been reissued and the work will be carried out within 28 days. It should be completed by the date of the Panel.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

9. Ref: 204032 Anti social behaviour, Allenton Recreation Ground - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about antisocial behaviour, motorbikes, rubbish and graffiti on Allenton Recreation Ground

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Bill Reed stated that this would be investigated and he would report back to the next meeting

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The rubbish, mainly located around the Allen St entrance, has been removed. The Council has amended its maintenance regime so that we cut the grass closer into the hedge bottoms reducing the long grass which is a rubbish trap.

We are investigating the graffiti. This is on the gable ends of the houses on Allen St. We are trying to establish who owns these properties at the moment as it is the responsibility of the owners to remove the graffiti.

The Beat officer responsible for the Allenton area has investigated this issue and continues to monitor the recreation ground.

Responsibility

Inspector Gascoigne, Derbyshire Constabulary, telephone
Alf Bousie, City Parks, telephone 715778

10. Ref: 204033 Road markings, Chellaston High Street - received 07.07.04

Issue

A member of the public asked if the white lines on High Street, Chellaston could be repainted

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Bill Reed stated that this would be investigated and he would report back to the next meeting

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

There is already a white centre line on High Street that extends from the junction with the A514 to the roundabout at Fellowlands Way. Where the carriageway is particularly narrow a centre line is not used. The absence of a centre line is indicative of a narrow carriageway width and as such motorists are required to take care when meeting oncoming vehicles.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

11. Ref: 204035 - Speed limit, Holmleigh Way- received 07.07.04

Issue

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Holmleigh Way requesting that the speed limit on Holmleigh Way be reduced to 30mph.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Councillor Liversedge stated that he fully supported the petition and would ensure a full response would be given at the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

See separate report.

Responsibility

Roz Webber, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

12. Ref: 204036 - Resurfacing, High Street, Chellaston- received 07.07.04

Issue

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of High Street, Chellaston requesting the resurfacing of the road on High Street

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

See separate report on agenda

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

13. Ref: 204007 – Petition, High volume of traffic using A514 – received 14.01.04

Issue

A petition was received suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

A study has been commissioned by the Highways Agency to analyse the impact of the Alvaston bypass on roads in Alvaston and the surrounding area - to include the A514. The study will include journey times as well as traffic counts.

We are hoping to see conclusions by the end of June 2004 but there is no fixed date for completion. A substantial period of time has been allowed for data collection in order to ensure that the data is representative and reliable.

We should be able to provide a full response in the autumn, hopefully for the September Area Panel meeting.

Further study is also scheduled to take place a year after the bypass opened. We will be able to provide a further update in about January 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The Highways Agency report is not available yet. Preliminary findings show a reduction in traffic on roads in Alvaston but we await more detailed findings.

Route signing takes into account the nature and function of a road, with traffic being directed along the most direct and suitable route. The A514 is part of the Primary Route Network as is the A6. Alternative signing for HGVs would only be put in place if there were a weight limit or a height restriction in place along the route. Each request for a weight restriction would be investigated and judged on its own merit. There are already a number of weight restrictions covering the City while leaving a framework of main traffic routes. All traffic that has to access a site within one of the restrictions is exempt from that restriction however HGV traffic not gaining access is restricted from entering. As with all traffic regulation orders if there are no physical measures to ensure the order is adhered to, it relies on enforcement. We have to ensure that access is maintained throughout the City whilst encouraging use of the most suitable routes. A letter has been written to Mr Howarth.

The former canal bridge on the A514 exhibits some cracking, this not indicative of any danger or deficiency in carrying capacity. Strength calculations were undertaken in 1999 and our assessment was that the bridge can carry 40 tonnes without difficulty. The bridge was inspected again in August 2003.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034

Paul Clarke, Planning, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

Neil Besley, Principal Structural Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 256026

14. Ref: 204013 – Petition, Newly created West Chellaston children's play area - received 14.01.04

Issue

A petition was received from residents of West Chellaston about a newly created children's play area, which appeared to have been installed without the appropriate planning consent to the rear of properties on Carradale Grove. There had not been any consultation with adjoining residents and the petitioners were requesting the siting of this project be reconsidered.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

A verbal report was given at the meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

A public meeting has been held with local residents. The residents were informed that the toddler play area would remain where it is but that the junior play area would be rebuilt across the footpath. The developers are now to proceed on this basis.

Responsibility

Andrew Morgan, Parks Department, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

15. Ref: 204017 – Petition - closure of jitty at Baker Street / Waldorf road - received 10.03.04

Issue

A petition was presented which called for the closure of a jitty at the rear of Baker Street

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

It was reported that the Council would post a notice at either end of the jitty for a period of three weeks commencing in mid July. The notices will invite users of the suggestion that the jitty could close and suggest that comments be sent to the Council. The response to this invitation will be reported to the panel at its meeting in September.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

We carried out the consultation from 13 July until August 13.

Notices were posted along the path and regularly replaced. This was so that those who used the footpath would respond and tell us how regular their use was.

We received a disappointing six responses.

There were three letters and one email from users in favour of the footpath being kept open. The users all claimed to have used the footpath daily and said it would be inconvenient if it was closed. The three letter writers all requested that the Council make more effort to clean the footpath. One user asked for lighting.

There was one letter and one email in favour of closing the footpath. One resident admitted that the path was used by ordinary residents, including elderly people. The other resident stated that the footpath was hardly used, which implies they were aware of some use. She also pointed out that the footpath was no shorter than the alternative route by way of the footways on the road.

To justify the closure of a public footpath, it must be shown that the footpath is not needed. Small, though, the response is, we do now have evidence that the footpath is used regularly by some members of the public, although I accept the use might not be particularly high.

We couldn't justify recommending an extinguishment order be made, when there are people who have stated that they use the footpath daily.

Responsibility

Ray Brown, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

16. Ref: 204026 – Petition, Installation of bus shelters – Wragley Way and Deepdale Avenue - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received requesting the installation of a bus shelter on Wragley Way and Deepdale Avenue.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

It was reported that investigations are being carried out and consultation is taking place with residents. It is hoped to bring a report to the September Area Panel meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

See separate report.

Responsibility

Sean Marshall, Public Transport Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715048.

17. Ref: 204027 – Petition, Nursery provision, St Peter’s Church Hall, Chellaston - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received concerning the increase of traffic, as a result of the plans for a nursery at St Peter’s Church Hall.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

The response to this issue will be provided at the meeting on 7 July.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The children’s club does not require any planning approval. The situation with regard to parking will be monitored but there are no proposals to restrict parking in this area at this time.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Roz Webber, Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**18. Ref: 204034 – Petition objecting to mobile phone mast, petrol station, Chellaston Road-
received 07.07.04**

Issue

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of the Chellaston ward objecting to the siting of a T-Mobile mast at the Esso petrol station on Chellaston Road, Shelton Lock.

Action reported at the meeting on 7 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Councillor Tittley advised that he had made representations to Councillor Smalley – Chair of the Planning Control Committee. He also stated that Mark Todd MP was also concerned about the siting of the mast.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 7 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 22 September 2004

The application was refused on 30 June for the following reason:

The proposed development would cause an obstruction in the highway that would be detrimental to the amenities of pedestrians and motorists and would therefore be contrary to policy E38 of the adopted City of Derby Local Plan.

Responsibility

Duncan Inwood, Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255296
Paul Clarke, Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255393