

Time Started : 7.05pm
Time Finished : 9.11pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
12 JULY 2006**

Present: Councillor Gerrard (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Hickson, Higginbottom, Repton, Richards,
Samra, Travis and Webb

Also present: Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Colin Avison	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	- Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	- Constitutional Services Officer
Vickie Butler	- Area Panel Support Officer
Richard Smail	- Area Panel Manager
Alex Johnson	- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Inspector McLaughlin	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Peter Matthews	- Mackworth and Brook Street Housing Office - Derby Homes
Moira Kerr	- Central and Greater Primary Care Trust

31 members of the public were in attendance.

01/06 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

02/06 Late Items

There were no late items

03/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/06 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 April 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/06 Chairs Report

The Panel received a report from the Chair on current issues and successes within Area Panel 5.

Resolved to note the report

06/06 Petitions

One new petition was presented at the meeting:

Petition requesting the repaving of Balham Walk in Mackworth

Judy Kelsall, the lead petitioner addressed the panel. She raised concerns about the state of the walkway as many elderly people used the footpath and particularly wheelchair users found it difficult to use.

Councillor Baxter reported that he had already investigated this issue and officers were aware of the request. However, the programme for possible new lighting columns was not yet known and this could delay any work to the walkway.

Resolved to investigate the petition and provide a response at a future meeting.

Two petitions which had been received since the last meeting were considered:

Proposed Toddlers Play Area

Mr Barratt, the lead petitioner addressed the panel. He outlined in detail the history of the issue and submitted a document supporting his case. He asked that the site remain as it was as he felt that the proposed play area would lead to antisocial behaviour around the play area and that the site was no longer suitable due to changes to the flood defences around the area. He felt that the local residents should be consulted before planning permission was granted for the site.

Resolved to investigate the petition and provide a response at a future meeting.

The play area – Coppice Park, Kedleston Road, Allestree

Mrs Flavill, the lead petitioner addressed the panel. She felt that the proposed play area was an integral part of the development and that

the developer had said that the toddlers play area would definitely be built. She asked that the play area be built as quickly as possible.

Resolved to investigate the petition and provide a response at a future meeting.

The following responses to petitions were received at the meeting:

Petition – Well Repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street

The panel considered a report of the Assistant Director of Highways and Transportation and the Director of Housing and Customer Service, Derby Homes which responded to a petition received in October 2005, signed by 80 people requesting the repair of the well and its surroundings and the installation of a handrail to create a safe route for some of the more vulnerable and infirm residents who regularly use Well Street.

The report detailed the actions that would be taken which included repairs to the well and around the well, installation of a sign saying the water is unfit to drink, re directing a CCTV camera to face the area and the installation of a handrail on Well Street

Resolved to note the report and receive an update once the work had been completed

Petition requesting measures to remove through traffic on Markeaton Street

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Regeneration and Community which responded to a petition received on 12 October 2005, signed by 43 people requesting measures to remove through traffic on Markeaton Street. The report detailed the consultation which had taken place based around the introduction of a 'No Entry' restriction. Through the consultation an alternative option of closing Markeaton Street with its junction with Brick Street and provide a turning head was identified. The Panel were asked to decide whether to proceed with the introduction of the No Entry restriction, or to re-consult residents on the alternative option of closing Markeaton Street at its junction with Brick Street and provide a turning head.

Resolved to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to re-consult residents on both options to ensure the best solution is implemented and to strongly request that a report be brought back to the October meeting of Area Panel 5.

07/06 Update Report

Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager introduced a report, which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Parking, Cornhill/West Bank Road

Councillor Webb commented that the update response was not about the section of the road referred to in the original parking question regarding cars parking on a dangerous bend. This response was about the pavement on Cornhill.

Agreed to refer back to Traffic Management for an explanation and further investigation.

Granite Kerb Stones on Darley Lane

A local resident commented that the quality of work on the kerb was not up to standard and asked that further investigation be done on the replacement of the granite kerbstones. Councillors supported the concern and suggested that the issue is taken to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee for comment.

Agreed to refer to Conservation Area Advisory Committee to respond to the request to have the granite kerbstones reinstated and to provide an update on the kerbstones at the next meeting.

Darley Park – BBQ Notices

Councillor Travis commented that there were quite a lot of burnt patches on the grass, and suggested that an area be found where BBQs could be done rather than the whole park being damaged.

Agreed to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Parking Enforcement, Markeaton Primary School, Bromley Street

A local resident asked for an assurance that enforcement would be carried out around Markeaton Primary School in the Autumn term.

Agreed to note the concerns and receive a report at the next meeting to see if things had improved.

Cheviot Street recreation ground brook

It was reported that a request to culvert the brook was being investigated, but it would take some time.

08/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Grass Cutting

A local resident commented that there did not seem to be any secondary grass cutting on Mackworth estate, such as strimming the edges, being done and asked for it to be chased up.

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting

Recycling in Mackworth

A local resident asked whether a date had been pencilled in for when Mackworth would join the Rethink Rubbish scheme. He also asked whether there were any plans to increase the things that could be recycled, such as alkaline batteries and plastic/polythene bags.

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting

Path by Silk Mill

A local resident commented that the riverside path next to the Silk Mill had been blocked off for many months; there have been reports that the entrance to the Silk Mill will be redesigned. Will the blocking of the path be affected by the building plans?

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting

Maintenance of shrubs

A member of the public commented that if you drove down Broadway and look to your right as you approach Kedleston Road, the shrubs there could be done with being trimmed, as there had been a number of near misses.

Agreed to investigate and provide a response to a future meeting

Bus Transport

A member of the public asked whether a fare of £2.90 from Allestree to the city centre, justify the cost of the proposed implementation of short stretches of bus lanes, both along Kedleston Road and Duffield Road, which presumably the ultimate objective to get a serious switch of people ditching their cars in favour of using buses.

Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation replied that the fares were set by the bus operators, but the theory was that by reserving current road space for buses now, it would ensure the future of public transport and make the service faster and more reliable. The theory then being that more would use the buses, so the fares would come down.

University Development – Pybus Street

A local resident asked the Darley ward Councillors for their views on the University Development on Pybus Street and asked whether they had an on-going liaison with the university.

Councillor Harbon replied that she was aware that not everyone was happy with the scheme and that consultation was required.

Councillor Travis responded that they did have liaison with the University and Councillor Richards commented that he personally felt that the University should consult more and the consultation done so far did not match with the level of consultation other developers carried out.

Crossing on A52 from Mackworth to Markeaton Park

A local resident asked if a proper crossing could be put in from Prince Charles Avenue across the A52 to enable residents to use the facilities of Markeaton Park. Particularly since the new skateboarding park had been installed which many local young Mackworth residents would want to use but weren't allowed to cross the road

Agreed to provide a response to a future meeting.

09/06 Presentation from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue

The Panel received a presentation from Alex Johnson of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue giving an update on the services Derbyshire Fire and Rescue service had been undertaking. She also reported that the free Home Fire Safety Checks were still available and if you required a smoke alarm installed this would be done for you free of charge.

Resolved to note the presentation

10/06 Presentation from Derbyshire Constabulary

The Panel received a presentation from Inspector McLaughlin of Derbyshire Constabulary, in which he detailed the current statistics for Area Panel 5 for the last 6 months, which included all crime in the city being down by 27% and vehicle crime being down by 42%. He confirmed that he was moving to a new post in August and the Panel thanked him for his commitment and hard work in the area.

Resolved to note the presentation

11/06 Outturn Report: Area Panel 5 Budget 2005/6

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership which detailed how the Panel had spent their budget for 2005/6.

Resolved to note the report

12/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07**Applications for Area Panel Funding**

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of three applications for funding, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group for the purchase of stacking chairs – Amount requested £1,939

- To consider whether to support the application received from Brackensdale Neighbourhood Watch to fund shed alarms – Amount requested £1,500
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derby City Council towards a Wild Derby Summer Scheme – Amount requested £1,509

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group – Grant for £1,939 for stacking chairs

Reasons

1. It would contribute to environmental improvements which would provide a benefit to local residents
 2. It would enable residents to participate in their community
- Brackensdale Neighbourhood Watch – Grant for £1,500 for shed alarms

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 2. It would enable residents to participate in their community
- Derby City Council – Grant for £1,109 for a Wild Derby Summer Scheme. However, the panel did not support funding the £400 towards the Friends groups for their involvement in the schemes.

Reasons

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2. It would enable residents to participate in their community

13/06 Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda – Area Panel Review Progress Report

The Panel received a report of the Director of Community Safety Partnership which gave an update on the progress of the Area Panel review. The report detailed the changes made so far and the agreement to pilot Area Planning Partnerships in Area Panels 2 and 3 during 2006/7.

A local resident asked whether there was any additional cost for this change.

Colin Avison replied that funding was coming into the priority areas anyway, there was no budget currently for the partnerships.

Resolved to note the report

14/06 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

The Panel received an update on the Primary Care Trusts from Moira Kerr of the Primary Care Trust. She reported that the Primary Care Trusts would be merging into one Trust for Derby city and one for Derbyshire, which would serve the needs of Derby residents better. She also reported that the current financial position of the Central and Greater Primary Care Trusts was good.

Agreed to note the report and thank Moira Kerr of the Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trust for attending the meeting

15/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed:

- 1. to note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 7.00pm at Walter Evans C of E Aided Primary School, Darley Abbey Drive, Darley Abbey. Councillor Richards would chair.**
- 2. to appoint the following chairs for the 2006/7 municipal year:**

Date and Ward	Venue	Councillor
4 October 2006 Darley Ward	Walter Evans C of E Aided Primary School, Darley Abbey Drive	Councillor Richards
6 December 2006	Lawn Primary	Councillor Samra

Allestree Ward	School, Norbury Close	
31 January 2007 Mackworth Ward	Brackensdale Junior School, Walthamstow Drive	Councillor Higginbottom
4 April 2007 Darley Ward	St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane	Councillor Harbon
4 July 2007 Allestree Ward	Lawn Primary School, Norbury Close	Councillor Webb

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