

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 8.05pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
3 MARCH 2004**

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, Bolton, Gupta, MacDonald, Redfern, Smalley and West.

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Pete Southall – Derby Homes
David Gartside – Development and Cultural Services
Carl Willis – Derby Homes
Zoe Nettleship – Derby Homes
Sgt B Goodman – Derbyshire Constabulary
Peter Higgins – Greater Derby Primary Care Trust

29 members of the public were in attendance.

57/03 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Berry, Brown, Latham and Roberts.

58/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

The Chair reported that the Chaddesden Carnival would take place on Sunday 13 June 2004.

59/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60/03 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 14 January 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

**61/03 Update on Progress Regarding Community
Issues Raised at the Area Panel Meeting**

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of issues raised and various actions, progress to date and detailed which Council Officer was responsible for the issues.

Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

Petition - Parking Issues - Foyle Avenue / Howth Close Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that Safer Routes to School travel plans were being pursued.

Petition - Parking Issues - Newstead Avenue / Oakleigh Avenue Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that Safer Route to School travel plans were being pursued, and that the Police were monitoring the areas.

Albert Road Bus Service - Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that it was not possible for the bus to do a detour at the moment, but the situation would be monitored when the local transport plan road works being carried out on Nottingham Road were completed later in the year.

Motorcycle Problems - Oakwood

A member of the public reported that incidents were still occurring. Councillor Smalley reported that the installation of barriers was being considered, particularly in the Bishops Drive area. The Police were also monitoring the situation.

Vandalism Around 145th Scouts Building - Coniston Crescent - Derwent

Councillor Redfern reported that she had received a letter from the Scout Leader, which stated that she was very happy with the Community Watch Patrol, but that there were still problems with the security gate being left open by the occupiers of the take-away. No Dog Fouling signs had been erected and these were helping to reduce the problem. She wished to thank the Councillors, Derby Homes, the Community Watch and the Police for helping to alleviate the problems, which had occurred.

Street Lights on Wood Road - Spondon

A member of the public reported that the street light outside No 17 Wood Road, Spondon was not working.

Improving Public Transport along Derby Road - Chaddesden and Spondon

A member of the public noted that the work needed would cost over £300,000 and suggested that Asda should be asked to contribute to the cost of alleviating the traffic congestion problems.

62/03 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Safer Routes to School Work on Maine Drive - Chaddesden

A member of the public thanked the City Council for work completed on Maine Drive for the safer passage of children. He said it would make it safer if a shelter was provided on the car park of Chaddesden Park, and the children could then form a walking bus. Councillor Bolton reported that a lot of work was being put into the Safer Routes To Schools, particularly in relation to encouraging children to walk to school.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the possibility of a shelter being provided and report back to a future meeting.

Refuge - Rainier Drive

A member of the public was concerned about a refuge, which was to be placed adjacent to Rainier Drive, which would be taking parking spaces from Maine Drive. He was particularly concerned about the effect this would have on the Doctors' and Chemist, he reported that people were parking on Rainier Drive and blocking the road up by parking all day. He asked for consideration to be given to putting up signs saying "residents parking only".

Agreed to ask Derby Homes and the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the problems caused and report back to a future meeting.

Bus Shelters

A member of the public asked if bus shelters could be made of a more durable material as they were being continually vandalised. David Gartside reported that bus shelter manufacturers were continually investigating materials which could be used for bus shelters. Vandalism was a continuing problem, which the Council were trying to address. He reported that bus shelters with adverts on, were generally the responsibility of the advertising companies and the bus shelters without adverts were generally the responsibility of the Council.

Youths Gathering at Chaddesden District Shopping Centre

A member of the public reported that there was a problem with youths gathering at Chaddesden district shopping centre on Chaddesden Lane. They were a particular nuisance to the shopkeepers and residents. There were concerns that the situation would get worse during the summer months. Councillor Bolton reported that there had been a meeting with the Police and shop keepers to consider putting extra lighting in the area, removing a brick wall which the youths were sitting on and move and relocate seats. It was reported that this would not happen quickly, but was being pursued.

Roe Farm Centre

A member of the public asked about the toilets at Roe Farm centre, she was particularly concerned that people were discouraged from using the toilets as they were not very clean. Councillor Redfern reported that a bid had been submitted for funding to refurbish the toilets. This would be considered later on the agenda.

Road Safety Improvements - Springwood Drive - Oakwood

A member of the public was concerned about a traffic calming measure, which was to be installed near the junction with Silverburn Drive, Oakwood. They were particularly concerned that it may cause road accidents. David Gartside reported that work was being proposed to get children to and from school in a safe manner. The refuge would help children to cross a busy road and the long term aim was to reduce speeds in the area. It was felt that the Police should enforce speeds in the area, but the Police had not got the resources for enforcement. It was hoped that physical obstacles would help to slow traffic down.

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders

A member of the public reported that vandalism had increased dramatically in the Porters Lane, Oakwood area. He had suffered £300 worth of damage so far and his neighbours had experienced similar problems. He asked what pressures the Council could put on the Police to help prevent the problems. Councillor E Berry outlined the Anti-Social Behaviour Order Scheme, but explained that it was important to catch vandals when they were causing the vandalism. Sgt Ben Goodman suggested that the member of the public speak to him directly after the meeting relating to the specific details of the case. In respect of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, there was a general concern that they may displace problems.

Pavements on Boston Close

A member of the public asked about a programme of improvements for pavements, particularly in the Boston Close, Chaddesden area. An explanation of the inspection policy was given. There was concern about the reinstatement of pavements when cables were laid. He was particularly concerned about Lampeter Close, Oakwood. It was suggested that problems should be reported as soon as they occurred and then the various companies could be contacted to reinstate the pavements.

Alsager Close - Oakwood

A member of the public reported that missiles were being thrown at windows in the Alsager Close, Oakwood area. The perpetrators used an escape route, which prevented the Police from catching them in the act. Sgt Ben Goodman suggested that he be given details of this particular problem to enable the mobile surveillance cameras to monitor this particular area.

Dale Road - Spondon

A member of the public was concerned about access to public transport during the resurfacing works of Dale Road, Spondon. It was reported that details had been put in a press release and notices had been put up the local shops.

63/03 Petitions

No new petitions.

To Consider Petitions Received Since The Last Meeting

Adoption of Roads in Oakwood

The Panel noted that a petition had been received requesting the adoption of roads in Oakwood. A report of the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management was considered, which set out the progress to date on adoption of the streets named in the petition.

Only nine roads still remained to be adopted and all nine were the responsibility of Persimmon Homes who had engaged a contractor to complete the outstanding defects. The Council was continuing to put pressure on Persimmon to complete the works.

Agreed

- 1 To note the receipt of the petition.**
- 2 To note the progress and adoption of the named streets set out in**

the report.

Mobile Phone Mast - Springwood Leisure Centre - Springwood Drive - Oakwood

Councillor Smalley reported that discussions had taken place with the petitioners. Issues were raised relating to technical specification, which the panel were not in a position to answer. Questions were raised as to why so many guidelines had been breached. There was particular concern about DTLR guideline 62, 63, 64, 85, 89 and 93, which related to consultation with schools, visual intrusion, health effects and restriction of access around the mast. A member of the public reported that there had not been any consultation during the planning process, children were climbing the mast and that there was a children's playground within 50 metres of the mast. Councillor Smalley reported that the consultation guidelines had been amended substantially at a meeting of the Planning Control Committee. Councillor Smalley reported that he had sent letters to 3G particularly in respect of the suggested health risks. He had also been in contact with Bob Laxton MP as this particular issue transcended politics and needed to be sorted out. This is an ongoing issue and the Council would continue to pursue the matter. Councillor Smalley agreed that a meeting with residents, planning and 3G should be arranged to discuss the sensible way forward.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the possibility of arranging a meeting and report back to a future meeting.

Traffic Speeds on Max Road - Chaddesden

A report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services was considered, which gave details of investigations, which had taken place following the receipt of a petition regarding traffic speeds on Max Road Chaddesden.

Agreed

- 1 To recommend that Max Road Chaddesden, be included in the Police Speed Check Area initiative, which involves the installation of Police Speed Check Area signs on Max Road. Targeted police mobile camera enforcement of the speed limit, would then be carried out.**
- 2 To recommend that Max Road Chaddesden, be included in future "Kill Your Speed" poster campaigns, which would involve installation of "Kill Your Speed" posters on Max Road and other roads throughout the City, and to include media coverage of the campaign and speed related road safety issues.**
- 3 To continue to monitor traffic speeds and personal injury accidents as part of an ongoing investigation of the route.**

64/03 Chesapeake Youth Group

Carl Willis from the Derby Homes gave a presentation on the work of the Youth Group. He stated that this was a new initiative on the Chaddesden Park estate. It involved asking young people from the area what improvements they would like to see in the area. Three young people had been elected onto the group, who would act as representatives. Their ideas to address issues would be considered by the Chaddesden Links Community Panel, which would have access to £68,000 of City Housing Improvement Plan funding from Derby Homes next year.

The Chair thanked Carl Willis for an excellent presentation and display.

Agreed to note the presentation.

65/03 Planning and Environment Commission Age Restricted Sales Review

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which stated that the Commission was carrying out a review of the sale of age restricted items, such as alcohol and tobacco to young people. One objective of the review was to find out whether there were any ways in which sale of age restricted items might be better controlled. The Commission also wanted to investigate what might be done to help to resolve proof of age problems for retailers and young people. One possibility might be to offer all young people in the City a nationally recognised proof of age card. As part of its review the Commission was gathering evidence of witnesses, which included Police and Trading Standards Officers, young people and representatives of proof of age card companies. The evidence was being used in preparing the Commission's recommendations to Council Cabinet. Councillor E Berry reported that the Youth Forum was anxious to have the proof of age cards introduced.

Agreed to note that views needed to be submitted to Councillor Bolton as Chair of the Commission or David Romaine the Commission's Co-ordination Officer by 9 April 2004.

66/03 Oakwood and Chaddesden Alcohol Free Zone - Proposals to Extend the Proposed Designated Areas

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered, which gave details of proposed extension to the proposed designated areas for alcohol free zones, both at Oakwood shopping precinct and Chaddesden Park.

Agreed to welcome the proposals to extend the designated area as set out in the report.

67/03 Area Profiles and Area Planning

A report of the Assistant Director - Community Policy was considered, which stated that one of the key functions of the Area Panels set out in their terms of reference was to draw up, implement and monitor action plans for the area based on the community strategy and other local initiatives. The process of developing the action plans for each of the 5 areas of the city had now started. Partner organisations of the Derby City Partnership agreed a timetable for area profiles and area plans in January 2004. The Area and Neighbourhood Unit would produce a draft area profile for each area by April 2004, as the first step towards the Area Plans. The draft profiles would be discussed at Area Panels in May or June 2004. Each draft profile would provide baseline information about the services already offered in each area by a range of public service providers. The draft profiles would also reflect public opinion about services provided, including the issues raised at Area Panels.

Derby City Partnership had approved the development of integrated service development networks at both city wide and area levels. The networks would comprise of representatives from the service providers, including Council Departments and they would play a crucial role in developing and implementing the plans. The area planning process would encourage services to become more integrated to ensure a joined-up collective approach to service requests, rather than responses developed in isolation. As the planning process develops over the next two years, Area Panels would receive further reports and draft documents.

Agreed to note the report.

68/03 The Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of three applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from CHADD Community Association. They were seeking a grant of £2,000 to upgrade the toilets in Roe Farm Community Centre.

The second application was from Sussex Circus and Derwent Community Panels. They were seeking a grant of £2,500 to purchase the leaf vacuum.

The third application had been submitted by Chesapeake Youth Group. They were seeking a grant of £396 for the purchase of steel litter bins.

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and priorities.

Decision (CHADDO Community Association)

To award a grant of £2,000 to CHADDO Community Association to upgrade the toilets in Roe Farm Community Centre.

Reasons

- 1 the application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding
- 2 the application provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents and which would provide a benefit to all residents.

Decision (Sussex Circus and Derwent Community Panels)

To award a grant of £2,500 for the purchase of a leaf vacuum.

Reasons

- 1 the application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding
- 2 the application provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents and which would provide a benefit to all residents.

Decision (Chesapeake Youth Group)

To award a grant of £396 to Chesapeake Youth Group for the purchase of steel litter bins.

Reasons

- 1 the application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding
- 2 the application provided evidence of need, provided a service in response to the needs of local residents and would provide a benefit to all residents.

Agreed that the overspend of £208 on the Derwent Ward allocation would be funded from the Chaddesden Ward allocation.

69/03 Arrangements For Next Meeting and Future Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the panel was to be held on 28 April 2004 at High View School, St Andrews View, Breadsall.

Agreed that Councillor Gupta be appointed Chair for the next meeting.

The meeting scheduled for 30 June 2004 would now take place on 7 July 2004.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed