



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL THREE  
10 NOVEMBER 2004**

Report of Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

**Petition Regarding Road Safety and Parking on Almond Street**

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 Receipt of the petition was reported to the Area Panel on 8 September 2004. It contains 64 signatures and reads as follows:

‘The undersigned wish to petition Derby City Council regarding the car parking shortage on Almond Street due to the lack of car park facilities provided by local businesses, namely Safeway Supermarket, Gifto Retail Shop, Motordrive, and Cavendish 2000.

The petitioners wish to express the gravest concern at the current parking issues which are out of control due to the lack of controlled parking space for residents of Almond Street. The gentrification of the area in the last few years has also led to an increase in the number of car owners, with a corresponding squeeze on parking space.

This has not only led to a negative impact on residents’ quality of life, but also the natural infrastructure surrounding this local community.

The undersigned call upon Derby City Council to act upon our concerns and implement a more controlled and easy parking infrastructure, in order to satisfy the end of our out of control parking issues’.

**1.2 Office Comment**

Almond Street is a long street that stretches from Lower Dale Road to Cavendish roundabout. As the petition has been signed by those who live at the Cavendish end of Almond Street, it is assumed that concerns are most acutely felt at that end of the Street. Observations on site have confirmed this.

A location plan TMD/219/04 is attached for information.

**1.3 Objection**

The increase of congestion and safety issues.

#### 1.4 **Officer Comment**

Almond Street has always been located within a district centre, and has always been subject to shopper vehicles. Due to the general increase in car ownership, it is acknowledged that there may be more vehicles using Almond Street, however it is not felt that Almond Street would have been affected any more significantly than any other street.

Almond Street is a cul-de-sac and would not be subject to through traffic, therefore those motorists that do use the street tend to be residents' and others that are looking for a parking space. The street naturally has a slight bend as well as traffic calming in the form of speed humps and a raised plateau in the turning head in order to slow vehicles. Furthermore, vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, which in itself acts as a traffic calming measure. I therefore do not feel that road safety is unduly compromised. Examination of Derbyshire Constabulary's accident statistics confirms this view as there have been no reported injury accidents on Almond Street in the last ten years.

#### 1.5 **Objection**

The increase of noise, pollution and litter.

##### **Officer Comment**

As stated previously, due to the general increase in car usage, it is acknowledged that noise and pollution would have increased. However, it is not felt that it would have increased significantly any more so than other streets.

The Streetcare section's inspection records show that litter is a big problem throughout the Normanton, Rose Hill and Pear Tree areas and this is reflected in the cleaning schedule. Litter is picked twice weekly, which is the highest frequency for any residential area in the city as opposed to litter picking in Allestree or Mickleover, which is once every eight weeks. Almond Street is usually visited every Tuesday and Friday.

#### 1.6 **Objection**

The ignorance of cars daily parked on double yellow lines and failing to comply with parking laws and lack of controlled parking.

##### **Officer Comment**

Indiscriminate parking in the turning head of Almond Street has also been witnessed on several occasions. Inspector Parkin of Peartree Police Station recognises that there is a parking problem in the whole area, and as a result, a Traffic Warden has been especially deployed to the area. Where possible, the Police Officers will also aim to enforce the parking restrictions. Inspector Parkin has, however, agreed to give the enforcement of restrictions on Almond Street more priority.

## 1.7 Summary

The Cavendish district centre has been a busy and established shopping area of the city for a number of years. It is acknowledged that shopper parking will affect Almond Street and most probably some of the other surrounding residential streets also. Stenson Road, Walbrook Road and Upperdale Road are all subject to a 'No Waiting' restriction and with limited off street parking facilities for shoppers, it is inevitable that shoppers will park in the residential streets.

- 1.8 Residents of the street have asked for consultation to be carried out with a view to introducing a residents' only parking scheme. The main criteria for introducing a residents' parking scheme is that the street is regularly full and that residents are often precluded from parking near their homes as a result of commuter and shopper parking. The Resident's Parking Criteria also does not allow the introduction of resident's parking in individual streets.

The Petition states:

*'the gentrification of the area in the last few years has also led to an increase in the number of car owners, with a corresponding squeeze on parking space.'*

Site observations confirm that the parking spaces on Almond Street are over-subscribed due to resident's having more vehicles than parking spaces. For these reasons, the provision of a residents' parking scheme would make no appreciable difference to the parking situation. Further, the shops are now an established feature within the area. Consequently, and in keeping with all existing residents parking schemes, parking permits would have to be made available for those legitimately visiting establishments accessible by Almond Street.

- 1.9 The Cavendish district centre along with other centres, is already on a list to be investigated and improved. I cannot say, at this time, when this district centre will be given attention, however parking facilities in the area will be given consideration as part of the improvements.

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 That a Residents' Only Parking Scheme is not pursued at this time.
- 2.2 That traffic concerns at the Cavendish district centre are investigated under the rolling programme of district centre improvements.

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