

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.10pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
7 APRIL 2005**

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

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	- Constitutional Services Assistant
Inspector McLaughlin	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Ray Dring	- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
David Romaine	- Scrutiny and Complaints Manager
Peter Matthews	- Derby Homes

70 members of the public were in attendance.

49/04 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

50/04 Late Items

In accordance with Section 100 (B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following as late item:

- Area Panel Funding Application for Mackworth Half Term Activities

51/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Baxter and Travis declared a personal prejudicial interest in 55/04 – petition relating to planning permission on Duffield Road as they were members of the Planning Control Committee.

52/04 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 February 2005 were

confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments: Inspector M Critchley should have read Sergeant M Critchley, 43/04 "...mentioned in a booklet to parents", should read "...mentioned in a book – Your Child in Derby to parents'.

53/04 Update Report

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

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

A member of the public asked who had been consulted in the area regarding this. Bill Reed responded that the individual consultation had not yet taken place and would when the proposals was published. Everyone would get a chance to see the proposals and comment on them at the appropriate time.

King Street Subway

It was reported that Cabinet had set aside £100,000 for the subway to be filled in and a surface crossing provided. Options were being considered which would be reported to the Area Panel at a future meeting.

Traffic on Park Farm precinct

Councillor Webb reported that the Council had received some planning details but that he had not yet seen them. He would give a further update at the next meeting.

Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that concrete bollards would be put in on the land belonging to highways and that wooden bollards would be put in on the grassed area opposite the shops. This work was expected to be completed by June 2005.

Speed Limits on Broadway

It was reported that a response had been sent direct to the member of the public who raised the question detailing the legal position that means the Council is unable to lower the speed limit on Broadway.

Pedestrian Crossing, Blenheim Drive

Councillor Webb asked that this item be kept under review.

Pedestrian Crossing, Mackworth Estate

It was agreed to keep this item under review. Councillor Gerrard commented that the facilities should be there for the people to use. The fact that no one was crossing the road showed that the speed traffic was travelling at was putting people off crossing. This did not mean people didn't want to cross the road.

Bus Service through Morley Estate

Mr Pegg commented that the concerns he had raised was that the size of the new buses should mean there would also be other streets where these buses were now too big for and that those routes should be re-examined as well. Bill Reed replied that he did raise this issue with Arriva and that they were happy that all the routes would be suitable for the new sized buses.

Garages, Darley Abbey

It was reported that all the garages were now let having been repaired and repainted. A letter was to be sent out to all current tenants asking them whether or not they still used the garage. A report would be brought to the next meeting.

Rat Run on Church Lane, Darley Abbey

Councillor Repton raised concerns about the response. He did not feel the existing measures calmed the traffic as it was expected to. He requested that the traffic be monitored and a report be brought to the next meeting with positive proposals to stop the rat running. It was agreed that a full report should be brought to the next meeting.

It was noted that the survey used in the report was actually a November 2003 survey and that this should have been pointed out in the report.

Litter bins in Knightsbridge Recreation Ground

It was reported that the site had been included in a list from among which 20 new dog bins in the city would be chosen. The location did not currently meet the criteria to have an extra highways waste bin installed, this would be kept under review.

Lighting, Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that Derby Homes were seeking a quote for new lighting. It was possible that it could be funded from their City Housing Improvement Plan bid for 2006/07.

Bushes, Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that the bushes had been removed and replaced by low level bushes.

Litter, footway St Benedict School to Broadway

It was reported that the footway was not currently owned by anyone. A new litter collection contract had been negotiated and this footpath was to be included on it.

Balustrade at Darley Abbey Park

It was reported that a Lottery Heritage Bid would be submitted hopefully within two or three years, but until then the temporary barriers would remain.

Gwen Schoffer commented that this was a health and safety issue and that the danger to the public remained. She did not think that waiting for two or three years was appropriate for a matter of life and limb.

Councillor Repton commented that the section 106 money that had been directed to Bendall Green could have been used here and that it should be returned to Area Panel 5 so it could be used on this.

Councillor Hickson replied that the money was being returned as it had been allocated to Bendall Green in error, but that there was a list of things that needed doing within Darley Ward which this would need to go on and these would need to be prioritised.

Agreed to recommend Council Cabinet to investigate how the Section 106 money from the Children's Hospital development came to be spent on Bendall Green rather than being spent within Darley Ward and to ask that the money be returned to Darley Ward so it can be put towards the cost of replacing the balustrade.

Petition – Parking, Oakover Drive

It was reported that Derby University would be invited to the next meeting.

Petition – Parking on Penny Long Lane

This item was considered later in the meeting.

Strutts Park

Councillor Hickson stated that the Section 106 money from the Children's Hospital that was identified as having been spent in Bendall Green was true, this money went to Bendall Green in error due to the Section 106 agreement not being drawn out expressly enough. He confirmed that this was being looked into and that the money would be returned to Darley Ward to be spent on local projects.

Communications

It was reported that the position was now filled. It was reported that if attendances at Area Panels fell at the next two meetings, the decision would be reviewed.

Cityscape Consultation

It was reported that the Council contributed £250,000 annually towards the cost of Cityscape.

Public Speaking

Councillor Travis reported that the decision to allow the public 3 minutes to speak at Planning Control meetings was under review for 6 months and would then be reassessed.

Councillor Hickson commented that a new sound system including web casting was to be installed in the Council Chamber in the next few

weeks so the public would soon be able to see and hear Planning Control meetings over the internet.

Graffiti

Mr Pegg commented that he was pleased that the graffiti had been removed but that he was concerned that it took a member of the public to complain before anything was done. A comment was also raised regarding how they were planning to stop graffiti from happening in the first place.

Bill Reed reported that an additional report would be presented to a future meeting of the Area Panel.

54/04 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Parking restrictions around Derby University

A member of the public asked whether the Council would take into account local businesses when deciding what parking restrictions to put into place. His concerns were noted.

Bushes Prince Charles Avenue

A member of the public asked whether this could be done in other areas of Mackworth, Bill Reed responded that the Anti-Social Behaviour Team had approved the work, and he had invited the Community Association and Ward Councillors to draw up details of other sites that might benefit from having the bushes removed.

Area Panel Minutes

Mr Pegg asked why the £1million for Area Panels proposal had not been approved by Council as part of the budget?

Councillor Hickson reported that a number of proposed amendments to the budget were put forward but not all were approved by the Council.

Crossing Mackworth

Mrs Leigh asked what was the criteria for getting safe road crossings was and had it been locally or nationally agreed? Which department was responsible for the criteria? Was the criteria for implementing compulsory and what criteria was necessary before the public could have safe crossing to shops, bank facilities, post office and bus stop?

Bill Reed advised that he would find out the answers to her questions and would bring answers to the next meeting.

Crossing on Prince Charles Avenue

A member of the public raised concerns that there was no crossing on Prince Charles Avenue. The road was very busy and would get worse once Wilmorton College was closed so more students were attending

Mackworth College.

Agreed to ask Derby College how many new students they were expecting and how they were planning to deal with the extra traffic and pedestrians on the streets of Mackworth.

Speed Limit on Broadway

A member of the public asked whether now that the public entrance to Highfields was closed and the school entrance was being used for both and traffic was conflicting. Does the schools traffic plan take this into account?

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

Bollards in Darley Park

A member of the public asked whose responsibility it was to put the bollards up in Darley Park as there were problems with youths driving cars into the park at night and the bollards being put up would help prevent this.

Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

55/04 Petitions

The following petition was presented to the Area Panel:

Having declared an interest in the next meeting Councillors Baxter and Travis left the meeting during the consideration of this petition.

Proposed Planning Permission on Duffield Road

A petition was presented objecting to the planning application for high density housing on Duffield Road. A member of the public spoke to the area panel about the local residents concern over how high density residential housing would change the character of the area and would add to the volume of traffic which was already a problem on Duffield Road.

Bill Reed reported that the petition would be passed on to Planning to be included as an objection when the planning application was considered and that a report would be brought back detailing the outcome of the application.

Restricting Parking between 25-39 North Street

A petition was presented requesting a restriction to the street parking between 25-39 North Street to residents only as local residents were unable to park outside their house even though they were paying for a parking permit for the street.

Agreed to refer the petition to the Director of Development and Cultural Services for investigation.

Crossing Park Lane, Cornhill and St Edmunds Close

A petition was presented requesting a solution be presented regarding the hazard presented by crossing the road at the junction of Park Lane Allestree, Cornhill and St Edmunds Close.

Agreed to refer the petition to the Director of Development and Cultural Services for investigation.

To Consider Responses to Petitions Received

Parking on Penny Long Lane

The panel considered a report of the Assistant Director, Highways Transportation and Waste Management, which stated that a petition had been received, regarding parking problems on Penny Long Lane caused by students of Derby University. The report recommended that no further parking restrictions should be introduced on Penny Long Lane at this time, and that no physical traffic calming measures or access restrictions should be introduced. The report recommended that the illegal parking practices and speeding allegations should be brought to the attention of the Chief Constable and that the situation would continue to be monitored.

Councillor Webb commented that he was not happy with the response and that if residents have off street parking they should be able to access it which they could not as their drives were being blocked. The Police can't be around all the time, so there needed to be a more permanent solution.

Agreed to raise this as part of the general discussions with Derby University on parking issues at the next meeting.

56/04 Planning and Environment Commission Work Plan
Topic Reviews 2004/05

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment commission was considered which stated that the Commission's review of the Council's Tree Management Policy was completed in November 2004, and was reported to Council Cabinet on 21 December 2004. The report was to advise the outcome of this review and to inform the Area Panel about the Commission's on-going review on the enforcement of the dog control and dog fouling legislation.

The Commission made five recommendations, four of which may be of direct interest to area panels.

The Planning and Environment Commission started its review of dog

control and dog fouling in February 2005 and the Commission was gathering evidence regarding this. David Romaine stated that the Commission would like to hear about locations in the area where people considered there was a problem with dog fouling.

Resolved to note the report.

57/04 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

58/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

Applications for Area Panel Funding

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

- To consider whether to support the application received from the 100th Mackworth Cub Pack to fund the cost of upgrading the groups camping equipment – Amount requested £1,700
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Allestree and Darley Abbey Crime Prevention Group to fund Community Crime Prevention – Amount requested £2,250
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Darley Abbey Community Association to fund the refurbishment of the toilet floors in Village Hall – Amount requested £1,643
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Friday Club to fund a trip to Chatsworth – Amount requested £500
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Methodist Guides to fund camping equipment for Peak 2005 International Camp – Amount requested - £246
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Rainbow Guides to fund books folders and a flag holster for the Youth Group – Amount requested - £67
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth St Francis Football Team to fund equipment for the new Under 8's Football Team – Amount requested - £600

- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Community Sports Action Group for to fund May half term activities – Amount requested - £670

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.

Key Decisions

1. To award grants to the following applications:

- 100th Mackworth Cub Pack – Grant for up £1,700 for camping equipment upgrade project.

Reasons

1. It would improve accessibility for local people to existing services
 2. It would create strong and positive neighbourhoods
- Allestree and Darley Abbey Crime Prevention Group – Grant for £2,250 for CCTV equipment and shed alarms.

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
 2. It would promote the area and neighbourhood coordination in the community
- Darley Abbey Community Association – Grant for £1,643 for the refurbishment of the toilet floors in the Village Hall.

Reasons

1. The application meets the criteria for area panel funding
2. It would improve accessibility for local people to existing services
3. It would contribute to environmental improvements which will provide benefits to all residents.

- Mackworth Methodist Guides – Grant for £246 for camping equipment required for attending Peak 2005 International Camp.

Reasons

1. The application meets the criteria for area panel funding
2. It would enable residents to participate within their community.

- Mackworth Rainbow Guides – Grant for £67 for new books and folders and a flag holster.

Reasons

1. The application meets the criteria for area panel funding
2. It would build strong and positive neighbourhoods

- Mackworth St Francis Football Team – Grant for £600 for equipment for the new under 8's football team.

Reasons

1. The application meets the criteria for area panel funding
2. It would promote area and neighbourhood coordination in the community.

- Mackworth Community Sports Action Group – Grant for £670 for May half term activities

Reasons

1. The programme would enable residents to participate in the sports activities within their community.

To refuse a grant to the following applicant:

- Mackworth Friday Club – Grant for £500 for a trip to Chatsworth

Reasons

The panel was keen to support the group and work with them to achieve long term sustainability, but felt this trip was not something that added sustainable value and would not add to the viability of the project.

59/04 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed to note that the next meeting would be chaired by Councillor Richards on Wednesday 6 July 2005 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Darley Lane, Darley Abbey.

MINUTES END