

ITEM 5

**AREA PANEL ONE – UPDATE REPORT
FOR 27 OCTOBER 2004
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1. Ref: 103022 – Vandalism around 145th Scouts building, Coniston Crescent, Derwent – raised 03.09.03

Issue

This issue was raised on 3 September 2003, by a representative from the 145th Scouts, who reported that there was an issue with bottles, tins, dog fouling and graffiti around the scout hut. Also, the scout hut roof was being damaged because the gate behind the shops was not closed allowing people access to the scout hut roof.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

To resolve the dog fouling issue Environmental Services have attached 'No dog fouling' signs onto lampposts in the area around the scout hut. The Community Watch Patrol included the scout hut as one of its 'hotspots' and make regular visits to the area.

The main ongoing concern was that the tenant at the takeaway shop is not closing the newly erected council security gates at the rear of the shops. Councillors, staff from Derby Homes and the Anti Social Behaviour team as well as local residents and Estates Section staff have contacted the tenant to ask him to keep the gates closed in the evening. It had been thought that action could be taken if the tenant was in breach of the lease. However, it was reported that the most effective way to resolve the matter is by talking and working together, but we rely on the tenant taking notice and changing what they do.

Legal Services have considered the issue and confirmed that because the lease does not refer to the new gates, the tenant has no legal obligation to close the gates. As there is no legal obligation, and the tenant is not the one directly causing the nuisance, there is also no legal action that can be taken against them.

The lease expires in 2011. However, case law suggests that because closing the gates are not in the existing lease it cannot be placed in the new one without the tenants consent. Even if something is included there would be a problem enforcing the covenant.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The Scout leader raised concerns about continued vandalism at the building. She was recently threatened and terrified by a group of people who were climbing on the roof and damaging the building. They have also had problems with people blocking the drains and pipes with glue and cement. The police have been notified but have not responded. The anti-social behaviour team have visited and suggested that the installation of fencing would help, however the Scout leader is concerned that she did not want to use area panel funding on this fencing and divert it from other needy groups or projects.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Cllr Smalley sympathised with the group and offered to raise these issue with senior police officers. He also suggested that they raise it at the police liaison meeting on 7 September. Cllr Latham said that the panel would ask the Anti- Social Behaviour team to provide additional support to the group and suggested that what was needed was a multi-agency approach to the problem.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The area panel asked the area panel manager to co-ordinate a multi-agency problem solving meeting to facilitate a joined-up approach to this problem. It was suggested that this should

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involve officers from the anti-social behaviour team, Police, Derby Homes and the youth service, scout group leaders and ward councillors. The scout leader offered the scout hut as venue for the meeting and requested that the meeting was not convened on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

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| Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004 |
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A multi agency meeting was held on 30 September involving Councillor Redfern, Derby Homes, Derwent Community Team, the Scout Leader, the Area Panel Manager and local residents. The scout leader outlined the history of recent anti social behaviour issues. It was agreed to follow up with a number of possible solutions including, reporting all incidents to the Police, involving the Youth service to engage with the young people, keep the area as a Community Watch Patrol 'hotspot', investigate the application of anti vandal paint on the roof and investigate ways to protect the wall at the back with a fence or soft landscaping.

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Peter Matthews, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716564

David Finn, Head of Youth Services, Education Service, telephone 716956

2. Ref: 104011 – Anti Social Behaviour – Oakwood – raised 03.03.04

Issue

A member of the public raised this issue on 3 March 2004 concerned that vandalism has increased dramatically around where he lives on Porters Lane. Fences have been damaged costing hundreds of pounds to repair. He felt that Anti Social Behaviour Orders – ASBO – had not reduced the problem and asked what the police policy was for stopping vandalism. He asked what the Council is doing to support the police to take action. He felt reported incidents are not getting crime numbers because cases of petty vandalism are not treated as seriously as other incidents.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The police have been putting considerable resources into this area as a direct response to complaints received. The problem is identifying those concerned. ASBO's are not the immediate answer and would not be granted by the Court until other measures have been tried. The Anti Social Behaviour team has been and will continue to work with Police to resolve the issues.

A resident of Porters Lane felt that vandalism and motorbike riding had continued. Another local resident felt that this was partly due to the lack of facilities in the area. It was recognised that it is not only children, and young people who are offending, but in some cases adults.

It was reported that there is now an Oakwood Policing website that has raised the profile of activities to reduce anti social behaviour in Oakwood. Details can be found on www.derbyshire.police.uk/who. There is information about crime warnings, the alcohol free zone that came into force on 22 May, burglary alerts and recent successes such as the impounding of scooters that were not being ridden sensibly. PC. Steve Buckley explained that he was making progress getting to know as many residents as possible. He urged residents to report crimes because unless he is aware of them he cannot take any action.

The new door for the Police base at the Community Centre was fitted in late August and the Police hope to move into the base in September. The new lighting around the community centre has also been installed and is expected to make a significant impact to reduce anti social behaviour.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A number of residents expressed concern that the local beat officer had been off-sick for some time. There do not appear to be any plans to replace him.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor Smalley confirmed that he had spoken to Inspector McLaughlin and that the police will move into the new base early in September. He also confirmed that PC Buckley was off sick and said that there did not appear to be any arrangements in place for the provision of a dedicated replacement beat officer. He understood that cover would simply be provided from Roe Farm police station.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was suggested that as no police officers were present, residents should raise this issue at the next police liaison meeting scheduled to take place in Oakwood on 7 September.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

'Inspector Graham McLaughlin has confirmed that anti social behaviour is not acceptable and as such will be dealt with positively by his team. It is with some regret that he has to announce that P.C. Steve Buckley has resigned from the Derbyshire Constabulary and is now employed elsewhere. He wishes Steve well for the future and wants to publicly record his thanks for the hard work he has put into the Oakwood community. Steve has been replaced by P.C's Wendy Smith and Anita Phipps, both of whom are very capable officers and can be contacted on 07736 727183.

Progress on the Oakwood Community beat office has been painfully slow, despite lots of encouragement. There are some issues with lighting and internal decoration, but Inspector McLaughlin is confident that these will be resolved during October. He has confirmed that the Police equipment is ready to be installed as soon as the Council has completed their work.

In relation to the anti social behaviour, considerable efforts have been taken to stamp out the nuisance created by motorcycles, and Inspector McLaughlin will provide more information at the area panel meeting. Funding is being identified to reduce the access by motorcycles to Croft Wood. Inspector McLaughlin is confident this work will be completed before Christmas. He has also targeted extra resources to Oakwood to tackle the incidents of low level anti social behaviour. A number of local young people have been challenged and their parents contacted by the Anti Social Behaviour Team. The local beat officers have also made contact with a local school, whose pupils have been found causing a nuisance to the local community.'

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Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Divisional Headquarters, telephone 613131

Andy Thomas, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

3. Ref: 104019 – Antisocial behaviour Mansfield Road and Croft Wood, Derwent - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A resident from Mansfield Road first raised this issue on 28 April 2004 concerned about constant antisocial behaviour and motorcycle problems around Croft Wood. He felt that as Derby City Council and Erewash District Council owned the land they needed to make improvements to it because it is currently very neglected and motorbikers were using it.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was understood that there had been an agreement between the Council and Erewash Council that the railway line would be maintained. It was reported that there was an agreement made with Erewash District Council but it was to work together to remove abandoned vehicles when they were a major problem. The two Councils shared the cost of removal and put actions into place to prevent more vehicles being abandoned.

Councillor Redfern confirmed that she had spoken to the police, and although the bikes can be confiscated, the youths are able to buy new ones for £50. Inspector Stokes informed the meeting the problem is not just in this area, but all across Chaddesden. He stated that they had had some success, and had made arrests, but emphasised that it was very difficult to pursue bikes in this area. He added that they are aware of the problem and are continuing to tackle it.

The land along the old railway line is maintained by Parks however investigations are continuing with private landowners about who is responsible for other parts of the wood.

The Anti Social Behaviour team have recently received diary sheets, information and a booklet from a local resident. They are now assessing the information provided. While incidents had reduced during June and July there have been a number of more recent incidents of bikes in the wood. On 15 August Ilkeston Police responded to a complaint and on 22 August Derby North police responded to a complaint. On the first occasion the bikes drove off before they were caught and on the second occasion they had left by the time the Police arrived and therefore on both occasions they were unable to identify those responsible.

The Police are using the new powers provided by the Police Reform Act 2002 that allows them to confiscate bikes from individuals who have been warned and are witnessed again by the Police committing an offence.

The Anti Social Behaviour team are continuing to work closely with the police including asking the local petrol stations not to supply fuel to people on the trial bikes.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Several residents raised serious concerns about this ongoing problem. It is ruining their quality of life and causing a lot of distress. There was a particular problem with unbearable noise over the recent weekend and some residents were had to leave their homes. Residents make regular reports to the police but do not feel that any progress is being made in identifying the offenders and stopping the nuisance. Residents have passed on registration numbers to the police but have not received any feedback on their efforts.

Despite their general concern about lack of apparent action by the police one resident did report that PC Simon Wolveston had recently responded to his call for help and attended the site and moved on the offenders. However they would like to see more action such as confiscating bikes

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from persistent offenders. Residents made it clear that it is not just young people who are causing the nuisance. A car and trailer for the bikes has been seen parked in the Paddock pub.

Another resident said that the Anti Social Behaviour team had installed their mobile CCTV equipment at his home but that the quality of the footage was not good enough to provide evidence to identify or take action against the offenders.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Cllr Redfern expressed concern about the lack of apparent action by the police. She noted that there was little evidence that the police were actually using the new powers provided by the Police Reform Act. She also expressed concern that the police have received significant funding support from New Deal for Communities to help them to respond to community issues.

Cllr West said that he is working with officers to identify a site and funding for a motor-cross facility. Unfortunately, it is proving very difficult to identify a site that is not in a residential area.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The Panel asked the area panel manager to co-ordinate a multi-agency problem solving meeting to facilitate a joined-up approach to this problem. It was suggested that this should involve officers from the anti-social behaviour team, Police, DCC Parks, Derwent Community Team and the youth service, local residents, ward councillors and the landowners Durose Estates who have indicated to residents that they would be happy to attend.

It was suggested that as no police officer were present, residents should raise this issue at the next police liaison meeting scheduled to take place in Oakwood on 7 September.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

A multi agency meeting was held on 30 September involving Councillor Redfern, Derby Homes, Derwent Community Team, Janet Bailey Breadsall Parish Councillor, the Area Panel Manager and local residents. A local resident outlined the history of the issues involving motorbikes in Croft Wood. A summary of the recent action taken by the Police as part of Operation Throttle was provided. This included two exercises on separate weekends with dedicated resources. After the first weekend there were, three arrests, two motor bike seizures, 16 Section 59 notices issued, which allows bikes to be confiscated if they are caught again within the next 12 months and one PG9 Prohibition Notice issued. During the second weekend of the operation there were no sightings of any motorbikes. A local resident confirmed that this was the first 'quiet' weekend of the summer.

The Police have also walked around the site to identify access points. Gaps have been found at:

- Paddock Pub Car Park
- Opposite Stratford Road – the mesh fencing has been removed
- Bridleway opposite Porters Lane

At the meeting additional access points were identified by Janet Bailey and it was agreed to liaise with Erewash District Council. A contractor has visited the original access sites and provided quotes for providing new fencing.

The police have also made door to door visits on 14/15 September to residents on Mansfield Road and Elmwood Drive and issued Victim Impact Statements to 17 residents, these will be collected and will give an indication as to whether the action taken has made an improvement.

Responsibility

Andy Thomas, Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910
Inspector Graham MacLaughlin, Police Divisional Headquarters, telephone 613131
Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

4. Ref: 104020 – Speed Limit on Mansfield Road, Derwent - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A resident from Mansfield Road first raised this issue on 28 April 2004 concerned about the narrow footpath that runs from Stratford Road to Meteor Centre. She stated that large lorries use this road, and it can be quite frightening for pedestrians. She asked if the road could be reduced from 40mph to a 30mph limit because it is a built up area.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Speed limits are based on the nature of the road, the character of the area through which the road passes and the likelihood that the speed limit will be respected by motorists. The guidelines for setting speed limits suggest that 30 mph speed limits are set on roads that have in-depth development of both sides of the road with properties directly fronting the carriageway. This is not the case on Mansfield Road. In the main the properties on Mansfield Road are well set back from the carriageway and are only present on both sides of the road sporadically. When assessing speed limits it is necessary to take all factors into account to make sure the restriction is appropriate and will be adhered to. These factors include the volume of traffic and where appropriate the presence of nearby facilities such as shopping and leisure.

These were taken into account when assessing the request for a 30mph restriction on Mansfield Road and when reassessing as requested by the area panel. The road width is good and the majority of motorists show good respect for the existing 40 mph restriction. The volume of traffic and the presence of the Meteor Centre off Mansfield Road do not affect the fact that a 30 mph speed limit would not be appropriate or realistic for this section of road.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Members of the public expressed concern with the response that was provided in the update. They did not agree that it was safe to cross the road and expressed concerns about the speed of traffic and difficulties in pulling out onto the road. Concern was also raised about the ineffectiveness of the mobile cameras. Another resident said that she had recently had to wait 30 minutes to cross the road.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Derwent ward councillors all agreed with residents that it is dangerous and difficult to cross the road due to the speed of traffic.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The panel asked the Director of Development and Cultural Services to review the decision again. The panel requested a site visit with officers, residents and councillors.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

At the Multi agency meeting held on 30 September 2004 the issue about the speed limit was raised along with the request for a pedestrian crossing – an issue that is responded to in Update item number 5. Those present at the meeting on 30 September confirmed that the review of the pedestrian crossing decision was the priority and they recognised the previous response from the Highway officers to retain a 40 mph limit. Officers from Development and Cultural Services have confirmed the decision to retain the 40 mph limit.

Responsibility

Adrian Martin, Senior Traffic Management Technician, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715031.

5. Ref: 104022 – Pedestrian Crossing on Mansfield Road, Derwent - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A resident from Mansfield Road first raised this issue on 28 April 2004 concerned about how difficult it is to cross Mansfield Road at its junction with Stratford Road. It was also requested that a pedestrian crossing is installed because this is an extremely busy road and very dangerous for young people and the elderly.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The Council's Cabinet has approved guidelines determining the suitability of providing pedestrian crossings. This is based on a number of factors but is initially determined by measuring the conflict between traffic and pedestrians crossing the road.

The investigations have been completed and unfortunately the location does not meet the criteria for a new crossing. Adrian Astle, Signals and Projects Engineer, wrote to the resident on 21 July 2004. The following is an extract from the letter:

'My investigations are now complete and the results show that the site does not meet the requirements for a pedestrian crossing facility. Requests for the installation of pedestrian crossings are assessed using criteria based on national guidance. The guidance is used to assess all types of pedestrian crossing facilities and ensures budgets are used to target areas in greatest need.

Observations on site reveal that the low number of pedestrians at this location were able to cross safely using gaps in traffic. At busy times pedestrians had to wait for a short period for a gap in traffic.'

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Residents challenged this decision and expressed concern that the survey was done during a week when the traffic was practically stationary. They did not feel that the survey was done at the right time and think it should be done again taking into account traffic and pedestrian flows at the weekends as well as during the week.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was agreed to ask for more details about the survey.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

To provide details of the investigation including dates, times and locations.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

We carry out investigations in term time, on a weekday as it represents typical conditions. Exceptionally, we may examine issues on a weekend but on these days traffic flows are generally lower and the justification for facilities is weakened. In the case of Mansfield Road we would not expect significant increases in pedestrian movements at the weekend.

In line with the Cabinet approved criteria a site assessment was carried out on Mansfield Road on 13 July 2004. Observations were made between 8am to 9am and 3.30pm to 4.40pm. This showed few pedestrians crossed, ten in total in the morning hour. There were two adults, two unaccompanied secondary school children, and three secondary school children accompanied with three adults. Traffic flows were high, in the region of 1,400 vehicles an hour.

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In light of the continued concerns, including those raised at the Multi Agency meeting on 30 September 2004, a full 12 hour survey will be undertaken along the length of Mansfield Road near Stratford Road and Bishop's Drive. There is currently a high demand for this type of survey across the city and no date has been agreed yet for this new survey. We will report progress at the next area panel meeting.

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| Adrian Astle, Signals and Projects Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715018 |
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6. Ref: 104023 – Traffic issues, Bishops Drive and Danebridge Crescent, Oakwood - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A member of the public first raised this issue on 28 April concerned that because there is more traffic in this area, parking is getting worse. There are more services being provided in the area and the pavement has been extended to accommodate this. They felt it was good to have the pedestrian crossing but cars are parking next to it on the pavement.

It was suggested that double yellow lines are installed along Bishops Drive or to consider moving the pedestrian crossing. She informed the panel that although there is a car park, people are not using it. If the car park was used, then pedestrians using Bishops Drive would be safer, and it would be easier to get out on the road from Danebridge Crescent.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was reported that a number of site visits have been carried out and discussions taken place with Officers in Traffic Control. The issue of installing waiting restrictions has been considered in the past, and in discussions with the Police it was considered inappropriate at this location. Due to limited resources it would not be possible for Police Officers to carry out the required level of enforcement and therefore any restriction would be open to abuse.

The pedestrian crossing was installed in December 2003 and at the current time it is considered that there are no improvements required at the crossing. On numerous site visits, we have not witnessed cars parking on the footway or violating the zigzags - visibility onto the crossing is, therefore, considered to be good.

The car park is privately owned and is the owners responsibility to encourage people to use it.

However, the section of Bishops Drive near to its junction with Danebridge Crescent, western arm, has been identified as an accident investigation site, because the number of accidents that occur at this junction is higher than normal. We will consider implementing accident remedial measures if appropriate.

We are investigating the road accident situation in the vicinity of the junction of Danebridge Crescent with Bishops Drive. We have not yet drawn any conclusions but aim to have completed our initial findings in September.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Findings of investigations to be reported at the October meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

We have completed our investigation at Bishops Drive near to Danebridge Crescent. In the past three years seven road injury collisions have been reported to the police, five of these collisions took place in the wet. Skid resistance tests show that the surfacing is below standard. We have arranged for slippery road signs to be installed and the site will be considered for surfacing improvements next financial year.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

7. Ref: 104024 – Litter, Oakwood District Centre, Oakwood - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A member of the public first raised this issue on 28 April concerned that residents were not using the shops because of the amount of litter near to the shopping centre. They wanted to know what could be done to improve the area.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was confirmed that Oakwood Shopping Centre is privately owned by St Modwen Developments so does not fall within the responsibility of Derby City Council. The only area where the Council does have responsibility is around the recycling site in the car park, and is litter picked daily. We check the recycling site, before 9am and after 4pm, and also where possible after lunch.

A resident referred to Mansfield Council where they enforce on the spot £50 fines for people who drop litter. These funds are then used to improve the area. They asked if the Council could discuss this scheme with Mansfield Council.

We are not aware of any evidence to show that fines improve cleanliness. Fines would also be extremely difficult to enforce for a number of reasons. Firstly, if someone under the age of 16 drops litter, it is very difficult to bring a legal case against that person. Secondly, we do not have the staff resources. Thirdly, our staff do not have powers of arrest so cannot enforce the fine if the person dropping litter refuses to pay.

A meeting with Mansfield District Council has taken place. Enforcement requires specific funds for employing trained officers and for associated resources such as CCTV. In addition such schemes generally work in conjunction with legal services and the police. It would therefore be a major decision with resource implications. On that basis there are no plans to change the Council's current policy in the short term. Fining may be reviewed as part of a longer term enforcement policy providing resources become available.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A resident pointed out that Nottingham City Council are planning to employ staff to take enforcement action against persistent litter offenders. It was reported that Spondon Community Association had recently been involved in a study about anti-social behaviour that identified the problem of litter-dropping as a big issue. It was felt that if you consistently allow people to break the law on this, you are condoning the offence. He suggested that the Mansfield experience of employing paid enforcement officer could be very effective if coupled with an educational programme.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor E Berry reported that the panel could make representations to Cabinet about this issue as part of the forthcoming budget round.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The panel resolved to ask Cabinet to consider the enforcement of fines for people who drop litter and to fund the provision of enforcement officers as part of the next budget round.

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The resolution to consider the enforcement of fines for people who drop litter and fund the provision of enforcement officers will be considered at Cabinet on Tuesday 19 October. The decision will be passed to Development and Cultural Services to action.

Officers in Development and Cultural Services are currently investigating the whole issue of enforcement procedures for a variety of waste issues including fly-tipping, graffiti and littering. It is clear that if the issue is to be addressed city-wide it requires a multi-agency approach. It is anticipated that a small team of dedicated enforcement officers would need to be appointed with the appropriate equipment including mobile CCTV. Officers intend approaching relevant agencies such as the Police, Environment Agency, city centre security agencies and legal services in the coming months to determine how the issue can be developed and what funding opportunities exist for the establishment of such a team.

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Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716351.

8. Ref: 104026 – ‘No ball games’ sign, Welshpool Road, Derwent - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A member of the public first raised this issue on 28 April concerned that the ‘no ball games’ sign taken down in November 2003 when the pavements were being replaced, has not been put back up. Young people are constantly playing ball games on the green. They had spoken to Derby Homes but nothing has been done. They wanted to know when it would be re erected.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Derby Homes have confirmed that the sign has been ordered but there has been a problem with the manufacturer. Once this is resolved the sign will be erected as a priority.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

One resident stated that having the sign is one thing but enforcing it would be more difficult. It was asked how Derby Homes plan to enforce the No Ball games sign?

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was reported that the sign has now been installed.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Cllr Latham asked Derby Homes to explain how they plan to enforce the rule of no ball games.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

Derby Homes have confirmed that the signs are not legally enforceable, however they will continue to erect the signs as an aid for their Community Watch Patrol to encourage young people not to play ball games in certain areas.

Responsibility

Peter Matthews, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716564

9. Ref: 104028 – Community Facilities, Breadsall Hilltop, Derwent - raised 28.04.04

Issue

A resident of Coniston Crescent first raised this issue on 28 April concerned about the lack of community facilities in the Breadsall Hilltop area. She wanted a facility for the young and old people in the area. She felt that the lack of facilities could be contributing to the constant vandalism in the area.

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When Crest Homes developed the land near to High View School two years ago, residents were told football pitches and a community hall would be provided. He asked the panel to find out if the facilities were still planned.

Councillor Roberts informed the meeting that about £47,000 is held by the Council for work to be done on the Crest Homes site. He raised concerns about the level of vandalism at the Hilltop Youth and Community Centre on St. Andrews View and suggested that the money is used to make the current facilities more secure, before any new facilities are pursued.

It was reported that £46,400 was held by the Council for community facilities on the Crest Homes site, as a result of a section 106 agreement signed on 31 March 1998 with Crest Homes. This meant £129,000 was available to be spent towards developing the open space and/or education and community facilities on the development site. In 1998 the Council approved spending £82,600 for the Adult Education Centre on the site, which has all been spent, and allocating the remaining £46,400 to lay out the land, when it is adopted by the Council, for public open space.

This site has not yet been adopted by the Council and is being maintained by the developer. Derby Parks have notified the developer of the requirements to bring the open space up to an acceptable standard to enable the land to be adopted by Parks. Derby Parks will not adopt any open space until the developer has achieved the standard and they request Derby Parks to adopt the land. Derby Parks is continuing to ask for a response from the developer.

In response to a question about interest it was reported that the £46,400 does not accrue interest that can be used for the project. It does accrue interest but the Council uses it, along with other accrued interest, to offset the costs of borrowing money.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor Gupta asked why The Director of Commercial Services was not at the meeting as requested by the panel. It was noted that he was currently on leave.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

Derby Parks had a site meeting with Crest on 24 May 2004 when we asked for various outstanding items to be completed and for clarification of the boundary ownerships. We wrote to

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them on 20 August because we had had no response. We have now received a letter from Crest Homes stating they are investigating some issues about boundary ownership between the open space and neighbouring houses. The adoption cannot progress until this has been resolved.

Crest is continuing to maintain the site but residents use the site as a dumping ground and Crest will clear the site of rubbish and repair the eastern boundary when the boundary issues are resolved and the adoption of the land takes place. Crest will keep us informed as to when the outstanding work commences and the site is ready for adoption. Crest has not said when these issues will be resolved.

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Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

10. Ref: 104030 – Provision of litter bins, Derwent Ward - raised 28.04.04

Issue

This issue was first raised on 28 April concerned that Derwent ward was not benefiting from any of the new 82 dog waste bins.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor E Berry informed the meeting that on 27 April Council Cabinet approved that 82 dual-purpose bins would be installed across the city, but unfortunately none were in Derwent ward. However, there would be an additional 100 dual-purpose bins replacing existing old bins and she believed that some were in Derwent ward. Councillor E. Berry confirmed that in total there would be 182 dual-purpose bins installed in Derby during the year.

It was also confirmed that Chaddesden Park would get five new dual-purpose bins. The 14 new dual purpose litter bins will be installed in Area Panel 1 during 2004/05.

Commercial Services have obtained quotes to manufacture and supply the new bins. Two companies have been selected who are making prototypes of the bins. These will be completed by the end of August and assessed by Parks staff on their ease of use, robustness and compliance with the specification. They will also be site tested for a short period. A decision will be made in September on which bin to select.

Commercial Services are also seeking quotes for the installation of the bins.

It is proposed to start installing the bins later in the autumn with completion of the first phase by the end of 2004.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Two local residents raised concern that the Council appears to be inviting residents to dispose of dog waste in dual-purpose bins and will no longer be providing designated dog waste bins. They feel that this is a health and safety issue.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor West said that this was a result of central government legislation. If the dog waste is mixed with general waste it can be disposed of in normal landfill providing that it does not exceed a set %. Above this percentage it is considered to be toxic waste and has to be disposed of in a specialist way.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

To update on the progress to install new bins, whether residents can now use all bins as a way of disposing of dog waste and why it is not a health and safety issue.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

Derby Parks cannot confirm the exact programme dates because we are having to modify the design of the proposed new dual purpose bin, to take on board comments about the prototype we had made. There was a variety of potential problems with finger traps, weight of lid, access by the public to the waste and this has pushed installation back by a few months. We now anticipate a possible start in January 2005. The revised design will have a lockable lid that has an opening in it for rubbish to be pushed through. The bins are then unlocked to empty the rubbish. This reduces

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the health and safety issues and the risk of people/children pulling out rubbish and dog waste and throwing it around.

There has been great demand for the installation of additional dog waste bins. To have bins exclusively for dog waste results in increased costs because there is inevitably a need for ordinary litter bins on site as well. In practice, the ordinary litterbins, most of which currently do not have lids and are open to the elements, are also used for dog waste disposal. By having dual purpose bins, with lids, we are reducing the potential smell and health hazard, as well as being able to fund more of the additional bins requested.

Emptying frequencies for most bins will be twice per week in the summer period - April to October and once per week in the winter period - November to March. There are a number of exceptions in high usage areas where bins are emptied daily in the summer and twice per week in the winter. Emptying frequencies are monitored and can be amended up or down as the need arises.

It is proposed that bins in or adjacent to play areas and cafes are painted in a different colour to the standard bin and clearly marked as being **not for dog waste**. In addition new and replacement bins will be located where they are visible but away from seats or benches so as to reduce any potential nuisance to people sitting. This will have the added benefit of removing the wasp hazard.

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Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

11. Ref: 104033 – Lighting on jitty between Mayfield Road and Suffolk Avenue, Derwent - raised 07.07.04

Issue

A resident raised this issue on 7 July concerned that the new lighting along the jitty was not working.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The lights along the jitty were repaired in mid July. Streetcare officers believe that the problems were due to vandalism.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A resident reported that the lighting has broken again. He did not know whether his neighbour had already reported this.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

To ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and repair the lighting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

This was reported to Street lighting on 2 September.
A further order has been made to repair the vandalised fittings. They were repaired on 8 September 2004. Craig Keen of the Anti-social behaviour team has been asked to monitor the site and hopefully apprehend the culprits to stop this problem re-occurring again.

Responsibility

Rab Singh, Senior Lighting Technician, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715047.

12. Ref: 104034 – Parking on Sitwell Street, Spondon - raised 07.07.04

Issue

A resident was concerned about the amount of parking on pavements on Sitwell Street in Spondon.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

It was felt that traffic wardens were needed around Sitwell Street to stop parking on pavements. It was noted that there used to be double yellow lines on Sitwell Street.

Inspector McLaughlin reported that the Police had tried increasing the use of Traffic Wardens in the past but it is only for a short term before they are moved to other areas. He explained that parking on the pavement is only an offence if it causes an obstruction.

Officers have investigated the lack of yellow lines on Sitwell Street and have issued an order for the yellow lines to be remarked.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

The work has been completed.

Responsibility

Stewart Corbett, Highway Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715008.

13. Ref: 104039 – Dog Waste bins on Chaddesden Park, Chaddesden - raised 01.09.04

Issue

A resident raised a concern on 1 September about the introduction of the new dual-purpose bins for the collection of dog waste. She felt that this was unhygienic. She was also concerned about the frequency of the collection of waste from the designated dog waste bins, which are often full of smelly waste. She wanted an assurance that the new bins will be installed after consultation with local residents and said that she did think that it was appropriate to install dog waste bins near seats, cafes or children's play areas.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

New item

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Ask the Director of Commercial Services to provide information about the frequency of bin emptying, the consultation process for new bin locations and an assurance about health and safety concerns.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

There has been great demand for the installation of additional dog waste bins. To have bins exclusively for dog waste results in increased costs because there is inevitably a need for ordinary litter bins on site as well. In practice, the ordinary litterbins, most of which currently do not have lids and are open to the elements, are also used for dog waste disposal. By having dual purpose bins, with lids, we are reducing the potential smell and health and safety concerns, as well as being able to fund more of the additional bins requested.

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It is proposed that bins in or adjacent to play areas and cafes are painted in a different colour to the standard bin and are clearly marked as being **not for dog waste**. In addition, new and replacement bins will be located where they are visible but away from seats or benches so as to reduce any potential nuisance to people sitting down. This will have the added benefit of removing the wasp hazard.

Responsibility

Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

14. Ref: 102007 – Petition - Proposed Youth Facilities – Spondon – raised 29.05.02

Issue

This issue was first raised on 29 May 2002, by a member of the public who questioned how proposals for youth facilities including a skateboard/bmx park in the area were progressing. Inspector Gibson reported that the Police had donated £2,000 to this scheme. A petition was submitted to the meeting on 7 July 2004 opposing the proposals to install youth facilities on Willowcroft Road recreation ground

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

The application to the Small Change Fund from Spondon Youth Initiative was successful and £30,000 was approved subject to providing details of any variations that are made as a result of the consultation exercise.

It was reported that the first consultation event was held on Wednesday 26 May to identify what pieces of equipment the young people would like on site. They were particularly keen on a sports wall and skateboarding equipment. The second event was held on Wednesday 2 June for local residents. They highlighted some concerns about the type of equipment preferred and potential problems.

It was agreed that the consultation period would be extended and that the Landscape Section of Parks would draw up some options for consideration at another local meeting in July. A leaflet explaining the options will also be circulated widely to residents surrounding the open space.

As part of the agreed extension to the consultation exercise, over 400 questionnaires were sent to homes around Willowcroft Road Recreation Ground and over 300 more were sent to shops, libraries and people who had attended previous exercises.

Parks Officers also arranged another exhibition on Willowcroft Recreation Ground and displayed the proposals for residents to view between 4 and 7 pm on Monday 2 August. Over 30 young people and residents attended and gave their views.

The closing date to return the questionnaires was Monday 16 August and 65 were returned. The views given at the exhibition, the results of the questionnaires and the information received in the petition are now being assessed.

A full report on the proposals for youth facilities will be presented at the area panel meeting on 27 October 2004.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A full report on the proposals for youth facilities will be presented at the area panel meeting on 27 October 2004.

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A full report is included in Item 7, the Petitions part of the main agenda on 27 October.

The report recommends that:

- a sports wall is installed, the old playground removed and replaced with a new one in a central location and the football pitch moved slightly to allow the construction of the new play area and that
- no wheeled sports facility is located on Cambridge Street/Willowcroft Recreation Ground.
- we carry out further consultation with residents around Gravel Pit Lane Recreation Ground with a view to installing a sports wall on that site.

It is also proposed that Parks will look at the provision of wheeled sports facilities as part of the strategic provision of outdoor youth facilities in the City to be presented as a report to Cabinet.

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Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 715547

15. Ref: 104040 – Petition – Elmwood Drive - raised 01.09.04

Issue

A petition signed by 20 residents was received by Development and Cultural Services in June 2004 concerned that the road and pavements in Elmwood Drive needed resurfacing and the drains emptying.

Action reported at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A report was presented to the area panel meeting in response to the petition.

The gullies have now been cleaned out and have been placed on the cleansing schedule to ensure that they are cleaned on an annual basis.

An inspection of the carriageway and footways has been carried out and it is accepted that major maintenance works are required. This year's programme of major works is already established therefore we will include the necessary works in the 2005/06 programme. In the meantime, the roads and footways will be inspected and any minor repairs to maintain them in a safe condition will be carried out.

Public response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

A resident asked what was being done now about the potholes and whether the maintenance work next year was a resurface or repair. They also asked when during next years programme would the work be done.

A resident asked if parking bays could be installed in place of the grass verges.

Response at the meeting on 1 September 2004

Councillor E. Berry confirmed that Elmwood Drive will be included on next year's major maintenance programme.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 1 September 2004

To update on whether any minor repairs needed, the type of maintenance work proposed and a date in the 2005/6 programme.

To investigate whether the grass verges can be taken out and parking bays installed at the time of the maintenance work.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 27 October 2004

Elmwood Drive, from Mansfield Road to the end, is proposed for a footway reconstruction scheme for the 2005/06 maintenance programme. The issue of the recessed parking bays will be considered at the design stage. Engineering Design will look to develop the scheme around February/March 2005.

Responsibility

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