



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 4

27 JUNE 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

### Area Panel 4 Community Issues Update Report

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#### 1.1 Ref: 402030 - Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus, Mickleover – raised 27.11.02

**Issue:** This issue was raised in November 2002 asking for assurances from the Council that the quality of life for local residents would be taken into account during the future redevelopment. A resident asked if the Council can provide an indication of the anticipated timing of transfer to the swimming pool's long term owners.

He also supported the idea of a Steering Committee for Pool users as a place for discussions to be held about its future.

**Action:**

Provide an update on progress of transfer of swimming pool.  
Investigate possibility of setting up a pool users steering group.

**Update:** A response was sent to the resident in April stating that the Section 106 agreement is still not signed, but the principles have been agreed, it's now a case of getting the legal agreement drafted. From the moment the S106 is signed the developers have a legal responsibility to keep the pool open to the public and to the swimming clubs and school who use it now. There are of course allowances for closure due to health and safety reasons.

The developers have 3 years to set up a Trust or other management vehicle to run the pool. If they have not done that or fail to keep it open during that time the Council can step in and take ownership of the pool, if it so chooses. There is therefore no specific time when the pool is to be transferred to a management vehicle, but we are hopeful that the S106 agreement will be finalised and signed in the next few months.

The suggestion to form a User Steering Group has been put to the developer for discussion with the organization that has been established to manage the pool. They have responded stating that detailed negotiations are ongoing and well progressed to ensure that a swimming facility is retained for ongoing community use and that they will be considering the suggestion of a user group. **Note.**

**Further information:** John Brown, Head of Sport and Leisure, Environmental Services, telephone 715513

1.2 **Ref: 407006 – Petition - Lighting around Vicarage Road Park, Mickleover - received 28.03.07**

**Issue:** A petition was presented to the meeting expressing concern regarding the lack of lighting around Vicarage Road Park in Mickleover. The petition referred to a Police Liaison meeting that took place on 14 February at the pavilion on the park. There was no lighting on any pathway from any direction to the pavilion, including the Vicarage Road entrance which has car access. People had difficulty walking to and from the meeting due to the lack of lighting and rough terrain and felt vulnerable from attack as there are lots of hedges around the path where people could hide. The petitioners asked that the matter is dealt with urgently to avoid injury or incident.

**Action:** To investigate the request for additional lighting along the paths and report back

**Update:** Environmental Services report that there is no provision for new lighting within the existing parks budgets. However, officers are investigating other sources of funding and will report back at the Area Panel meeting in September 2007. **Note.**

**Further information:** Ken Richardson, Parks Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

1.3 **Ref: 407007 – Petition – Skate Park in Mickleover, Mickleover - received 28.03.07**

**Issue:** A petition was presented to the meeting asking for a skatepark designated specifically for use by BMX bicycles, skateboards and inline skates to be built in Mickleover. The petitioners state that these sports are rapidly growing and are almost as popular as basketball and football. Riding bikes and skateboards give the youth of today alternate sport outside team sports and give them something to strive for rather than getting into trouble and breaking laws. Mickleover does not have a park like this. The Police often ask people using boards to move on from areas like the one outside

the Old School Tea rooms. People in Mickleover don't like seeing groups of teenagers just sitting around in the area and they shouldn't have to.

When the pavilion was built on Vicarage park no one asked teenagers around Mickleover what they really wanted. If the skatepark was built next to the pavilion and had good lighting it would encourage more people to use the pavilion. A skatepark would cut down litter because there wouldn't be groups in different places.

The nearest skateparks are Markeaton park, Alvaston and Hilton and are difficult to get to.

The petitioners feel that the best place is a skatepark in Mickleover on Vicarage Road Park by the pavilion – even if it is only a small one like at Markeaton

**Action:** Investigate and provide a report

**Update:** Environmental Services are aware of the demand for a skateboarding facility in Mickleover, likewise in Littleover, Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon and the city centre. The issue is not one of willingness to provide the facilities but having the money to build them and then maintain them. In the currently identified capital programme for parks we intend installing skateboard facilities on the Racecourse in 2008/09 and at King George V Playing Fields, Littleover in 2009/10 as outlined in the response to the petition received in 2005 asking for a Skate park in Littleover. These add to those already existing at Alvaston Park, Sunnyhill Recreation ground, Osmaston Park and Markeaton Park. However, neither of the proposed facilities are certainties because the schemes depend on applications for external funding being successful.

A skateboard facility for Mickleover will be added to the list of capital works for future years.

There had been an idea to purchase a mobile skateboard facility, which would travel around the City to Park settings, but this is not being pursued at the moment due to the pressure of work in the Parks Division. It may be taken up again when skateboarding facilities have been established in each district around the city.

**Note.**

**Further information:** Ken Richardson, Parks Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

1.4 **Ref: 406001 - Petition, Car parking on Uttoxeter Road, Littleover received 18.01.06 and 27.09.06**

**Issue:** A petition had been received in December 2005 about the difficulty of getting out of driveways along Uttoxeter Road near to the City Hospital. This is because of cars parked by hospital workers, visitors and contractors between 8am and 5pm. There is very little space to manoeuvre and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic travelling at 40mph. Can the Council install double yellow lines as part of the list of improvements already proposed for the next few weeks.

A second petition signed by 87 residents was received in September 2006 requesting car parking restrictions on Uttoxeter Road between Corden Avenue and the City Hospital roundabout on the left hand side as you travel into the city.

**Action:** Police to investigate illegal parking by blue badge holders in Jackson Avenue/Kings Drive area.

Councillor Marshall to raise issues with improved signs needed to direct people to the hospital car park.

Update on progress to introduce waiting restrictions on Uttoxeter Road

Update on progress to introduce residents parking scheme in Kings Drive/Jackson

Avenue area.

**Update:**

**Blue badge holders parking** – Police update at the meeting on 27 June

**Hospital parking signs** – over the last year additional signs have been installed to direct visitors to the main car park 2. The Hospital has again recently reviewed their parking signs and is planning no immediate changes. They will be reviewing the parking signs again in autumn 2007 when new services open on site.

**Waiting restrictions Uttoxeter Road** - The proposals to introduce a No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Uttoxeter Road have recently been advertised for public comment. Any objections received will now need to be considered by the Assistant Director - Highways and Transport. If there are no objections or those that are received are overruled, the necessary Traffic Regulation Order can be made, meaning the restriction would be introduced towards the end of July.

**Kings Drive Residents parking scheme** – a report is currently being drawn up for the Cabinet Member giving details of the consultation results. A decision will then be made as to the final design of the scheme. It will then be necessary to go through the legal process to make the order including consultation with ward councillors. Details of the final scheme will then be delivered to all residents with further information on what they'll need to do to obtain a permit. Although the timescale for implementation is still dependant on whether any objections are received, it is hoped to have a scheme in place by the end of this year.

**Note.**

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

1.5 **Ref: 406020 – Traffic on Haven Baulk Lane, Littleover- received 27.09.06**

**Issue:** A new resident of Haven Baulk Lane raised her concern over the excessively high speed of traffic using Haven Baulk Lane. It made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road, made it unsafe for children and parents to walk to school and made it unsafe to park your car on the road. She asked the panel if anything could be done.

It was confirmed that this has been a major issue for some time, with petitions and local action groups being set up in the past but with limited action taken. There had been proposals to review the need to develop a scheme once changes to Rykneld Road had been implemented but Rykneld Road had been postponed and it was important to get Haven Baulk Lane back on the agenda.

The issue had been included by the Littleover Councillors as one of their priorities for action in next years highways and transport programme.

**Action:** None

**Update:**

No further information to add from Highways and Transport.

The Police report that the issue will be monitored by local police officers that have responsibility for enforcement of speed checks and there will be high visibility patrols by Police Community Support Officers. They are currently awaiting the repair of the hand held speeding device, which will be used to monitor speeds at this location when available

**Note and close.**

**Further information:** Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184

**1.6 Ref: 406019 – Maintenance on Pastures Hill, Littleover - received 27.09.06**

**Issue:** Concern was raised over two maintenance issues on Pastures Hill. The drains are all blocked, resulting in water swilling down the road and because they are positioned below the road surface they are a hazard to cyclists. Also, during a recent repair the new tarmac appears to have been laid incorrectly and it is now in a poor condition.

**Action:** Agreed not to close the item and receive an update on the condition of the drains.

**Update:** Some jetting work has been completed, but further works are required. Due to a staff shortage, it is unlikely that these will be carried out until August 2007. We will report back at the September meeting. **Note.**

**Further information:** John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

**1.7 Ref: 407001 – Petition – Parking time limit sign in Sunny Hill post office car park, Blagreaves - received 31.01.07**

**Issue:** A petition had been submitted to the Council on 4 January 2007. The petitioners are supporting the introduction of a parking time limit in the Sunny Hill post office car park to stop the parking of vehicles by residents and customers in the car park for over two hour periods.

**Action:**

A report of the Cabinet member for Planning and Transportation, in response to the petition, was presented to the meeting in March recommending that the Area Panel agrees that waiting restrictions are not necessary, that the carriageway/parking markings have been relined and that the petitioners be informed accordingly. Agreed to amend recommendation saying restrictions are not necessary and that additional monitoring will continue for a month and a further update will be provided.

**Update:** The additional monitoring/surveys that were agreed have now been completed, but the information still requires further analysis. We will be reporting back to the Area Panel meeting in September. **Note.**

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**1.8 Ref: 407008 – Traffic on Littleover Lane, Blagreaves - received 28.03.07**

**Issue:** A resident reported that traffic uses Littleover Lane as a rat run and when she conducted her own survey she found that over 500 vehicles use the lane between 8am and 9am and also between 3.15pm and 5pm. Parked cars have been damaged, including one car that has been damaged 10 times. She asked what could be done about it.

**Action:** Report back on what action can be taken to respond to the request for traffic calming.

Police to respond to suggestion of investigating speed of traffic.

**Update:** The Highways and Transport Work Programme for 2007/08 has already been agreed at the Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007. We have added this issue to the list of Highways and Transport issues to be put forward for possible inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transport Work Programme.  
Officers have informed the residents who raised this issue.

The Police report that casualty data between June 2003 and May 2006 was 1 injury collision. The last speed survey was conducted in December 2004. The issue is being addressed by high visibility patrols by our Police Community Support Officers. We are currently awaiting the repair of the hand held speeding device, which will be used at this location when available. **Note and close.**

**Further information:** Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184  
Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community telephone 715019

#### 1.9 **Ref: 407010 – Inspection of Highway Repairs, all wards - received 28.03.07**

**Issue:** A resident commented on the poor standard of highway repair that he had seen and asked if the Council inspect work before it is completed. He referred to an example on Carlisle Avenue where kerbs were not completed and the surface was crumbling.

**Action:** Check Carlisle Avenue work

**Update:** There have been issues on Carlisle Avenue that our Clerk of Works is aware of. The issues include some defective kerbing works. A letter was sent to the residents to explain about the delay to the completion of the Carlisle Avenue scheme. **Note and close.**

**Further information:** John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

#### 1.10 **Outstanding issues**

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Planning Application at East Midlands Airport	Awaiting more information on planning application	September 2007

### **PROPOSED ACTION**

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Area Panel 4 community issues update report, background information – available on CMIS
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None.