

**AREA PANEL 2 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT  
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**1. Ref: 206076 – Petition – Alvaston Park, Alvaston - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

**Issue:**

A petition had been received in October 2006 signed by 30 people who are regular users of Alvaston park who are concerned about the run down state of the ground and facilities. They are concerned about keeping the grounds clean, regular litter picking and a higher profile for the Rangers. No one seems to be taking pride in the park and they are asking for something to be done now.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Wynn reported that the Alvaston Councillors are encouraging the formation of a 'Friends of Alvaston park' group. This group will enable extra funding to be attracted to the park that is not available to the Council. At a recent public meeting 150 residents attended and a steering group was established. The next meeting is on 27 November. He confirmed that the ward councillors aim to bring the park back to its former use.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate and report back to a future meeting

**Update:**

A report in response to the petition can be found on the agenda for the meeting on 17 January 2007 in item 7c.  
The Alvaston Park Friends have submitted an application for funding to Area Panel 2.  
Note.

**2. Ref: 205019 – Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Merrill College, Jubilee Road, Shelton Lock, DE24 9FE Telephone 734500

Mrs M Rogers, Headteacher, Moorhead Primary School, Brackens Lane, Alvaston, Telephone 571162

Councillor Banwait

**Issue:**

A petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School. The main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at the parking, and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**June 2005** - A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. This stated that Officers would work with Moorhead Primary School to develop a Travel Plan.

**September 2005** - Work is still ongoing to develop a school travel plan. We are working towards completing the travel plan by March 2006.

**November 2005** - A resident raised concerns that because it is the parents' responsibility; the problems are not being dealt with. He stated that there are no signs or parking restrictions at the school, but highlighted that Moorhead Primary School is next to a comprehensive school, and therefore some kind of restrictions should be implemented. Councillor Jackson reported that the proposed shared car park with Merrill College would not be going ahead, as it was not agreed by the Governors. She stated the importance of re-educating the parents. She also suggested that she would be putting forward a proposal for the installation of a chicane.

**January 2006** - School travel plan officers have contacted the head teacher at Moorhead to progress the development of the school travel plan. Parents have been invited to set up a travel plan forum and an initial meeting has been held to explain the travel plan process. Travel questionnaires have been sent to parents and pupils to identify travel patterns and barriers to movement. These are currently being analysed and a further meeting has been arranged with the forum to go through the results. Following this the travel plan forum will begin to prepare and develop a school travel plan. It is hoped that the travel plan will be signed off by colleagues in the Education Service before April 2006 following which the school will be eligible for a small grant of approximately £5,000 to support the travel plan. Once the travel plan is completed consideration will also be given to funding safety and accessibility improvements through the Local Transport Plan. With regard to the school warning triangles on Brackens Lane, there are signs, but some are in a poor condition. The school has requested that we replace the existing school warning signs due to their poor condition. We will replace the signs as soon as possible.

Mrs Carter explained that they had been working with education and traffic to produce a travel plan, but there were still concerns. She reported that at Silverhill, the school safety zone signs did not seem to be doing much, and on Monday of that week there had been an accident outside the school. She stated that they are looking at replacing the school signs. At Alvaston Junior School, there are enforcement notices and yellow lines. She hoped that something could be done before September, and also suggested chicane like at Oakwood. Councillor Wynn confirmed that he did attend and visit the site, and it was quite clear that there is a frantic 20 minutes in both the morning and evening, when it is a dangerous location. He agreed that something needs to be done, and agreed to discuss with Highways.

**March 2006** - As previously reported, Moorhead Primary are developing a travel plan. This is on track to be completed and signed off in April. The school will then be eligible for a small amount of reward funding in June from the government. No funds have been set aside from the Local Transport Plan for the 2006/7 financial year for off site improvements as this has been committed to schools that have already developed their travel plans.

The existing school warning signs and some yellow lines around the school have been reported as being in a poor condition. The Council's Streetcare Section is aware of the problems and the signs and markings will be renewed as soon as possible.

A local resident informed the meeting that the school had carried out a 'walk to school' scheme during the week of 21 February, where children were given stickers and certificates if they took part in the scheme. He confirmed that there had been a good turnout to this.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that he had spoken to Merrill College about the travel plan, and also about making sure that the start and finishing times did not clash with Moorhead. He confirmed that he would be arranging to speak to Moorhead Primary.

**June 2006** - Councillors expressed the view that this issue was primarily an education issue and not a highways issue and commented that the principle people needed to be contacted, i.e. Moorhead School and the Merrill College to make sure that times are coordinated.

A resident explained that there were signs installed at Alvaston Junior School, which the Police can enforce. They asked why this couldn't be done at Moorhead. Councillor Wynn explained that there were just two schools in the entire city with enforceable restrictions, and agreed that this does need looking at, with particular attention to those schools on main routes.

**September 2006** - Councillor Banwait informed the meeting that to date he had received a response from the head teacher of Merrill, but not Moorhead. He stated that he was trying to get dialogue between the two schools. He stated that there was a 20mph speed limit now in force, and the zigzag lines had been repainted and extended.

A local resident reported that although only the teachers had returned to school during the week, the car park was full.

Councillor Wynn explained that legislation allows the schools to choose start times, and they are not accountable.

#### **Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillors Jackson and Banwait have met and spoken with the headteachers of both schools. The schools have undertaken their own surveys on traffic flow and the headteachers reported that it is not a big issue other than cars parking on yellow and zig zag lines.

Residents reported that it was not solely the issue of cars parking on yellow and zig zag lines but the manner in which drivers park their cars. The pavements are narrow and at times residents are unable to walk along the pavements due to the way cars are parked and open car doors. Residents stated that drastic steps are required to slow down the traffic and decrease the volume of traffic.

A resident commented that the new 20mph signs were in place but were not yet flashing. Michelle Spamer agreed to follow this up.

A resident asked if the school opening and closing times could be changed to alleviate the problem. Councillor Wynn responded that he was disappointed that Merrill School had changed its opening times in September but he clarified that individual schools directly controls their timings and is not the Council responsibility.

A resident suggested that 'No Parking' signs should be erected around all schools across Derby to tackle the problems with traffic flow and poor parking – the resident stated the Council is committed to encouraging kids to walk to school and this would help with this aim.

Cllr Wynn responded that out of the 107 schools across the city that only 2 schools have enforceable 'No parking' zones and he wanted to see more schools with enforceable restrictions.

#### **Actions agreed:**

Report back to the next meeting on the flashing 20mph signs.

**Update:**

There have been some delays in getting the flashing 20 mph signs installed by the Electricity company, but have now been informed by the sub-contractor who is to install them that it will be done before the end of January. Note and close.

**3. Ref: 206047 – Petition – Blocking either end of Bentley Street, Allenton, Boulton – received 06.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**Issue:**

A petition signed by 33 people was received requesting the one end of the street be permanently blocked off, due to the ongoing traffic problems faced on Bentley Street.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

Investigate and report back.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

We are consulting with local residents and will hopefully be able to provide a report in response to the next meeting on 17 January 2007.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate and report back in January 2007

**Update:**

Investigations and further consultation was carried out in December and therefore the analysis will not be completed in time to report back to the January 2007 meeting. We will report back to a future meeting. Note.

**4. Ref: 206057 – Crossing for school children, Crayford Road, Boulton – received 06.09.06. Petition received 8.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

**Issue:**

A local resident informed the panel that she has attended four assemblies at Noel Baker School to discuss a 'keep your school safe' campaign. She reported that the children had highlighted that they need a crossing to help them to cross Crayford Road safely. The resident informed the panel that she had carried out a survey, and had counted 154 children crossing the road with 381 cars over a 25 minute period. She asked the panel to consider the installation of a crossing on Crayford Road at the junction of Holbrook Road and Bracknell Drive. She had previously submitted a report to area panel 2 in 2004, and was told that this would be under review.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2006** - Councillor Jackson informed the resident that she had been in touch with the Council Officer, but to date had not received a response.

Councillor Wynn stated that it should be assessed through safer routes for school. The resident stated that she had tried this, and was continually told that it was under review.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Reported that in August 2004 we responded to correspondence we had received from a local resident in which we indicated that we would evaluate this junction during the next school term. However, with the imminent installation of the crossing outside the shops, it seemed prudent to wait until this was completed, as it was likely that this new crossing would satisfy some of the demand further down Crayford Road. We advised the resident of this by telephone and assume this is what is meant when the resident says she was told the crossing was "under review".

We will arrange for the junction to be assessed during the current school term and will respond to the Area Panel once that is complete. We have written directly to the resident.

Two young residents presented a petition and supporting information to the meeting on 8 November and explained why it was difficult to cross Crayford Road and requested that a crossing is provided by the Holbrook Road junction.

Councillor Wynn referred to the criteria used when assessing pedestrian crossing and asked that the age of those crossing is taken into account. The panel thanked them for their presentation and asked that a response is made at the next meeting.

**Actions agreed:**

To provide a report at the next meeting.

**Update:**

A report in response to the petition can be found on the agenda for the meeting on 17 January 2007. Note and close.

**5. Ref: 206066 – Merrill School Bell Tower, Boulton, received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Mike Melliush, PFI Programme Manager, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 256522

**Issue:**

A local resident asked what will happen to the Bell Tower at the Old Merrill School site. Her granddaughter had attended the school and many felt that this is something that should be retained.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Ingall agreed with the resident and offered to contact the contractors to see what can be done.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate and report back to clarify the position.

**Update:**

Demolition of the Upper School buildings of Merrill College began at the end of September 2006, and was officially signed off as completed on 8 December 2006. This issue of the

Bell Tower was received on 8 November 2006, by which time the Bell Tower would have been removed.

The demolition process was put in place as quickly as possible after the site had been vacated, in order to minimise the risks of intruders and vandalism to the site and surrounding residential areas.

Note and close.

**6. Ref: 206070 – Open green area on Holloway Road, Boulton - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Mike Moore, Project Development Officer, Children and Young People Services, telephone 716859

**Issue:**

A written question was submitted by a local resident raising concern at proposed plans to change the usage of the green area on Holloway Road. The resident has requested that Councillors and residents are included in discussions on changes to the green area.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New written question submitted.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

Officers to respond and update the resident on progress.

**Update:**

Future arrangements for the maintenance of this green space are currently being explored. The resident has been contacted. We are working with the local Ward Councillors and Councillor Chris Wynn to find funding for the ongoing maintenance of this area. If funding can be found for ongoing maintenance we will be consulting local residents. Note and close.

**7. Ref: 206072 – Bus stop and flooding on Crayford Road, Boulton - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715045

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

**Issue:**

A resident asked why the bus stop was moved from outside the Brackens to opposite the Chemist. It now causes severe problems for drivers trying to get out of the lay-by when a bus is opposite.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 6 September 2006**



Councillor Jackson reported that there had been complaints from residents affected by the original bus stop location and officers identified a new location.  
Councillor Leeming reported that the problem is made worse by the flooding in the layby causing cars to park in the bus stop area and buses to double park.  
Councillor Banwait confirmed he is pressing officers to resolve the flooding problem.  
A resident confirmed that complaints about the flooding have been made on many occasions and he is concerned that the contractor should be paying to rectify the cause of the problem and not the Council. Taxpayers should not have to pay twice. Councillor Wynn agreed that if work were not completed as designed the Council would request the contractor to rectify any problems however, if the problem is a design fault then an additional payment would be needed.

**Actions agreed:**

Update on progress to resolve flooding  
Update on position of bus stop  
Respond to the resident directly.

**Update:**

We have resurfaced the parking bay outside the shops and the gully has been re-set which will prevent the flooding.  
We have visited the site and spoken to local residents who are satisfied with the location of the bus stop. The bus stop was moved originally following requests from Councillors and residents. As a result of this investigation, the bus stop will remain in its existing location. A letter has been sent directly to the resident. **Note and close.**

**8. Ref: 206073 – Field Lane Community Centre, Boulton - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Sarah Wheatley, Community Centre Liaison Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715656  
Councillor Banwait

**Issue:**

A local resident who is on the User group committee was concerned about developments at Field Lane Community Centre. She stated that the existing Committee for the Centre had not been consulted when Enthusiasm was invited to use the community centre causing an existing group to lose their slot.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item

**Response on 8 November 2006:**

Councillor Banwait responded that the Council had spent in excess of £100,000 on renovations to the centre. The key issue in the Boulton area is anti-social behaviour often caused by young people, which is why Enthusiasm, a local group who have had considerable success with the provision of diversionary activity for young people are now operating from the Community Centre on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Councillor Banwait invited the resident to come along to one of the sessions to see the positive work they are undertaking. He also stated that he had attended the last meeting of the user group and would be happy to attend future meetings to work with those who would like to provide services of benefit to the local residents.

**Actions agreed:**

Officers to respond to the resident by letter and provide an update.

**Update:**

Sarah Wheatley, Community Centre Liaison Officer, has written to the resident confirming the current situation regarding the Community Association committee responsibilities. The constitution that the community association adopted gives it the structure to enable it to take on some management responsibility of the centre but not the automatic right to make all decisions. The constitution is not a legal document in the same way that a lease or a management agreement is.

Field Lane community centre is managed by the Community Centre Liaison Team who are currently in the process of settling a varied programme of community usage for the centre. With assistance from Councillor Banwait and Councillor Jackson, the Judo Club has been successfully relocated into Noel Baker School. Note and close.

**9. Ref: 206061 – Traffic issues, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

**Issue:**

A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over various traffic issues in Chellaston. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

**Ref: 205046 – New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

A resident raised a number of questions about traffic on Parkway and wanted to know what the Council can do to resolve them. These included concerns about the school entrance because it is on a bend, with a junction immediately before the entrance. She asked if it was the Council's responsibility to inform the test centre that Parkway is no longer a dead end, because it is still on the driving test route. She also asked why Arriva put their bus stops so near to the school entrance on both sides of the road. Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it.

**Ref: 205050 – Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05**

At its meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel 2 identified the issue of traffic issues as one of its highest priorities. Issues had been raised at the area panel over the previous two years that all related to requests for improvements in traffic. These included parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane, the high volume of traffic using A514, traffic problems on St Peter's Road and traffic problems at the junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

**Ref: 206049 – Petition – HGV restrictions on Parkway, Chellaston – received 06.09.06**

A petition signed by 65 people was received, requesting the erection of signage at the both ends of Parkway restricting HGV's construction traffic, the introduction of suitable traffic calming measures – but not speed bumps – and the monitoring of traffic speed, and the resurfacing of the roads.

**Ref: 205039 – Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

A petition signed by approximately 90 peoples was received from residents of Chellaston, requesting the re-routing of the number 68 and 68a bus service away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. As currently routed, the residents feel that the bus services cause unnecessary traffic and environmental problems, which if re-routed along Homeleigh Way would stop.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

Due to the number of issues raised about highways, traffic and transport within Chellaston ward the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Amalgamate all Chellaston Highways and Transport issues into a single update under the title Chellaston Traffic Issues.
2. Refer all Chellaston traffic highways issues to a Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) for consideration and recommendations.
3. The CHTIWG will report back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis.
4. Membership of CHTIWG will be flexible but generally will include:
  - a. All Chellaston Ward Councillors,
  - b. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Planning or a representative,
  - c. Relevant officers from Highways and Transport,
  - d. Representatives from the community (this can include lead petitioners),
  - e. Other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

Also see the separate report to Area Panel 2 at this meeting.

**September 2006** – Agreed to include all Chellaston traffic issues in one item and to feedback at future area panel meetings the outcome of the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group – CHTIWG, meetings.

**November 2006** - Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group – CHTIWG met on 16 October 2006 and the **key priorities** for action were identified as:

1. **Parkway** - Suitable traffic calming (not speed bumps) and monitoring of traffic speed along the length of the road. Reason: To improve road safety.
2. **High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane** – Ian Butler to establish details of any speed monitoring that has been undertaken and provides results. Design and implement measures to reduce speeding. Reason: To improve road safety.
3. **A514** - Volume of traffic using the road is causing congestion. a. Relocate inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion, b. Create a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop on Swarkestone Road to accommodate shop customers and buses, c. Relocate the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers. Reason: To reduce congestion.
4. **Junction of Station Road and Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion along A514 caused by vehicles queuing back from the traffic lights. Consider options for better management of parking and rationalisation of access to and from off street facilities in front of Derby Road shops. Try giving more priority to A514 at traffic lights (Double Green solution) and report back on effect. Reason: To reduce congestion.
5. **Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion and disruption of local residents caused by obstructive parking including lorries unloading / loading during peak traffic flow periods. Introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times. Reason: To reduce congestion.

Further meetings of CHTIWG will be held on a quarterly basis.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Tittley reported that the five issues identified at the meeting on 16 October were the Chellaston ward priorities to be put forward as part of the programme for Highways and Transport schemes for 2006/7.

A written report was presented to the panel in response to the Petition received in August 2006 about HGV restrictions, traffic volume and speed on Parkway, Chellaston. The petition was signed by 65 people requesting the erection of signage at the both ends of Parkway restricting HGV's construction traffic, the introduction of suitable traffic calming measures – but not speed bumps – and the monitoring of traffic speed, and the resurfacing of the road. A report outlined that the signs have been erected, the Police will carry out speed enforcement when resources permit and the developers have been asked to identify suitable traffic management proposals. The potholes in the road are being repaired.

The panel supported the actions and approved the report.

**Actions agreed:**

Report back when 2007/8 programme details are known.

**Update:**

No new date has been arranged for the next meeting of the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group. Chellaston Councillors put the following issues forward for consideration. Issues 3,4 and 5 have been grouped as one issue by the Chellaston Councillors which gives Chellaston seven priorities, which are:

1. Parkway - suitable traffic calming (not road humps) and monitoring traffic speed
  2. High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane - design and implement measures to reduce speeding
  3. \*\*Derby Road - consider relocating inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion
  4. \*\*Swarkestone Road - consider a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop to accommodate shop customers and buses
  5. \*\*Derby Road/High Street - consider relocating the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers
  6. Junction of Derby Road/Station Road/High Street - Design and implement measures to reduce speeding
  7. Derby Road - introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times
- Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007. **Note.**

**10. Ref: 206018 – Dog bins, Chellaston – received 15.03.06 / Petition - Dog waste bins along new cycle path, Sinfin Moor Lane, Chellaston received 06.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

**Issue:**

A resident explained that he lived on an unadopted road, and David Willson homes were responsible for the upkeep of the dog waste bins. He had been informed that they would be emptied once per week. The panel were asked if this was normal, and to confirm whether the Council dog waste bins would be emptied this frequently. He also asked whether dog fouling signs could be used, as they would be more cost effective than supplying the actual bins.

A petition signed by 56 residents requested the installation of dog waste bins along the new cycle path in the vicinity of Sinfin Moor Lane was received at the meeting on 6 September 2006.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**June 2006** - The new dual use bins that Environmental Services are now installing are emptied twice a week in summer and once a week in winter. Propose to note and close.

**September 2006** - Dog fouling signs can be installed in areas where this is a particular problem and residents can ring the Environmental Health Department Contact Centre telephone 255260 to request these. However they would not be installed on unadopted roads.

Councillor Tittley stated that he would be trying to get dog bins in, and influence the developers to install them while it is unadopted land.

A local resident said it was unfair that unadopted land did not benefit, as they pay the same amount of council tax as people on adopted roads. Councillor Wynn confirmed that it is a question of legal responsibility.

With regard to the petition, Councillor Ingall confirmed that while some dog bins had been installed, there is still a need for more.

**8 November 2006** – reported that currently the Council cannot install dual bins on this site as it is unadopted. However once it has been adopted the area panel has the option to install two bins if they allocate money for their purchase, installation and five years revenue costs. Alternatively the request will be added to the list for which there is presently no financial resources.

**Response on 8 November**

The Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open to consider at a future meeting

**Actions agreed:**

To provide an update on adoption of land to allow Area panel to consider whether to fund new dual purpose bins.

**Update:**

No more information available about progress to adopt the land. Note and put into Outstanding issues table until the land is adopted and the panel are able to make a decision.

**11.Ref: 206038 – Library building at Chellaston, Chellaston Ward– received 14 06.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

David Potton, Head of Library Services, Regeneration and Community, Telephone 71 6602

**Issue:**

A resident stated that despite the large scale growth of Chellaston in recent years, the area was still only served by a mobile library vehicle. Can Chellaston be considered for a new public library?

**Previous key points / action taken:**

Chellaston is one of several District Centres in Derby without a library building, and in principle we should like to open one there. The capital cost could be anywhere between £500,000 and £1.5 million, depending on the scale of the project, and annual running costs would be around £100,000.

A bid for PFI funding to develop library services across the city, including Chellaston, failed last year, and therefore we have no funds to expand our network of libraries at present. Unfortunately there is no prospect of this situation changing in the foreseeable future, although we will continue to watch out for opportunities.

**September 2006** - Councillor Tittley stated that the library was key to the area, as there is currently no adequate provision with the mobile library.

**8 November 2006** – reported that we have been unable to identify a source of funding to cover the capital cost of a new library; therefore no progress has been possible.

**Response on 8 November**

Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open.

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

The search for capital funding to build a new library is continuing.  
Note and put into outstanding issues table until funding is identified.

**12. Ref: 206056 – Right of way, Woodminton Drive, Chellaston – received 06.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

**Issue:**

A resident raised concern over the ongoing dispute regarding the right of way on the canal path to Woodminton Drive, as it needs resurfacing. He stated that the area has a high water table, therefore after heavy rain and during the winter, the path is very muddy. At present, disabled people are unable to use this path on their electric buggies. Three entrances have been barred by residents, which is illegal, but the Council, although informed on several occasions have not cleared the area to allow access. The entire right of way needs to be resurfaced, and the resident understood that approximately £3million has been made available for this type of work to be carried out.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2006** - Councillor Tittley reported that there were talks about changing the ownership of this pathway from Merrill College to the Council, and once this has been done, then work can be carried out.

**8 November 2006** - The old school playing field across which the right of way passes is due to be transferred to the Council's Environmental Services Department. However when the legal transfer has been completed there will not be any funds to lay out the field with a surfaced path.

There is a possibility that the right of way could be converted in the future into a bridleway

as part of the cycle route network but there are currently no funds available for this either.

**Response on 8 November**

Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

The sum of money we received from Cycling England was £1.5 million with contributory funding of £1.5 million coming from the Local Transport Plan - LTP and partners. The money is being spent on promotion, cycle storage and initiatives to get young people to cycle more and for the next 2 years a lot of LTP funding will support these initiatives.

Officers would like to improve the route from Woodminton Drive but there are several contentious and expensive problems which mean there are no plans to formalise the route:

- Route between the houses is very narrow for cyclists and pedestrians
- Route is presently a public footpath
- Route across the playing field is quite long and therefore would be expensive to construct
- The land becomes very water logged in the winter

The land has now transferred to Parks but with no maintenance budget attached so there is no money to complete any improvements. The access points to Woodminton Drive are official rights of way and officers are investigating the option of completely blocking or restricting the pathway in width so that only pedestrians can use them.  
Note and put into outstanding issues table until funding is identified.

**13. Ref: 206007 – Weight restriction signs, A514, Alvaston and Chellaston – received 11.01.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**Issue:**

Concern was raised that there were no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, that state no right turn. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island. There was also concern that the Evening Telegraph had stated that the police cannot enforce the restrictions, and the panel were asked their views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**January 2006** – It was explained that the police are going to run some information days on the A514 with HGV drivers. Inspector Gascoyne confirmed that the DET statement was incorrect, and in fact the restrictions are enforceable, but there is a much wider issue – in terms of deliveries into the City, where they would have access.

**March 2006** – A meeting took place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Cotton Lane Police Station involving Councillors Jackson, Wynn, Tittley, Willitts and Bayliss, together with Tim

Banton DCC Highways Dept, Inspector Gascoyne and Inspector Andy Smith, who is in charge of the local Roads Policing Unit. From this meeting it was agreed that the Police and highways staff would undertake an assessment day at Chellaston and Alvaston to gauge the extent of the problem. If it is felt that there are grounds for further enforcement days then these will be planned. The date for the initial days activity is currently being determined. The results of the operation will be passed back to the councillors and the area panel.

Since the last Area Panel meeting Council Members and officers have met with the police to discuss enforcement of the weight restrictions on both the A514 and the A6. The Council will be erecting additional signage on both routes and we hope to do this before the end of March. On the A6 we will be amending the majority of direction signs to take account of the new weight restriction and also to better direct through vehicles to the by-pass. On the A514 we will be adding additional weight limit signs to the Merrill Way junction to reinforce the signing already in place.

The police have stated that they will undertake a series of vehicle stop checks on both routes. Supported by Council officers the police will stop vehicles to find out why they are using the route. We will use this information to determine how many vehicles are using the routes illegally and hence whether further enforcement is needed.

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**June 2006** – The next operation is planned for the 17 May 2006. There is some dispute over the results of the surveys from the previous operation on the 30 January 2006, which initially indicated that none of those lorries stopped could claim an exemption. Following a closer examination of the results from the first operation, it is now believed that most of those lorries stopped could claim an exemption, or would at least have had a strong defence had the matter progressed to court. It should also be noted that an infringement of these signs does not carry any penalty points for the offending driver, and if dealt with at the scene results in a £30 fine being issued.

**September 2006** – reported that an additional sign has now been erected on Merrill Way, in advance of its junction with the A514 and the direction signing in the vicinity of the Blue Peter has now been amended to encourage through traffic to use the A6 Alvaston Bypass. Councillor Tittley stated that they need permanent restrictions on the A50. Councillor Wynn explained that they had been struggling to get the Highway Agency and the County Council to put permanent restriction signs in. The temporary signs have been put there by the Council at their expense. Will continue with the temporary signs in the mean time.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Reported that discussions are still ongoing

**Actions agreed:**

Update on progress to resolve the issue.

**Update:**

A report is being drawn up for consideration at the Planning and Transportation Cabinet Member meeting for Councillor Wynn. The date is still to be confirmed and we will provide an update afterwards. **Note.**



**14. Ref: 206067– Bus route via Jubilee Road, Chellaston - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715045

**Issue:**

A resident asked if there is the possibility of a change in the bus routes to enable a bus route to go via Jubilee Road as there will be a new housing estate being built on the school site.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Ingall reported that there are no plans submitted yet for new housing on the site. Councillor Wynn confirmed that the land will be made available for development after demolition has been completed.

Councillor Tittley confirmed that there is a proposal to build 60 houses on the site and there is outline planning permission for housing.

Councillor Ingall reported that we will contact Arriva and request that they consider changing their routes.

**Actions agreed:**

To contact Arriva for the possibility of a change to the bus routes.

**Update:**

Arriva are carrying out a whole scale review of all their services in Derby in 2007 to see if they are serving the right routes. As part of this they have agreed to look at the idea of a service along Jubilee Road. Note and close.

**15. Ref: 206013 – Rolls Royce site closure, Sinfin – received 15.03.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Robert Orgill, Rolls Royce  
Ken Whitehead, Chair, Osmaston Community Panel

**Issue:**

A resident raised concern over the initial plans for the redevelopment of the Rolls Royce site in Osmaston, in 2007. The panel were asked when the plans / ideas would be shared with local residents, and when how local residents would be consulted. A steering group has been established to act as a link between the community, Rolls Royce, the Council and other relevant organisations.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**June 2006** - We will not have publicly available details until a planning application is made OR until the proposals are advertised by the developers.

Rolls Royce have agreed to attend a meeting in the Autumn to provide an update on the current situation.

Councillors noted that there were several initiatives taking place in the area which they

were involved in including the development of a steering group, a master planning exercise led by Derby Homes and the development of neighbourhood working.

**September 2006** - Verbal report presented by Robert Orgill of Rolls Royce and Ken Whitehead of Osmaston Community Panel.

**November 2006** - No further information provided

**Response on 8 November 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

To provide an update for the next meeting.

**Update:**

Regular meetings of the Rolls Royce Consultation Steering Group are taking place. The membership currently includes local ward Councillors, Councillor Wynn, local residents, Rolls Royce, Council planning officers, Derby Homes and Housing Strategy and Development officers. More agencies and residents are being invited including English Partnerships. A newsletter informing local residents of progress and inviting residents to join the steering group is being distributed this month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 January.

The Rolls Royce (Nightingale Road) Steering Group is also now established to develop a long-term future for the marble hall. Both groups involve and include local residents. **Note and close.**

**16.Ref: 206015 – Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfen – received 15.03.06 and  
Petition – Removing Glossop Street Travellers received 8.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

Ian Fullagar, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, Resources and Housing, telephone 255185

**Issue:**

The panel were asked in March 2006 if Councillors were prepared to support the development in the area, and when would it happen. They were also asked if there were any other plans going to be put forward for the future use of this land.

A petition signed by 47 residents was presented on 8 November 2006 requesting the removal of the Glossop Street travellers so that the original and fully consulted development plan can go ahead. Local residents have suffered over the last two years.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**June 2006** – reported that we will not have publicly available details until a planning application is made or until the proposals are advertised by the developers.

Derby Homes are currently undertaking a Master Planning exercise for the Osmaston / Allenton area focused on the Glossop Street area.

**September 2006** – reported that initial meetings have been held regarding the master planning and consultants are being selected. Developments at the Rolls Royce site will affect planning across the area. Redevelopment at Glossop Street is still intended to go ahead however, until a consultation process is completed regarding the travellers currently

on site, the Rolls Royce site and the master planning has been completed decisions cannot be made.

Councillors, community representatives and other organisations will make reports to Area Panel 2 over time.

**Response on 8 November** - Residents commented on the leaflets and surveys sent out as part of the consultation exercise about the travellers site. They asked why this is being considered as the only permanent site in Derby? What are the benefits to the local area of having a permanent site? Why have Council Tax payers been asked to pay £2,500 for the recent clean up? What has happened to the proposals arising from the previous consultation

Councillor Turner referred to the original master planning consultation and questioned why there was no reference to it in the latest Council consultation document. He explained that the current Council consultation exercise was originally going to about 150 homes but has now been extended to over 1,000. He referred to a consultation sheet produced and distributed by Sinfin Councillors and Councillor Dhamrait stated the Councillors are working for their constituents and asked people to return their questionnaires as soon as possible.

**Actions agreed:**

To provide an update at the next meeting to:

- why this is being considered as the only permanent site in Derby?
- What are the benefits to the local area of having a permanent site?
- Why have Council Tax payers been asked to pay £2,500 for the recent clean up?
- What has happened to the proposals arising from the previous consultation?

**Update:**

In relation to the points raised we can make the following comments on progress:

1) On 28 November 2006 Council Cabinet resolved to recover possession of the Glossop Street site including taking appropriate legal action if required.

2) In making this decision, and based on the consideration of all of the consultation responses received, Cabinet considered that the establishment of a permanent Traveller site on this land would be inappropriate.

3) Part of the Glossop Street Site was cleared by the Council in response to Public Health and safety concerns arising at the site, which had been brought to its attention by a number of surrounding residents, and which the Council had an obligation to address both as land owner as well as in the capacity of authority responsible for ensuring that those environmental/public health issues were dealt with.

4) The previous Consultation resulted in the majority of respondents requesting that a mixed housing scheme be provided on the Glossop St site with housing and open space being provided on the nearby Cotton Lane site. Assuming the Council is successful in recovering possession of the site these proposals could be developed. These proposals were reliant upon Housing Corporation funding being available and they would again require financial support from the Housing Corporation which would need to be secured.

This is a fast changing picture that is being dictated by the legal process. We will shortly be receiving expert legal advice, which is likely to give us a clearer understanding of the likely timescales involved in our subsequent Court action to seek to recover possession of this site. For this reason we will be in a better position to provide a full response at the next Area Panel 2 meeting in March 2007.

We have informed the lead petitioner of progress. Note.

**17.Ref: 206045 – Petition – Installation of cycle path on Osmaston Park Road, Sinfen – received 06.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

**Issue:**

A petition has been received from 36 residents of Osmaston Park Road requesting the installation of a separate cycle path. Concerns have been raised about the danger that cyclists using the footway here present to children and adults stepping out from their front gates.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

A report was prepared for the meeting, with the following proposed action:

A scheme to construct a shared pedestrian cycle path along this route is considered for implementation, as part of a future work programme, subject to favourable consultation and other priorities on the strategic cycle network.

**September 2006** - Councillor Wynn stated that in principal there is a good cause for this cycle path. He explained that there is a facility for councillors to put forward five priority schemes for the year.

Councillor Turner expressed concern at the proposed action of a shared pedestrian cycle path, stating that there was not enough room, nor adequate lighting. Councillor Wynn agreed that it should be a separate cycle path.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

A site meeting was held with residents in October. Residents explained their concerns and possible ways forward were discussed.

The issue has been included on the list of possible Highways issues for the 2007/8 programme.

A resident suggested that funding could be available from other sources if the proposal was to have a shared cycle and pedestrian path that was an extension of the one on Harvey Road.

At the panel meeting on 8 November the Sinfen Councillors included this issue as one of their priorities for 2007/8. Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007.

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007.

**18.Ref: 206051 – Petition – Residents Parking, Nightingale Road, Sinfin – received 06.09.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

**Issue:**

A petition was received from residents of Nightingale Road, requesting the installation of residents parking.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**November 2006** - We are currently consulting with the emergency services and hope to be able to report back to the next meeting on 17 January 2007.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Residents commented that some local residents had received parking tickets for parking outside their homes and wanted action to be taken urgently to provide resident parking. Councillor Wynn agreed to discuss the issue with Sinfin Councillors

**Actions agreed:**

To provide a report to a future meeting.

**Update:**

A report in response to the petition can be found on the agenda for the meeting on 17 January 2007 in item 7a. Note and close

**19.Ref: 206069 – Moorways Stadium, Sinfin - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Councillor Graves telephone 691512

**Issue:**

A local resident who uses the athletics facilities and is also a Member of the Youth Parliament for Derby City asked about the Moorways Stadium and wanted to know:

- What facilities are to be removed
- What facilities are to be kept at Moorways
- What will be put in place of Moorways in our area
- Why is Moorways to be changed at all, rather than renovated
- Who is to be responsible for any increase in anti social behaviour if housing is built

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Wynn had hoped Councillor Graves would have been at the meeting to respond, he suggested contacting him directly.

**Actions agreed:**

Invite Councillor Graves, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services to respond to

the resident directly.

**Update:**

The resident contacted Councillor Graves directly and a detailed written response was provided. In summary the response outlined that:

- The athletics track will move to Kedleston Road and could include a new clubhouse, changing rooms and grandstand
- the life expectancy of the track at Moorways is about **four years**, there is no capital funding for repairs so there is a real risk that the track could close
- an improved sports centre and a new swimming complex will be created at Moorways
- the Council will need to use capital from the disposal of land to invest in the existing facilities at Moorways and provide replacement facilities elsewhere.
- To suggest that if new housing is built it will create an increase in anti social behaviour is not justified. There is a shortage of affordable housing in Britain as a whole.

Note and close.

**20.Ref: 206001 – Petition – Off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Councillor Leeming, telephone 756190

**Issue:**

Councillor Leeming handed in a petition signed by approximately 200 people, requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use in the area. This would help ease the problem of them using public footpaths and fields while still keeping them entertained and out of mischief.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**March 2006** - A full report in response to this petition was presented to the meeting. It was considered that a positive response to this petition could not be given at this point in time, and it was therefore proposed that no further action be taken. It was suggested that if the area panel requires further investigations, then the issue could be referred to the Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Commission.

Councillor Leeming explained that both Radio Derby and Leicester had run an interview, asking for any landowners willing to come forward to allow bikes to use their land. So far, no response had been received. He explained that one of the parents is forming a group to make this a serious legal effort. Councillor Bayliss explained that this is not a Council priority, but would consider looking at this issue should a formal committee be formed, and they part-fund the purchase of land.

Another resident emphasised that this is an illegal activity, as the bikes are neither taxed or insured, and supported Councillor Bayliss.

**September 2006** - Derby is one of 28 areas around the Country that is taking part in a national summer mini motos enforcement campaign as part of the RESPECT campaign. The campaign is two-fold: education and enforcement. Households in 'hot spot' areas are being leafleted about the dangers and consequences of using these vehicles on public roads and parks.

Derbyshire Constabulary have also mounted dedicated patrols in key hotspots throughout the City including in Alvaston, Shelton Lock, Sinfin, Chaddesden and Spondon where calls from the public are consistently the highest in the City.

Trading standards have written to petrol retailers with regards to their responsibilities and not selling petrol to under 16s.

As a result of the targeted enforcement operations so far

Machines that have been seized	25
Section 59 Warnings served	8
Parents spoken to advice given	11
Summonses for offences	
i.e. no licence or insurance	17
Drink driver caught	1
Arrests made during operations	2

Regarding mini-motos, these machines are often bought for children by parents as a toy. However, many of these vehicles are powerful so the driver is putting their own life and the lives of other people at serious or deadly risk. Unless they are driven on private property with the permission of the landowner – the parent and the child are breaking the law.

If someone is caught using such a vehicle on the road or in a public place, they risk:

- prosecution for offences such as dangerous driving
- fines of up to £1,000 or even a prison sentence
- having the vehicle seized. It will cost £105 to get it back and an extra £12 every day the vehicle is impounded
- banned from driving for 12 months and points put their licence. If too young for a licence this will come into effect when they get one
- an Anti Social Behaviour Order - ASBO
- a claim in the civil courts, especially if someone is injured damage is caused.

Mini-motos can NOT be used:

- on public roads
- in public places - including parks, footpaths or cycle routes - under ANY circumstances

Under the umbrella of Operation Trenton attempts have been made to combat this problem. Operation Trenton has been run in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership. The CSP have provided a number of information leaflets and signs that have been distributed around the hotspots. There are two main aims to the operation, the first being visible and effective enforcement, the second issue being to educate riders (and their parents) of the dangers of road activities.

From late July officers from Derby East Section and the Roads Policing Unit have conducted four enforcement days. On these days officers have visited the known hotspots with a view to seizing any machines being used illegally. On the first day 8 machines were seized from a variety of locations in the area. The subsequent planned dates have had little return, but information from members of the public and calls for service indicates that the problem has subsided for the time being.

Derbyshire constabulary are continuing with their targeted enforcement operations and anyone with information about the illegal use of mini motos, go-peds scoter etc can ring the **Police none emergency number 0845 123 3333** and the information will be passed on to the relevant Police section or call **Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**.

**September 2006** - Councillor Leeming confirmed that he had been working with a company, which was putting together a package that could be acceptable to the Council.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Leeming confirmed that he had had meetings with the interested company and the Council Chief Executive and that the next stage was to identify a suitable site. Unfortunately, there is currently no site available within Derby. Councillor Leeming confirmed that he was now widening his search into neighbouring counties and has approached Derbyshire County Council. He has been working with some of the residents who make use of the motorcycles and they support the development of a site and would support payment for use of the resources.

**Actions agreed:**

Councillor Leeming to report back to a future meeting.

**Update:**

Councillor Leeming to provide a verbal update at the meeting. Note and put in outstanding issues table until more information is available.

**21. Ref: 206043 – Alleyway Issues, all wards**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Telephone 71 5025

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Rights of Way. Telephone 25 5024

Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader. Telephone 25 8640

**Issue:**

A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over the closure of various alley ways across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

**Ref: 205001 – Alleyway – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston - received 12.01.05**

Residents have requested the closure of the alleyway between Baker Street and Shardlow Road.

**Ref: 205022 – Alleyway – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston – received 15.06.05**

Ann Garfield asked that because recent legislation had been introduced that allowed Councils to introduce Gating Orders, could residents resubmit petitions requesting the closure of alleyways such as the one from Beech Avenue to Raynesway.

**Ref: 205037 – Petition - Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton – received 09.11.05**

A petition was received from the Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch, requesting the closure of the alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close because of the level of antisocial behaviour and it being used as a 'rat-run' for criminal behaviour.

A counter petition was also received from residents of Kynance Close, Holbrook and Coronation Avenue objecting to the petition to close the alleyway on the grounds that it is a public footpath and used by residents in the area who suffer from infirmity and use it for the school run. They also stated that they were not consulted with the original petition.

**Ref: 206031 – Gating of alleyways, all wards – received 14.06.06**

A resident asked when does the Council intend to issue gating orders for the locations identified in the updates and went on to state that if gating orders were not issued by the next meeting then the Director of Regeneration and Community should attend the next Area Panel meeting to explain why they haven't been issued.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

See closed report for further information on Ref: 205001, Ref: 205022, Ref: 205037 and



Ref: 206031.

**September 2006 - The Area Panel were recommended to agree the following actions:**

- Amalgamation of all current and Area Panel 2 'alleyway' items, i.e. References 2050001 / 205022 / 205037 / 206031
- Referral of future issues of this type into the amalgamated update.
- Establishment of a working group to develop actions on issues of this nature for Area Panel 2.
- The working group to include representatives from: Highways, Anti-social Behaviour Team, Area Panel Manager, Neighbourhood Teams, Ward Councillors.

Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

The Alleyways Working Group met on 11 October 2006. The following is a summary report of the meeting.

Present: Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager, Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, Tim Banton, Area Traffic Engineer; Sharon Sewell, Neighbourhood Coordinator; and 2 residents.

Colin Avison explained that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 made provision for gating Rights of Way when inappropriate use such as anti-social behaviour and / or dumping of rubbish could not be dealt with effectively by any other way. He went on to point out that in order to use the Act there needed to be current or recent evidence as well as.

**A. Alleyway: Baker Street to Shardlow Road** – A resident from an adjoining property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. The following actions were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

1. Security Audit to be undertaken at resident's property [Action: Craig Keen]
2. Designation of the path to be clarified [Action: Tim Banton],
3. Request any evidence of inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway from Streetcare [Action: Craig Keen],
4. Request Police to task PCSO's (when in post) to target the alleyway for patrols to collect evidence of inappropriate behaviour [Action: Craig Keen],
5. Conduct survey using letters to adjacent residents to collect evidence of current and former inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway [Action: Craig Keen].

**B. Alleyway: Waldorf Close to London Road** – A resident from a nearby property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. Actions 2 - 5 above were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

**C. Alleyway: Beech Avenue to Raynesway** – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A & B above. Paul Bayliss handed over a file of issues from 2004 for this alleyway to Craig Keen.

**D. Alleyway: Kynance Close to Coronation Avenue** – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this

alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A and B above.

**Actions agreed:**

To report back on outcomes of the Alleyways Working Group.

**Update:** A report is being written for Cabinet to formalise and agree the process for closing alleyways using the powers available in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Feedback on the actions agreed at the October working group meeting are:

- a security audit of the property by the Baker Street to Shardlow Road alleyway has been completed
  - In addition, feedback on actions relating to alleyways from Baker Street to Shardlow Road and Waldorf Close to London Road are
1. the alleyways have a public right of way
  2. Streetcare have been contacted for information about inappropriate behaviour and they have provided no evidence of flytipping or inappropriate behaviour
  3. Police Community Support Officers have been tasked with additional patrols around the alleyways and to date they have reported no Anti Social Behaviour - ASB around the alleyways
  4. In December, more than 100 letters and reply paid envelopes were sent to residents in the areas around the two alleyways. The letter asked for residents to report all incidents of ASB to the ASB Team and as yet there has been no responses giving evidence of inappropriate activity.

A further meeting of the Alleyways Working Group will be arranged and the outcome of the report to Cabinet will be provided at a future meeting. Note.

**22. Ref: 206044 – Tree issues, all wards**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 715485

**Issue:**

A number of issues have been raised, over various tree issues across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

**Ref: 205038 – Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05**

A petition had been received from local residents complaining about trees on Church Close blocking out light of local residents. They also have concerns over root growth.

**Ref: 206039 – Tree problems, rear of Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston – received 14 06.06**

A resident stated that her property was adjacent to the rear of the school grounds. A tree within the school's boundary had grown large and the resident was concerned that if the tree was damaged and fell onto her property who would be responsible for the damage.

**Ref: 206055 – Tree, Victory Road, Sinfin – received 06.09.06**

Concern was raised over the state of a tree on Victory Road, as it is obstructing visibility, and may cause a future accident.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2006** - The Area Panel agreed the following actions:

- Amalgamation of all current and Area Panel 2 'alleyway' items, i.e. References

2050001 / 205022 / 205037 / 206031

- Referral of future issues of this type into the amalgamated update.
- Establishment of a working group to develop actions on issues of this nature for Area Panel 2.
- The working group to include representatives from: Highways, Anti-social Behaviour Team, Area Panel Manager, Neighbourhood Teams, Ward Councillors.
- Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

To respond to the resident regarding the tree on Victory Road and confirm the tree at rear of Chellaston Junior School has been removed.

**Response on 8 November 2006:**

The resident has been contacted regarding the tree on Victory Road and the tree at the rear of Chellaston Junior School has been removed.

The Tree Management Working Group met on 19 October 2006 to consider tree issues in the area and a number of actions were agreed to resolve issues. Funding was recommended from Area Panel 2 to resolve six tree issues and all six were approved by the Area Panel as part of item 10 on 8 November 2006. These were:

Maple Drive – remove tree. 43 Newbridge Crescent – dismantle, fell and grinding. Fernhill Court – plant five new trees. Breydon Close – thin crown of silver birch. Lime Avenue – thinning. Breydon Close – Crown cleaning the Ash tree.

The panel agreed to a further £500 allocated from the Chellaston ward budget for cosmetic tree work.

**Actions agreed:**

To provide an update on recommendations from the Tree Management Working Group at the next meeting.

**Update:**

The Tree Management Working Group meeting took place on 4 January 2007. There were no requests to allocate funding to cosmetic tree work. Notes of the meeting appear in appendix 1.1 of this report. Note.

**23.Ref: 206074 – Distribution of information, all wards - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 258505

**Issue:**

A resident asked why she receives different leaflets and information from the Council through her door, compared to a nearby friend.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 6 September 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

Respond to the resident by letter.

**Update:**

A letter has been sent to the resident explaining that not all residents receive the same information at the same time because different services target different homes depending on the information that is being distributed. Some information is relevant to every home such as Council Tax information, while other information is specific to certain homes such as the introduction of the Rethink Rubbish recycling scheme. Note and close.

**24.Ref: 206075 – Cycling in pedestrian area in City Centre, all wards - received 08.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

**Issue:**

A resident asked why there is a proposal to allow cycling in pedestrian areas of the city centre from the Spot, through St Peter's Street to the Cathedral. There are many problems with cyclists using pavements.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 6 September 2006**

Councillor Wynn confirmed that the trial to allow cyclists to use the pedestrian area through the city centre will not take place.

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

No more information to add to the comments made by Councillor Wynn. The trial will not take place. Note and close.

**25.Ref: 206068 – Standard of footpath/highways inspections, all wards – received 8.11.06**

**Responsible officer(s) for more information:**

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

**Issue:**

A resident asked why obvious defects in footpaths, roads and edging stones are not listed and noted by Highway Inspectors when they complete their twice yearly footway inspections. The resident had requested a list of defects for 30 streets in his area from the relevant Highways Inspector. He had received the list and where tarmac is missing to a depth of greater than 25mm along several roads these had not been listed as defects on the report.

He proposed to take photographs and measurements and send to officers.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 8 November 2006**

Councillor Wynn asked that the information is sent directly to him and Michelle Spamer in Highways and Transport who will respond.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate and respond directly to the resident.

**Update:**

We met the resident on site on 20 November to discuss and respond to the issues of concern. Note and close.



## **Appendix 1.1 Notes of the meeting of the Area Panel 2 Tree Management Working Group**

**Held at Meeting Room 3, the Council House on 4 January 2007 at 6.00 pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors Mark Tittley (MT) <b>[Chair]</b> ,	Chellaston Ward
Chris Wynn (CW)	Alvaston Ward
Prem Chera (PC)	Sinfin Ward
Frank Leeming (FL)	Boulton Ward
Dave Beadle (DB)	(Arboricultural Officer)
Sarah Dosunmu (SD)	(Area Panel Manager)

MT welcomed all to the meeting.

### **Minutes of the meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> October and matters arising**

Noted that FL was in attendance at the last meeting – agreed to amend the notes of the previous meeting to include FL as an attendee.

### **Matters arising**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
Fernill Close (Chellaston)	Planting of 11 trees	AP2 made a contribution of £220 and the work has been completed.	None
Church Close (Chellaston)	Pruning of trees Paving slabs lifted by the roots	Work completed Derby Homes to re-instate the paving slabs	DB to check on progress on the renewal of paving slabs
Shelton Junior School (Chellaston)	Large tree at rear of school overshadowing a residents house	Cllr Ingall visited the resident and has spoken to the school. The issues have been resolved.	None
Newbridge Crescent (Chellaston)	Tree / Bush on canal bank overshadows number 43.	AP2 made a contribution of £107 and the work has been completed.	None
Breydon Close (Chellaston)	Silver Birch tree overhanging a resident's drive and falling branches and seeds	AP2 made a contribution of £139.05 and the work has been completed.	None
Lime Avenue (Chellaston)	A pollarded tree needed pruning.	AP2 made a contribution of £95 and the work has been completed	None
Maple Drive – within the old people's quadrangle (Chellaston)	The very large tree needed taking out and replacing with another as it was dying off and blocking out the light to the building.	AP2 made a contribution of £339.00 – work has been completed.	None

**Itemised Issues**

<b>Chellaston Ward</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action Agreed</b>
Moyne Gardens / Boyd Grove	Overgrown trees were damaging resident's cars. There was uncertainty over ownership of land.	Matter resolved. No further action required.

<b>Sinfin Ward</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action Agreed</b>
94 Victory Road	Bush needs cutting back.	All works completed. No further action required.
Moorside Crescent	Large Poplar tree makes a mess when the blossom falls off. The flowers are abundant and people cannot open windows or doors without being inundated. They make a mess everywhere not just in the gardens	There are six weeks in each year when there is a significant amount of blossom. Little can be done to prevent or reduce the amounts. Poplar, Willow and Ash trees do have branches that can fall as well but these are regularly surveyed and dangerous and or dead wood is removed.  No further action required.
Ashcroft Primary School.	Tree is blocking lights out at adjoining flats and hedge needs cutting down to six foot in height	The Sinfin Neighbourhood Team are overseeing the works and a report back will be provided at the next meeting.  Further work is required to deal with a tree on Cullen Way near to the shops as the tree is overhanging a building  PC to liase with DB to resolve

<b>Boulton Ward</b>		
<b>Location</b>		<b>Agreed</b>
Corner of Gilbert Street and Holbrook Road	Tree reported to be undermining wall.  Trees along Holbrook Road – roots are exposed and cracking through the pavements.	No proposed action – there are a number of trees of similar age/state. If they remove the tree then would require removal of all the trees along that road.  It was emphasised that the safety of footpaths is paramount.



<b>Boulton Ward</b>		
<b>Location</b>		<b>Agreed</b>
Coronation Avenue	<p>Secondary growth which is resulting in the growth of yard long spikes</p> <p>Pavements in a state of disrepair – slightly raised</p> <p>The trees are part of the routine maintenance programme – which means they are pollarded every couple of years. The highways teams undertake inspections of pavements and walkways twice a year.</p> <p>Potential to excavate and cut out the shallow roots if the footpaths are to be re-laid.</p>	<p>DB to inspect the tree and area.</p> <p>DB to liase with the highways team regarding footpaths inspections and renewal of the footpaths</p>

### **Reporting to Area Panel**

No funding expenditure proposed for the next Area Panel meeting on 17 January 2007.

Budget remaining for the cosmetic tree works as follows.

	Alvaston	Boulton	Chellaston	Sinfin	Area
Budget for 2006/7	£250	£250	£1,500	£250	£2,250
Total commitments to date	0	0	£1,000	0	£1,000
Total available to allocate	<b>£250</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£500</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£1250</b>

Members should note that should no tree works come forward for expenditure at the 14<sup>th</sup> March meeting there will be an under spend on the allocation. However, the funds could be re-allocated for other projects this financial year or the funds carried forward to next financial year for further tree work or other projects.

### **Next Steps**

Next meeting to be arranged for March.

Any issues or requests for tree work to be forwarded to either John Booth or Dave Beadle.