

Time commenced : 6.30pm
Time finished : 9.05pm

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN
WARDS)
6 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Wynn (Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Chera, Dhamrait, Ginns, Graves,
Ingall, Jackson, Leeming, Liversedge, Tittley, Turner and
Wynn

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary

Sara Allmond	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Steve Astle	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Colin Avison	-	Area Panel Manager
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Inspector Adrian Gascoyne	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Michelle Spamer	-	Area Co-ordination Officer
Sarah Turner	-	Senior Constitutional Services Officer

55 members of the public were in attendance.

15/06 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

16/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

17/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

18/06 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 14 June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/06 Chairs Report

Members of the public received a brief oral report from the Chair and members of the Panel on current activities and progress on projects in the Area Panel 2 area.

Agreed to note the report.

20/06 Presentation on Rolls Royce Site Closures

The Panel received a presentation from Robert Orgill representing Rolls Royce and Ken Whitehead representing the Osmaston Community Panel about the Rolls Royce site closures on Nightingale Road and Osmaston Road.

The Panel were advised that a Steering group had been set up to discuss what to do with the site. The group was made up of representatives from Rolls-Royce, Councillors, residents, representatives of local groups and Council Officers. They were looking at expanding the Steering Group and any residents or local groups were welcome to come along to the meetings. The next meeting would be held at 10.00am on 21 September 2006.

Councillor Jackson suggested having a representative of War Veterans on the Steering Group, as they would have particular interest in the memorial window on the site. Ken Whitehead asked Councillor Jackson to forward his contact details to a representative of the War Veterans. A member of the public suggested moving the memorial window to the Industrial Museum.

Robert Orgill advised that he had spoken with the head teachers of schools in the area and church representatives. Their views will also be taken into account. There was an open invite to the Schools and Church to join the Steering Group.

Members of the public asked for car parking to be considered in the Master Plan.

The Panel thanked Robert Orgill, Rolls-Royce, Ken Whitehead and residents for working together to look at the development of the site.

21/06 Petitions

New petitions

a) Petition requesting dog waste bins, along the new cycle path in the vicinity of Sinfin Moor Lane, Chellaston

The Panel received a petition from residents Chellaston requesting dog waste bins along the new cycle path near Sinfin Moor Lane.

Councillor Tittley reported that dog waste bins had been installed on the cycle path and local Councillors were working hard to get more installed.

Agreed to note the petition.

Petitions received since the last meeting

b) Petition requesting the installation of a separate cycle path on Osmaston Park Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received requesting the

installation of a separate cycle path on Osmaston Park Road.

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation responding to the requests in the petition.

Councillor Wynn stated that in principal there was a good cause for this cycle path. He explained that there was 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.

Agreed

- 1. To note the petition received.**
- 2. To request that a separate cycle path be considered for implementation and not a shared pedestrian cycle path, subject to favourable consultation and other priorities on the strategic cycle network.**
- 3. To request that the Police are made aware of this issue through the monthly City Council/Police liaison meeting.**

c) Petition regarding parking on London Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of London Road, Alvaston requesting the removal of the yellow line between Lakeside School and Hollis Street

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

d) Petition regarding blocking either end of Bentley Street

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Bentley Street requesting that one end of Bentley Street be blocked off.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

e) Petition requesting the removal of yellow lines on Grosvenor Street

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Grosvenor Street requesting that yellow line on one side of the road be removed.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

f) Petition regarding concerns on Parkway, Chellaston

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Parkway, Chellaston detailing concerns relating to HGV construction

traffic, Volume and excessive speed of traffic and the worn out road surface on Parkway.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

g) Petition regarding the pathway between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Allenton regarding the condition of the pathway between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

h) Petition requesting residents parking on Nightingale Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents on Nightingale Road requesting residents parking on the Road.

Agreed to ask the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to investigate this matter and report back to a future meeting.

To consider responses to petitions received

i) Petition requesting car parking areas on Ballater Close, Sinfin

The Panel considered a report from the Local Manager, Derby Homes, in response to the petition requesting car parking areas on Ballater Close.

Agreed to note the report.

j) Petition regarding kitchens and bathrooms in houses on the old Sinfin estate

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Housing Management responding to the petition received requesting an explanation from Derby Homes as to why certain areas of the Old Sinfin estate, which were more modern houses, had had new kitchens and bathrooms and yet far older properties in Thackeray Street, that were in much greater need of modernisation, had been put back until the next financial year.

Agreed to note the report.

22/06 Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport about the review of traffic issues in Chellaston.

Agreed

- 1. To note the highways and transport issues detailed in appendix 1 of the report and to confirm that issues 1 and 2 should be**

implemented.

2. **To refer the remainder of the issues, including an additional issue of Parkway, to the Chellaston Highways and Transport Working Group for their consideration and the Area Panel will receive a report back from the Working Group at a future meeting.**

23/06 Consultation on the 2007/8 Programme for Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways and Transport regarding the forthcoming consultation on the 2007/8 programme for highways and transport schemes.

Michelle Spamer – Area Coordination Officer, presented the report to the Panel and asked for any comments or suggestions to be sent to her by 13 October 2006.

The following issues were raised by the Panel and members of the public at the meeting for consideration:

- Boulton Lane down to Brackens Lane needs attention
- Parkway, Chellaston and the five items detailed in Appendix 1 of the Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston report – Minute number 22/06 refers.
- Ascot Drive junction with London Road – pedestrian crossing
- Consideration of child accidents in Alvaston
- Proposed impact of alterations to the Alvaston bypass
- Resurfacing of footways on Booth Street, Allenton

Agreed to note the report.

24/06 Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council Officer responsible.

Alleyway – Baker Street to Shardlow Road

A member of the public advised that since the Blue Peter had become a carvery, anti social behaviour had reduced. Councillor Graves recommended that a new survey be carried out to see if public opinion had changed regarding closing the alleyway. If this was the case he asked that the alleyway be tidied up.

Agreed to establish a working group to consider alleyways and gating issues and to report back to future meetings on a regular basis.

Alleyway – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston

A member of the public advised that he had contacted the Street Care

department to come and disinfectant the alleyway. Colin Avison reported that he had visited properties adjacent to the alleyway who had advised that there had been no issues in the last six months. Colin also stated that if residents were experiencing problems they had to report them for any action to be taken.

Agreed to establish a working group to consider alleyways and gating issues and to report back to future meetings on a regular basis.

Petition Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton

A member of the public advised that in the last three months it had been much quieter in the area but he would like to keep the situation monitored. It was asked what sort of reporting was needed, as not all anti social behaviour was physical. Colin Avison advised that evidence of anti social behaviour could be calls to the police or the Council, residents could also keep a diary of incidences. Colin added that an argument for a gating order had to be water tight and that it could be objected to by a single resident.

Agreed to establish a working group to consider alleyways and gating issues and to report back to future meetings on a regular basis.

Petition – Parking Outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton

Councillor Banwait informed the Panel that he had made contact with Merrill College and Moorhead Primary School. The Head at Merrill was not sure at this stage how big a problem this was going to be. Councillor Banwait added that he was trying to get a dialogue started between the School and the College and that it would take time and consultation to arrive at a solution.

A member of the public advised that at the moment only teachers were at the College and the car park was already full. There were no facilities for dropping off or picking up children from the College.

Car Park, Sandgate Close, Boulton

Councillor Jackson advised that a review into the use of the recycling facilities was being carried out. An update would be given at the next meeting.

Weight Restriction Signs, A514, Alvaston and Chellaston

Councillor Tittley advised that permanent signs had still not gone up on the A50. Councillor Wynn reported that this was an issue with the Highways Agency and the County Council. Until permanent signs were erected the temporary ones would remain. Councillor Tittley added that the need for permanent signs was a key issue.

Petition – Off Road Motorcyclists

Councillor Leeming reported that the company he was dealing with had put a package together and they would be presenting it to the Council in due course. He would report back at the next meeting.

Dog Bins

A member of the public advised that he lived on an unadopted road. They

needed dog waste bins and signs. Residents paid their Council Tax the same as everyone else why could they not be installed. Councillor Wynn responded that it was a question of responsibility and until the road was adopted by the Council it was the developer's responsibility.

25/06 Public Question Time

The Public raised the following issues during public question time.

Bus Fare Increases

A member of the public raised concern over the increase in bus prices of Arriva, and yet the actual service was not of a high standard. He informed the panel that he had written to Mark Todd MP, who had informed him that Arriva are a private service, and can therefore charge what they like. The letters were passed to the Chair of the meeting, and the resident requested a full investigation in to this, and a report back at a future meeting.

Councillor Wynn stated that he was more than happy to take the letters and respond to a future meeting.

Councillor Jackson also reported that she had submitted a request for a bus service from Brackens Lane to Harvey Road.

Agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.

School Transport to Derby Moor Community Sports College

A member of the public asked how students from Sinfin would get to Derby Moor Community Sports College once the service was terminated by the Council.

Councillor Wynn stated that this service duplicated a commercial route and that most of the students who used the bus service were from outside of the City.

Election Campaign

A member of the public asked a question about the election campaign in the Alvaston ward.

Councillor Ginns provided a verbal response.

Bus Services to Allenton Shopping Centre

A member of the public raised concern that young mothers with babies, the disabled and elderly in the Boulton ward area would not be able to use the facilities at Allenton Shopping Centre unless they have their own transport, as the 44 and 45 bus services had not extended their services to the shopping centre.

Councillor Jackson confirmed that there was an ongoing campaign to get a use it or lose it bus service on this route. It was hoped that there would be support for additional bus services in the Boulton area.

Right of way, Woodminton Drive, Chellaston

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

Councillor Tittley reported that there were ongoing talks about changing the ownership of this pathway from Merrill College to the Council, and once this had been done work can be carried out.

Agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.

Condition of Trees – Victory Road

A member of the public raised concern over the state of a tree on Victory Road, as it is obstructing visibility, and could cause an accident.

Councillor Turner commented that he was disappointed in some aspects of the management of trees, particularly in the Sinfin Ward.

Agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.

Crossing for School Children – Crayford Road

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 needed 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.

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

Councillor Wynn stated that it should be assessed through safer routes for school and that he would find out why this issue was still under review.

Agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.

School Children from New Housing in Chellaston

A member of the public raised concern over the Merrill College being demolished for housing, and asked what visions the council had for children moving into the area for their future education.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that the new Merrill School was built with increased capacity to allow for additional children. He confirmed that the school was currently under subscribed.

Changing Properties from Domestic to Commercial use – Elvaston Lane

A member of the public informed the panel that a domestic property in Elvaston Lane changed to commercial use and became a nursery, which then closed down and went back to a house. However it was now being used for commercial/industrial use for a taxi firm and car selling. The panel were asked if the Council gave consent for the change of use, and did local people have a chance to comment.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that a change of use would require consent, and if an application had been received the Council would be required to advertise.

Agreed to investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.

Indiscriminate Parking on Pavements – Elvaston Lane

A member of the public raised concern about people parking on the pavements and causing obstruction to both pedestrians and other vehicles. The police had informed them previously that this was not an offence, unless they were actually caught doing it. They asked the panel who they should complain to.

Inspector Gascoyne confirmed that if the parked vehicle was not causing an obstruction and there were no yellow lines then it was not an offence. If it was actually obstructing the pathway, then the police could remove the vehicle. Inspector Gascoyne advised that he would get beat officers to contact the questioners directly.

26/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of four applications for funding which had been received.

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application from Derby Women's Centre – funding for a personal development programme – grant requested £1,435.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from Noel Baker Community School and Language College – funding for the erection of an allotment shed – grant requested £922.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Osmaston Community Association – funding for revamp after vandalism – grant requested £1,700.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Moor

Church – funding for footpath repairs – grant requested £2,000.

The Panel agreed to award Area Panel funding to the applications in the following way:

1. Derby Women's Centre – personal development programme – the Panel agreed to defer consideration of this item to a future meeting.
2. Noel Baker Community School and Language College – erection of allotment shed – granted £922 (£722 of this would come from the Boulton Ward allocation and the remaining £200 would come from the Chellaston Ward allocation).
3. Osmaston Community Association – revamp after vandalism – granted £500 from the Sinfin ward allocation.
4. Sinfin Moor Church – footpath repairs – granted £500 from the Sinfin ward allocation.

27/06 Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the information about Health Services contained in the briefing paper.

28/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 8 November 2006 at Merrill College, Brackens Lane, Alvaston.

The Panel agreed to appoint Councillor Jackson as Chair for the next meeting at Merrill College on 8 November 2006.

Minutes End