

**AREA PANEL 2 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION
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1. Ref: 205001 – Alleyway – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston - received 12.01.05

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:

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

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2005 – reported that a significant number of people still used the alleyway and wished it remains open. The Anti-Social Behaviour Team visited this path and others in the Alvaston area and asked for more police patrols.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 introduces the concept of ‘gating orders’, which will in the future allow the Council to introduce gates in alleyways. The Council will introduce a process for identifying if a gate is appropriate in any particular location when the legislation is introduced

September 2005 - Councillor Graves reported that Council officers have stated that when the act is in force the closure of the alleyway can be considered under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We are still waiting for information from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs -DEFRA about when the regulations will come into force. This likely to be Spring 2006.

November 2005 - We had been informed that DEFRA might push the Gating Orders through early but the last official statement we were given was April 2006. The anti-social behaviour team found no evidence of any serious problems in this alleyway and asked for greater Police patrols in the area.

January 2006 - It was reported that issues with this alleyway have been ongoing for sometime and no further action can be considered until the legislation is introduced in 2006. Still awaiting Gating Order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. An update would be provided at the March 2006 meeting.

June 2006 - A procedure is being developed for dealing with requests for Gating Orders and other complaints about alleyways across the city that provides a joined up mechanism for responding to issues raised.

Response on 14 June 2006

A report will be provided to the next meeting with an update on the Gating Order regulations and actions being taken.

Actions agreed:

Provide report to next meeting. Amalgamate ‘alleyway’ items – reference 205022.

Update:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, the Traffic Management Team Leader and the Area Panel Manager have visited this location during August 2006. One resident from a property adjoining the path was spoken to who indicated that they would not support either closure or gating as they considered that this would cause problems by attracting the ‘wrong people’ to a location where they knew they wouldn’t be disturbed by passers by.

This path, which is a public footpath, runs between houses on Baker Street along the backs of houses between Baker Street and Waldorf Close and joins up with Star Lane next to the Blue Peter public House of Shardlow Road. It has one ninety degree bend in that does not afford views around the corner. The path is lined with mixture of brick walls, high fences and a house walls. The path is approximately 160m long and the alternative route is 205m.

While there is a limited amount of graffiti, this appeared to be quite old. The path was reasonable clean and fences and wall appeared to be undamaged due to anti-social behaviour. Several residents had erected measures to prevent ingress onto their properties over their fences and walls.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader reported that there was no evidence of recent anti-social behaviour to support the closure or gating of this path.

The Traffic Management Team Leader reported that there was both evidence of the footpath being used and of a lack of total public support for its closure. These would compromise the pursuit of the closure or gating of this path.

However, observations on site did indicate that vegetation was growing through and over a boundary fence of land that contained an electrical substation. The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader considered that this contributed to perceptions by users of the path of not being safe and reduces visibility along the line of the path

The following actions will be undertaken. (The person identified in brackets is responsible):

1. The utility company responsible for the land will be contacted and asked to trim back the vegetation. [Colin Avison]
2. Residents will be encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Police or the Anti-Social Behavior Team. [Ward Councillors]

The Derby Direct telephone number can be used to report anti-social behaviour, litter and fly-tipping. Telephone 255260. For persistent acts of anti-social behaviour, residents should complete a diary sheet. These can be provided via the Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Telephone 716558

The Area Panel are also 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 & Transport, 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.

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

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:

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2005 - recent consultation had shown some local residents wanted to keep the alleyway open and therefore it could not be closed. He suggested the Council reconsider investigating this alleyway after the alleyway from Baker Street to Shardlow Road is resolved.

September 2005 - the Council is awaiting information from the Department of Environment, Food

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and Rural Affairs about when the regulations to allow Local Authorities to make Gating Orders, as detailed in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, will come into force. The announced date for the regulations, according to Legal Services is Spring 2006, although colleagues at other Local Authorities have received information that September is the target date.

November 2005 - We are still waiting for information from DEFRA about the introduction of the Gating Orders section of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We had been informed that DEFRA might push the Gating Orders through early but the last official statement we were given was April 2006.

January 2006 - Still awaiting Gating Order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. An update will be provided at the March 2006 meeting.

June 2006 - A procedure is being developed for dealing with requests for Gating Orders and other complaints about alleyways across the city that provides a joined up mechanism for responding to issues raised.

Response on 14 June 2006

A report will be provided to the next meeting with an update on the Gating Order regulations and actions being taken.

Actions agreed:

Provide report to next meeting. Amalgamate 'alleyway' items.

Update:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, the Traffic Management Team Leader and the Area Panel Manager have visited this location during August 2006. The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader and the Area Panel Manager spoke to two residents that lived adjacent to the path.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader reported that there was no evidence of **recent** anti-social behaviour to support the closure or gating of this path.

The Traffic Management Team Leader reported that there was evidence that the path was well used which would certainly compromise any proposal to close this path.

This path is a footpath that runs between two houses and leads from Baker Street beside the house gardens onto Raynesway between a residential house and a BP garage.

There are four street lights along the length of the path which is approximately 131 metres long and the alternative route 306metres long. The sides of the path are a mixture of high well constructed fences, high hedges with wire fencing and brick walls. Towards the BP garage a section of wall has been demolished and has not replaced or capped off.

During the visits, the path was relatively clean with a significant amount of graffiti visible, though not apparently recent in origin.

Residents stated that problems appeared to have abated and that they had not had any problems for at least 6 months although they had had considerable problems in the past. They praised the attitude of the local Beat Bobby who had liaised with and supported them.

The following actions will be undertaken (The person identified in brackets is responsible):

1. Graffiti will be removed [Craig Keen]
2. An overgrown edge will be cut back to widen the footpath [Craig Keen]
3. Upgrading lighting columns to white light will be investigated [Colin Avison]
4. The BP garage will be advised to rebuild a wall that is a trip hazard [Ray Brown]
5. Installation of barriers and signs will be investigated [Nicola Weekly]
6. Residents will be encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Police or the Anti-Social Behavior Team. [Ward Councillors]

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

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 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.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - A representative from the Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch confirmed that all local residents were consulted. Councillor Graves stated that as part of the investigation they would ask for details of reported antisocial behaviour incidents in that area. Sue Glithero confirmed that work has already started on this, with Derby Homes, Highways and the Antisocial Behaviour Team.

June 2006 - A procedure is being developed for dealing with requests for Gating Orders and other complaints about alleyways across the city that provides a joined up mechanism for responding to issues raised. .

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Banwait reported that there was an high concentration of alleyways in the Boulton ward, and a lot of them being beneficial to residents. However a small minority of residents are abusing them. He confirmed he supported the new legislation to gate some of the more troublesome ones, in consultation with the police and residents..

Actions agreed:

A report will be provided to the next meeting with an update on the Gating Order regulations and actions being taken. Amalgamate 'alleyway' items.

Update:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, the Traffic Management Team Leader and the Area Panel Manager have visited this location during August 2006.

This short path is a footpath that leads from Kynance Close, a cul-de-sac, onto Coronation Avenue around and between the rear and side gardens of houses on Coronation Avenue and has two ninety degree bends in it that do not afford views around the corners. The footpath length is 50m and the alternative route is 265metres. The path has high hedges, high wooden fences and brick walls along its length. There are two street lights situated at each bend in the path. One hedge has encroached onto the path to a width of approximately half a metre.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader reported that there was no evidence of **recent** anti-social behaviour to support the closure or gating of this path.

The Traffic Management Team Leader reported that there was evidence to suggest that the footpath was well used and the existence of the counter petition which would significantly compromise the pursuit of either the closure or gating of this path.

The following actions will be undertaken (The person identified in brackets is responsible):

1. Investigate cutting back hedge that has encroached onto the path. [Colin Avison]
2. Residents will be encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the Police or the Anti-Social Behavior Team. [Ward Councillors]

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Jonathan Guest, Director Regeneration and Community, telephone 255036

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255024

Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, telephone 71 5025

Issue:

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:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors noted the question and agreed with the statement.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, the Traffic Management Team Leader and the Area Panel Manager have visited the location during August 2006.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader reported that there was no evidence of **recent** anti-social behaviour to support the closure or gating of the paths.

The Traffic Management Team Leader reported that there was evidence that would compromise a proposal to close any of these footpaths.

The Area Panel are recommended to agree the following actions:

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5. Ref: 206012 – Gate locks on Green Lane, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Stephen Meynell, Property Services, telephone 25 5557

Issue:

Concern was raised that the radar locks on the gates at Green Lane had been cut off, and that Parks or Estates were to replace them with their own locks. She stated that there were currently no locks on, and this was raising issues with motorcyclists and travellers. She informed the panel that the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator has held the key, but has now been told that they are not allowed to hold it, which would cause problems for accessibility for disabled people and the fire service. She reported that the DDA states that all existing amenities should not be changed.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Councillor Wynn reported that he understood that the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator had been in touch when the lock was removed. He had been assured by Michael Foote that it would be dealt with quickly.

June 2006 - The padlock to the access at Green Lane will be replaced with a radar key padlock as a matter of urgency. Following investigation it appears that the original radar padlock was installed by Parks and once they had finished with their access requirement it was removed.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors considered that this issue should not be difficult to deal with and expressed frustration that is taking so long to be sorted out.

Actions agreed:

A written report to be provided to the next meeting on actions being taken.

Update:

A RADAR lock has been fitted to the gate on Green Lane. There have been problems with locks being removed and not replaced. If this occurs again, then welding the lock into position on the restraining chain will be considered.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

6. Ref: 206014 – Mitre and Allenton Market Development, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Stewart: Principal Planner, Development and Cultural Services. Telephone 25 5934

Steve Meynell: Chief Estates Officer. Telephone 25 5557

Dennis Wardle: Markets Officer. Telephone 25 5653

Issue:

Concern was raised over the speculation about what is happening in the mitre and Allenton market area. It was understood that Mountview Securities are purchasing and have purchased certain properties and land with a view to eventually siting a new superstore. The panel were asked whether they felt this speculated redevelopment was right for the area considering the millions being spent regenerating Allenton shopping centre. The panel were also asked to confirm how and whether local residents would be consulted about the redevelopment of the area before any planning permission is given.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Councillor Bayliss confirmed that the company was private, and bought the Mitre and other properties in the area. Although the company can do what they want, the Council are keen to not have anything other than a market in the area, whether on this site or another. He also stated that they would want the houses replaced, and the traffic issues at Mitre Island to be addressed. He confirmed that it is speculative at the moment, and the company have to put the detail together.

Another resident asked the Council to promote Allenton Market and clean it up,. She also stated that there were issues with the toilets which need to be looked at.

June 2006 - The Council has been approached by a developer who is seeking to assemble a site for a potential retail superstore. As landowner of the market the Council has the ability to consider whether or not to include the market in any such development site and on what basis. The Council has no plans of its own to close Allenton Market. The Council recognises that Allenton Market currently provides an important retail function to the local community.

A meeting was held between the Council's Chief Estates Officer, Markets Officer and representatives of the Allenton Market traders at the end of March. At the meeting it was explained that a developer had been speaking to the Council regarding the possibility of including the site of Allenton Market within a larger re-development site. The Council's position has always been that it would only consider the proposal if a replacement for Allenton Market was provided. Any replacement would need to be on the basis and to a specification approved by the Council, local Ward Members, the traders and the users of the Market. Once there was sufficient information the Council would consult all those parties.

At the present time, despite two meetings held with the developer last summer and towards the end of last year, no firm proposals for relocation and rebuilding of the market had been made by the developer and his team. In discussions held with the developer, it has been made clear that, if the council were to consider including the site of the market in any future redevelopment, a replacement market must be provided within that redevelopment. The Council would need to be

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satisfied as to the size and location of any replacement facility. There would be discussion with the current tenants and users on these issues before any final agreement is made.

The Council's Chief Estates Officer emphasised that the ownership of the market by the City Council meant that even if a developer was successful in obtaining planning consent for development for the whole site, the inclusion of the market in such a site was a separate issue to be debated and approved by the Council as landowner. This reassurance was welcomed by the traders.

Prospective developers have been advised of the policies in the Local Plan against which any application would be assessed.

Discussion is taking place with trader's representatives to find ways of improving the image of the market. This would potentially include advertising and signage on the roads.

Cleaning contractors will be contacted to see what can be done about the toilets, but with the amount of vandalism that regularly occurs any work may be quickly undone. Markets staff appeal that all market users report any anti-social behaviour that they witness to a member of staff immediately.

It is some years since the market was painted however budget restraints mean that painting of the property is not a high priority at this time.

Response on 14 June 2006

No firm proposals have been received by the Council for the development of the Allenton market site.

Actions agreed:

Note.

Update:

There has been no further approach from the developer since the last update and as previously stated as soon as sufficient information on any proposals is available consultation will take place.

At a further meeting with the Traders committee at the end of July discussions centred on promotion of the market and in particular a fun day at the Market arranged for 19 August. Various attractions were proposed and in particular advertising the event. The Council representatives did update the committee that there had been no further response from the developer.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

7. Ref: 206030 – Access for all at Coleman Health Centre, Alvaston ward– received 14.06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Debbie Jackson, Greater Derby Primary Care Trust, 01332 224000

Issue:

A resident commented that the Health Centre was intended to be used by everyone and that the Health Service has taken independent access officer advice which had led to a different interpretation of the Disability Discrimination Act (DA) guidelines. The resident went on to ask what good is a brand new health centre that is not accessible to all and asked if the Derby Access Group that she was a member of, and which included people who were trained in access issues for the disabled, could be involved in the project's design.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors expressed concern that the views of Derby Access Group were apparently not being listened to and that the Primary Care Trust should be asked to take steps to consult fully with the group.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

Following the access question raised at the Panel re Coleman Street Centre, we have been in touch with the lady concerned by phone and letter, explained the process to date and invited her to submit her specific concerns.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

8. Ref: 206033 – Phase 2 Children's Centre, Alvaston, Alvaston ward – received 14.06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Rita Silvester, Assistant Director, Performance and Commissioning, Children and Young People.
Telephone 716840

Issue:

A resident asked the new Children's Centre at Alvaston would be expected to serve Boulton as well.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Wynn stated that seven Children's Centres were developed as part of phase 1 and that a further eight were being developed as part of phase 2.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

Council Cabinet at its meeting on 6 June 2006 approved the development of a Children's Centre in the Boulton ward, on the site of Oakwood Infant / Junior Schools. This centre will provide outreach work across the Alvaston and Boulton wards to approximately 700 children under five and their families. This centre is likely to be built by May 2007. In the next phase of centres, there is a proposal to develop a further children's centre in Alvaston. There will be wide consultation to seek local views around October 2006.

Detailed discussion and planning for the centre will start in the Autumn term with the range of partners who will deliver both children's centre services and extended services in and around schools.

The boundaries for each of the new children's centre areas have just been finalised and maps of the boundaries for the children's centres in Area 2 will be available soon. If you would like further information about the range of services the children's centre will provide or would like to discuss how it will relate to other services in the area please contact Sue on 01332 716120, email sue.sanford@derby.gov.uk.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

9. 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, DE24 0AN
Telephone 571162

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 2006 - 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 are 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.

Response on 14 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.

Actions agreed:

Report noted. Councillor Banwait undertook to contact the principle people at Moorhead and Merrill to discuss the issue with them. Report to next meeting

Update:

Councillor Banwait will provide a verbal update at the meeting

PROPOSE TO NOTE

10. Ref: 206004– Footpath, Sandgate Close, Boulton – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 716352

Issue:

A resident raised concern over the state of the pathway from Moor Drive to Sandgate Close, as it had been neglected, although used on a regular basis. He asked the panel if something could be done to improve it.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - We have arranged for the area to be cleaned up. A local resident informed the panel that whilst the site had been visited on two occasions, nothing had actually been done, and there was still a lot of rubbish in the area, and a lot of vandalism. He informed the panel that a number of residents would like to see the footpath closed. He thanked Councillor Jackson for her help with this issue.

Councillor Jackson apologised for this, and assured the resident that she was chasing Derby Homes and other officers, and something would be done.

June 2006 - We have not received many complaints about litter in the area in the last few years we

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have had one about graffiti but the property owners have not given permission for the graffiti to be cleaned.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Jackson confirmed that the clean up had been done.
Few complaints have been received for this location.

Actions agreed:

Report noted.

Update:

The street has received an extra cleanse. There is a large area that is private property which has suffered dumping. This area is up for planning permission for construction of two flats. This will resolve the situation.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

11. Ref: 206020 – Car Park, Sandgate Close, Boulton – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes. Telephone 71 8115

Issue:

A request was made from a local resident for a 'no ball games' sign to be installed in the car park on Sandgate Close. It was reported that the previous one had been vandalised and not been replaced. Concern was also raised about cars coming into the road in the late evening and dumping rubbish.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Paula Solowij, Derby Homes informed the resident that although signs can be erected, they are not enforceable. She also stated that they were expensive to put up, and therefore Derby Homes prefer not to install them, and instead ask people to complete diary sheets of issues, which can be sent onto the watch patrol, and police.

With regard to the rubbish, residents were asked to take down the registration numbers and complete the diary sheets. Derby Homes would then work with the police to deal with these issues.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Jackson reported she had spoken to Derby Homes and action would be taken. She also stated that the community watch patrol would be stepping up the surveillance in the car park.

Actions agreed:

Item noted.

Update:

A hotspot request was placed for this area on 09.06.06 to monitor this land.

2 incidents were recorded :

8/6/2006 6 youths had gathered outside 7 Sandgate Close and were on skateboards, talking in the road.

15/6/2006 2 youths approached the Community Watch Patrol to inform they have previously witnessed ASB in the close, the patrol officer considered unlikely for these 2 youths to be involved in any ASB. Area swept again later that evening no trace of youths.

No further incidents have been reported to the housing office or by the Community Watch Patrol.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

12. Ref: 206032 – No ball games signs, Bracknell Drive, Boulton ward – received 14.06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowji, Derby Homes, Telephone 718117

Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

Issue:

A resident asked if No Ball Game signs could be erected on Bracknell Drive.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Jackson stated that while it was possible to get signs in place, the difficult issue was enforcement as the signs had no legal standing.

Paula Solowji of Derby Homes added that Derbyshire Police do not enforce the signs and do not necessarily recognise young people playing ball games as anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Bawait stated that there was a need to balance the rights of young people to have fun with their responsibilities within the wider community. He went on to state that he would be going into schools along with PC Durkin to get this message over. He considered that there were other practical measures that could be used and that he would provide an update to the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

The verbal response provided at the last meeting is accurate. Should the police attend complaints and individuals be identified as deliberately causing problems, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team will deal with any referrals received from the police and take more targeted intervention with the young people concerned.

It must be pointed out that tolerance is a major issue here. Many young people, as are adults, enjoyed the World Cup but many adults and parents have forgotten that they too played football on the street and re-enacted their teams goals. This is a seasonal problem exacerbated by the World Cup and will subside.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

13. Ref: 206037 – Graffiti and vandalism, Cranwood Close, Boulton Ward– received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety Partnership. Telephone 25 6910

Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community Tel: 715014

Issue:

Councillor Banwait raised this issue on behalf of a resident.

Vandalism of fencing was taking place beside an alleyway. Residents wanted to see street lighting improved, fencing repaired and the area cleaned up. While the immediate matters were in hand, there was no money for street lighting for the next 2 – 3 years.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Jackson agreed that this would be looked at, and reported back on at the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting.

Update:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team will visit, assess and get quotes for fence repairs. We will also request additional police patrols if applicable.

Cranwood Close was reported to the Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team.

The path has been cleaned up. During a visit by the Area Panel Manager in August, the path was found to be clean and free from litter and graffiti. Instance of graffiti on fences had been painted out. There was evidence of new fencing having been erected. Grass verges beside parts of the path were closely mown and were tidy.

The lighting on Cranwood Close is on the draft 'Non-compliant Apparatus' list, this means that Cranwood Close is due to be relit during the first five years of the Private Finance Initiative contract. At this moment in time we are unable to give a more specific timetable, except to say that it will not be replaced within the first 6 months. Once the contract has been signed and we are discussing the programme with the service provider we will raise the resident's and Councillor's concerns to ensure that the works happen as soon as possible in the contract.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

14. Ref: 206040 – Anti-social behaviour, Boulton Lane Community Centre, Boulton Ward– received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety Partnership. Telephone 25 6910

Mick Sellar, Assistant Director – Learning. Telephone 71 6853

Andrew Beddow, Head of Sport and Leisure. Telephone 71 5513

Issue:

A resident complained of anti-social behaviour at Boulton Lane Community Centre and on the nearby park. The resident went on to state that they believed that alcohol was being sold to under age youths and that this was contributing to the anti-social behaviour.

Another resident asked why the Council were ending the summer play schemes that would help to alleviate problems such as this.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors Wynn stated that the Council were moving away from the old type provision of play schemes in a relatively few places towards more provision across the city with the extended schools programme.

Councillor Banwait undertook to contact the local beat bobby.

Councillor Jackson said she would call into local shops in the area.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting.

Update:

The Antisocial Behaviour Team will co-ordinate action against any off-licence should they be identified and ask the police to visit and confiscate alcohol. This problem is being repeated across the city and is causing significant problems.

In many cases its adults that buy alcohol for minors. The Police and Community Safety Partnership are positively taking action where appropriate. Places selling alcohol need to be identified to reduce the anti-social behaviour issues.

The Antisocial Behaviour Team have previously supplied anti-climb paint and warning signs to target harden the Community Centre. Members of the public and councillors are encouraged to report their suspicions about the sale or supply of alcohol to minors to the Antisocial Behaviour Team using Derby Direct:: Telephone 255260

The Playscheme provision this year has had to look radically different from previous years. In the past the provision has focused on delivering four weeks of play scheme at set locations across the city.

The budget cut for Play schemes has meant that we have had to adopt a different approach working across the city using a multitude of venues in existing and new venues, whilst working within the new budget parameters for Play.

Boulton Lane is one of 16 venues that ran a new Active Fun Programme delivered for children and young people aged between 5 - 15 years every Monday morning from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm - except 14th August.

Alternatively all the Leisure Centres have run week long all day Active Fun Programmes and the Sports Development Teams ran organised sports coaching camps.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Issue:

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - The lead petitioner informed the panel that he had met with John Booth, who had informed him that the roots were not causing problems with the flats, even though slabs have already been moved away by root growth. He also had stated that they would not prune the trees, nor did they feel that the trees blocking bathroom lights was an issue. He asked the panel to put pressure on to cut the trees right back. He also stated that the fallen leaves are also very slippery and are proving dangerous particularly to elderly residents.

January 2006 - A meeting was held with the petitioner. The pruning necessary to overcome these problems will be completed by February 2006. There is no arboricultural solution to the leaf issue.

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March 2006 - In response to concerns relating to the potential for building subsidence John Booth advises that this is highly unlikely.

The trees have been pruned and it is hoped that this will in part, at least address the obstruction of light issue.

Where paving slabs have been disturbed it is the responsibility of Derby Homes to rectify these. Where root pruning is involved they will need to consult the Arboricultural Section. The heavy pruning of trees as originally requested is contrary to both best practice and DCC policy.

Response on 14 June 2006

None

Actions agreed:

Refer back to Cabinet Member.

Update:

The Council's Tree Management Policy allows cosmetic work to trees such as pruning of no more than 15% of the crown usually when a tree is blocking light. The existing base budget is inadequate to accommodate cosmetic work and is fully committed to works addressing health and safety risks.

Recommendation:

1. The Area Panel has delegated authority to use its budget for local environmental and community purposes. Area Panel 2 allocate £1750 from Area Panel 2's 2006/7 budget, i.e. **£1000** for Chellaston ward (at the request of Chellaston ward councillors) and **£250** for each of the remaining wards in Area Panel 2 for cosmetic tree management works identified and agreed by Area Panel 2 and in line with Derby City Council's Tree Management Policy using the following process.
2. The purpose of the allocation is to enable cosmetic tree management work to take place within the Area Panel 2 area in addition to tree management work that which would normally be undertaken by the City Council.
3. Requests received by the Area Panel Manager for cosmetic tree work to be funded by the Area Panel 2 allocation must have been submitted to the Council's Arboricultural Officer:
 - a. for an assessment of the suitability of the work against the Council's Tree Management Policy and
 - b. to obtain an estimate of the cost of the work.
4. No estimate will be provided for work outside of that permitted under the Tree Management Policy.
5. Only cosmetic tree management work will be funded by the allocation from the Area Panel 2 budget. Health and Safety or other tree related management will not be funded by the Area Panel 2 allocation.
6. Only cosmetic tree management work agreed at Area panel 2 will be funded from the Area Panel 2 allocation.
7. All tree management issues (current and future) are incorporated into a standing Community Issues update.
8. The £1750 allocation be included within the standard Area Panel Budget update and identified as 'spent' for the purposes of considering applications and the availability of Area Panel funds.
9. Detail about individual proposals for cosmetic tree management work be included within the Area Panel 2 Budget Report provided to each Area Panel 2 meeting.
10. An appendix be added to the Area Panel 2 Budget report that identifies:
 - a. each item of cosmetic tree management paid for using the £1750 allocation,
 - b. the cost of each item of work,
 - c. the ward that it took place in and
 - d. the amount remaining available to each ward from their ward allocation.

PROPOSE TO AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

Issue:

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:

January 2006 - A report appeared on the agenda, confirming that whilst there is no further action the Council can taking regarding the route of the bus service, the Council will continue to work with Arriva and local residents to determine the optimum sites for bus stops along the route of the bus service. In general, residents were disappointed with the recommendations, informing the panel that nobody is getting on and off the buses in the area. The panel were asked if the roads in the area were actually built to take buses. Councillor Wynn confirmed that the roads were suitable for bus usage. He explained that because Arriva is an independent company, they use these routes to increase revenue. The Council do have a small budget to subsidise a number of routes.

March 2006 - During the second week of January, residents close to sites of the proposed new bus stops for services 68 and 68A in Crown Way, Duchess Way etc were sent information showing the location of the new sites as part of a consultation process. Those people who received this information were asked to respond to the Council with their comments. Some people have already responded. Local Councillors also received the information and a site meeting was held on 10th Feb with residents and Councillor Tittley about the location of stops in Crown Way Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent. These new sites will be put in place shortly. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds. As has previously been stated, the Council has no authority to instruct Arriva to reroute the service via Homeleigh Way. Arriva Customer Services contact number is: 0116 2581197.

June 2006 - A meeting was held on 12 April which included the bus operator, Arriva, council officers, and Councillor Tittley. It was confirmed at the meeting that the service route will not be changed. The bus stops are now in place. The Council does not have the power or authority to change the route being used.

Propose to note.

Response on 14 June 2006

Residents asked who else can they turn to if the Council are powerless, and have no authority to change the route being used.

Actions agreed:

Update noted.

Update:

Residents have been provided with information regarding the Transport Commissioners.

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.

PROPOSE TO AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034,

Issue:

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 - Early in the new year we will be working with the bus operators to consider moving some bus stops in West Chellaston. We will be undertaking consultation with local residents, Councillors and other interested parties as part of this review. The bus stops referred to by the resident will be included in this consultation. However, we expect that should these bus stops be moved, they would still need to be close to the school for the convenience of the passengers using the services.

March 2006 - During the second week of January, residents were sent information showing the location of the new sites as part of a consultation process. Those people who received this information were asked to respond to the Council with their comments. Some people have already responded.

Local Councillors also received the information and site visits have been arranged to discuss the proposals with them. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds. However, we will of course take account of all the comments received before making any final decisions. It should be noted that even if the bus stop does move, it will still be close to the school for the convenience of passengers.

Councillor Tittley confirmed that there had been no consultation on the location of the bus stop, and that he would be raising this issue at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 3 April 2006.

June 2006 - All the new bus stops are now in position on the new estate. Work has started to consult local residents on St Peter's Road, High Street and Fellowlands Way, about the location of stops in that area.

Response on 14 June 2006

Concern was raised that Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it. A local resident questioned how Arriva can run 66 buses a day, when only 5 people are using the service. It was also highlighted that the bus stops outside the school had still not been changed, and yet this issue had been ongoing for some two years.

Another resident reported that the school had issued a school traffic plan, and the statistics shown that people do not use the bus.

Actions agreed:

Refer back to Cabinet Member.

Update:

A petition has been received since the last meeting. The petition covers traffic issues on Parkway, Chellaston.

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

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 - e. Other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

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

PROPOSE TO AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' was presented to the area panel meeting in September 2005. It proposed that the issues are dealt with as part of a review of traffic issues in Chellaston. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key traffic issues was developed and put into priority order. This included the four issues raised at area panel meetings:

Parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane – there was request in March 2005 for a range of measures in School Lane and High Street, including yellow lines.

High volume of traffic using A514 - a petition was received in January 2004 suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken

Traffic problems on St Peter's Road - a petition was received in June 2005 from residents of St Peter's Road, concerned about the road being used as a rat run. It asked that an investigation takes place to look at the possibility of it becoming a one way street.

Junction of Station Road and Derby Road – a petition was submitted in June 2005 asking for action regarding the Junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

A traffic review programme was presented to Area Panel 2 along with a questionnaire for residents to complete. The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

January 2006 - We aim to have a meeting with Area Panel members and representatives of residents groups in the New Year to review the options available, prioritise any future improvements and draw up an action plan. Following this we will report our findings to the Area Panel for further discussion.

March 2006 - We are drawing up options for improvements on High Street, Derby Road and at the traffic lights following earlier comments from residents. We plan to hold a second meeting in March with ward members and interest groups to talk through the findings and draw up a priority action plan for consideration by the Area Panel.

Councillor Tittley expressed his frustration with this issue.

A resident confirmed that they were pleased that the new zebra crossing has been put in between the church and the shops on High Street Chellaston. They reported though, that this had now resulted in more parking at school times up the hill towards Pit Close Lane. Traffic comes over the top in Chellaston at excessive speed and due to the crossing being on a bend, there is a danger of someone being hit. They suggested that 30mph signs be painted on the road near to Pit Close Lane, and that electronic speed indicators be installed at the top of the hill – to provide a traffic calming measure. A speed check was also requested for the area, as since the parking has been removed from outside the shops, cars are travelling much quicker and are posing a danger to pedestrians.

June 2006 - A speeding survey has been conducted on the High Street and the results analysed. A decision has been made to classify the road as requiring enforcement by the Roads Policing Unit (RPU). The deployment of the RPU is the responsibility of Inspector Andy Smith, who will arrange for the policing of the road whilst taking account of the other demands made on his unit.

A meeting with ward members and interest groups was held on 18 May to appraise a number of traffic management options. The group requested that the following issues be considered further and a action plan be drawn up for consideration at a future area panel:

- Installation of yellow box markings at the Derby Road/Station Road junction to keep the entry and exit clear at Station Road.
- Consider relocating the existing outbound bus stop near the High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly residents.
- Consider relocating the inbound bus stop on Derby Road away from the shops within a bus lay-by near Parkway
- Introduction of a peak hours loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road and the end of High Street to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times.
- Consider a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop on Swarkestone Road to accommodate customers and buses.
- Consider removing the cycle advanced stop lanes at the Derby Road/High Street junction to create more effective width on Derby Road and improve capacity.

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- Consider options for the better management of parking and rationalisation of access to and from the off street facilities in front of the shops on Derby Road.

We will draw up an action plan for consideration at a future area panel.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors noted the report.

Actions agreed:

Noted. Update report to next meeting.

Update:

A separate report is on the agenda of the September 6th 2006 meeting. The report includes the following recommendations:

1. The Panel is requested to consider the highways and transport issues detailed in Appendix 1 and confirm whether issues 1 and 2 should be implemented.
2. The Panel is also requested to consider the remainder of the issues in Appendix 1 along with the separate report 'Consultation on the 2007/08 Highways and Transport Schemes'. The Panel is requested to decide whether the remaining issues in Appendix 1 should be put forward for consideration for inclusion in Area Panel 2's highways and transport priority issues. A petition has been received since the last meeting. The petition covers traffic issues on Parkway, Chellaston.

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

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PROPOSE TO AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS 3 TO 6 INCLUSIVE.

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

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

Issue:

Concern was raised that there was no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, stating that cannot turn right. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island. There was also concern that the DET 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 30th 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.

Response on 14 June 2006

Inspector Gascoyne reported that the results of the 17 May enforcement were not yet available. Councillors noted the report.

Actions agreed:

Noted. Provide update report to next meeting.

Update:

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.

PROPOSE TO NOTE

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

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Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Potton, Head of Library Services, 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:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Tittley stated that he would be lobbying for this and pushing for a new library over the next few years.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting.

Update:

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.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

21. Ref: 206039 – Tree problems, rear of Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston Ward– received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors Tittley and Wynn offered opinions.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting.

Update:

The tree will be the responsibility of the school. The resident should therefore raise the matter of her concerns with the school.

The school has been contacted and asked to talk to the resident directly. [Area Panel Manager]

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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.

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.

Response on 14 June 2006

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.

Actions agreed:

Update noted.
Rolls Royce to be invited to provide an update on the closure, at the next area panel meeting.

Update:

A Rolls Royce representative and the Chair of Osmaston Community Panel will be attending the 6th September 2006 meeting to provide a joint presentation.

PROPOSE TO NOTE

23. Ref: 206015 – Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

Issue:

The panel were asked 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.

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.
Derby Homes are currently undertaking a Master Planning exercise for the Osmaston / Allenton area focussed on the Glossop Street area. Propose to note.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors noted the update. Councillor Turner explained that although work at the minute was at a standstill, it was ongoing to get it moving.

Actions agreed:

Noted

Update:

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 carried out with the travellers currently on site, decisions have been made about the Rolls Royce site and the master planning has been completed there cannot be a resolution at this site.

It is proposed to note and close this issue at this stage, recognising that reports will be made to Area Panel 2 by Councillors, community representatives and other organisations over time.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

24. Ref: 206017 – Housing development, Grampian Way, Sinfen – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Ian Fullager: Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, Chief Executive's - Policy Directorate.
Telephone 25 5185

Richard James: Walbrook Housing Association, New Enterprise House, St Helens Street, DE1
3GY Tel: 375800

Issue:

Concern was raised over the Council planning to build more Council houses to rent. The panel were asked how this compared, in terms of cost with upgrading the boarded up houses on Grampian Way

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006- Councillor Bayliss reported that at least a further 4,000 houses were needed to clear the waiting lists. He stated that the council were intending to build 175 houses. With regard to the redevelopment of houses, he stated that there were issues with private landlords.

June 2006 - The Council is committed to exploring the full range of available options in order to ensure that the supply of high quality, affordable housing is maximised. We are successful in bringing empty dwellings back into use, helping to make sure that our most vulnerable residents have decent homes and regenerating our most disadvantaged areas to make them attractive places in which to live. At the same time we facilitate the development of new affordable housing in the City.

Our dedicated Empty Property Officer was successful in bringing 69 empty private dwellings back into use over the last financial year. This achievement reflects the Council's commitment to ensuring best use is made of existing dwellings and is in spite of currently having no legal recourse to force private sector owners to refurbish their dwellings except where there is a significant health risk. In addition, we are also exploring new opportunities to bring empty properties into use such as through Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs) which will be made available to Local Authorities by the Government from this summer. These will allow a local authority to secure occupation and proper management of privately owned houses and flats that have been unoccupied for a specified period of time and where certain other conditions are met.

A major focus of the Council's work is to ensure that our most vulnerable residents live in decent accommodation. With regards to social housing, Derby Homes are amongst the first Arms Length Management Organisations to have achieved Decent Homes standards for its properties.

In relation to privately owned and rented homes, the Council has received the highest ever funding of any local authority in the East Midlands to provide assistance to vulnerable households to ensure that their homes are decent. We have also been selected by the Regional Housing Board

to pilot a major housing market renewal programme in the Rosehill area to address issues of low demand and market instability. This has attracted funding of £5.5million in 2006/2007 and a similar amount, provisionally, in 2007/2008. Through initiatives such as these, we aim to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Derby housing market and consequently a reduction in the number of empty properties.

We are also working hard to drive up housing standards in the private rented sector where some of the worst living conditions in the city are sometimes found. In April, the new national mandatory licensing scheme for larger Houses in Multiple Occupation came into force and this is now being implemented in Derby. Landlords of such properties are required to ensure that safety and amenity standards are met and demonstrate that they are a fit and proper person to be a landlord. We are also developing a regionally based landlord accreditation scheme to encourage landlords to improve standards beyond the minimum required to meet basic legal requirements.

The Council therefore puts considerable efforts and resources into the refurbishment and re-use of existing homes.

There is however, an important balance to be struck between all of the above mentioned activities and the development of new affordable homes. In 2004, the Government accepted the findings of a report (the Barker report) that concluded that there simply isn't enough Housing available both for market sale and affordable rent. As the majority of funding available to the Council to tackle housing issues is provided by the government, it is important for the Council to respond to the Government's agenda, which in this case is to facilitate the development of new affordable housing. If the Council were to ignore this issue it would simply starve itself of valuable government funding.

In addition, it is actually often cheaper for the Council to facilitate the construction of a new house than it is to fund the refurbishment and re-use of existing homes.

To facilitate the development of new affordable homes, it is necessary for the Council to provide a grant subsidy. Currently, we are delivering new affordable housing in the City for an average grant subsidy of £28,056 per property. This represents considerable value for money and is a reflection of the Council's success at attracting Government funding to tackle the high levels of housing need in Derby.

It can, particularly in the case of properties that have been empty for some time, often cost more in terms of public subsidy to refurbish a property than it does to build a new one.

With regards to the development of new affordable dwellings, the Government's allocation to the City through the Housing Corporation was over £9.3 million for the period 2006/8 and this is the largest ever grant to the city for the development of new affordable housing. By comparison, in the period 2004/06 this was £5.4 million. This funding will go towards developing 334 affordable units of accommodation over the next 2 years.

This response is intended to illustrate why it is important for the Council to have a balanced programme delivering both refurbished and new properties. Propose to note and close.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Turner stated that councillors were grateful for the information provided and that it indicated how important the Council consider housing. Regarding the flats on Grampian Way that were boarded up, councillors expressed concern on how long they would remain in this state.

Actions agreed:

Report noted.

Refer back to Cabinet member. Provide a report on when the boarded up flats on Grampian Way will be sorted out.

Update:

Walbrook Housing Association have stated...

The physical internal remodelling of the flats and bedsits has been completed. All accommodation

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is now self contained with at least one separate bedroom. The lighting to the car park and corridor lighting is proving to be more difficult to upgrade than anticipated but will go ahead nevertheless.

We needed to delay the application of the coloured rendered to the outside brickwork due to the recent 3 heatwaves! The external render has the potential to fail if allowed to dry out too quickly.

Finally, due to deregulation of the gas and electricity providers we are facing huge challenges to trace the original suppliers in order for the connections to be made we cannot exercise choice of supplier without the permission, and code, from the original supplier!

However, what has been achieved so far is a huge improvement to the site. The anticipated handover is end of September, but is dependant on resolving the issues with the energy suppliers.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

25. Ref: 206041 – Petition – Car parking, Ballater Close, Sinfin – received 14.06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

Issue:

A petition was received from residents of Ballater Close, requesting the Council to consider the installation of driveways on the front gardens to reduce cost of damage to residents vehicles, due to the amount of criminal damage experienced. The proposals included:

- dropped kerb and additional parking spaces in front of 56 to 68 Ballater Close.
- felling of a tree adjacent to car parking inlet next to no 7.
- create an extra parking inlet next to 56 Ballater.
- CCTV cameras on the rear car park behind no 50 to 54 Ballater Close.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 14 June 2006

None.

Actions agreed:

To forward the petition to Derby Homes, to provide a response at the next meeting.

Update:

A report is included in the agenda. The report included the following key points:

1. It is not feasible to put parking spaces in front of 56 to 68 Ballater Close. The tree in front of these properties will not be felled.
2. Additional parking next to 56 Ballater Close is feasible and will be investigated.
3. The possibility of a mobile CCTV camera in rear car park will be investigated.
4. The tree has been felled near No 7 Ballater Close.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

26. Ref: 206042 - Petition – Thackeray Street Housing Modernisation, Sinfin – received 14.06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Matthew Hand, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

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Issue:

A petition was received from residents Thackeray Street, requesting an explanation from Derby Homes as to why certain areas of the Old Sinfin Estate, which are more modern properties, have had new kitchens and bathrooms, and yet the far older properties in Thackeray Street, that are in much greater need of modernisation have been put back until the next financial year.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Graves explained that the resident could be given a direct response from Derby Homes at one of the community panel meetings.

Councillor Turner supported the petition, and explained that the Council has a responsibility, as they commission Derby Homes.

Actions agreed:

To forward the petition to Derby Homes, to provide a response at the next meeting.

Update:

A report is included in the agenda.

Following investigations, the report provides explanations about the processes used to decide the priorities for modernisation, the progress to date and how and when the work will be completed.

The work to replace kitchens and bathrooms in Old Sinfin is already about half way through and is continuing steadily. There is no intention of halting work or further postponing work. It won't be possible to finish the whole estate this year, but it is expected to be completed by next year. Derby Homes won't be starting work on another pre-war estate until Old Sinfin is completed.

Derby Homes have dealt with the petition through their petition process.

The issue was discussed at the last meeting of the Sinfin Community Panel, which was attended by managers from the maintenance section of Derby Homes.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Kiran Dhanda, Action Area Coordinator, Derby Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256933

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100

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.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Leeming explained that there were negotiations with a private company who may take this on. He confirmed that the ideas would be presented to them.

A resident stated that there were several locations where off-road cyclists were an issue and asked if there were plans for any campaigns on this issue and what can residents do.

Inspector Gascoyne asked residents to report any incidents as there is a campaign running which looks at education and reinforcement.

Actions agreed:

Refer to Cabinet Member and Police

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

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, Sinfen, 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**.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

28. Ref: 206018 – Dog bins, all wards – received 15.03.06

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.

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.

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors and residents expressed concern that signs to accompany the dual waste bins had not been installed. Councillor Tittley confirmed that he was still lobbying this.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided on where the associated signs are.

Update:

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.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

29. Ref: 206029 – Knives in schools, all wards – received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Rita Silvester, Assistant Director Performance and Commissioning, Children and Young People's Services. Telephone 716840

Issue:

A resident asked if there are any preventative measures guidance available to schools about knife crime.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillor Wynn spoke of his experience as a Governor at Bemrose School and stated that it was necessary to be firm and resolute with appropriate punishments such as fixed term exclusion for pupils that are found to have brought knives into school. He also stated that it was necessary to work very closely with the Police.

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

The current guidance on the use of offensive weapons is contained in chapter 6 of the DfES publication "School Security - Dealing with Troublemakers", 1997 available on Teacher Net. All schools should have received this document. The Violent Crime Reduction Bill is going through the House of Lords at the moment.

The DfES plan to issue guidelines later in the year. The advice is to wait until this is issued. Until then the current guidance stands.

In the DfES document "Improving Behaviour and Attendance: Guidance on Exclusion from Schools and Pupil Referral Units", October 2004 paragraphs 11 and 12 which makes it clear that head teachers can permanently exclude pupils for a range of first or one-off offences including actual or threatened violence and the criminal offence of carrying an offensive weapon on school premises:

11. A decision to exclude a child permanently is a serious one. It will usually be the final step in a process for dealing with disciplinary offences following a wide range of other strategies, which have been tried without success. It is an acknowledgement by the school that it has exhausted all available strategies for dealing with the child and should normally be used as a last resort.

12. There will, however be exceptional circumstances where, in the head teacher's judgement, it is appropriate to permanently exclude a child for a first or "one off" offence.

These might include:

- a) Serious actual or threatened violence against another pupil or member of staff*
- b) Sexual abuse or assault*
- c) Supplying an illegal drug*
- d) Carrying an offensive weapon.*

There is no significant issue of knives being carried in the schools in this area. Through our youth involvement officer we have good relationships with the three secondary schools we cover.

Our Youth Inclusion Officer provides regular inputs at assemblies on a wide range of topics, including knife and gun crime. If any concerns were to be reported by the staff, parents or pupils of any school we would act quickly to remove any threat and take positive action.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE

**30. Ref: 206035 – Sexual Orientation Regulations 2006 and schools, all wards – received
14. 06.06**

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Graham Falgate, Educational Adviser for PSHE, Citizenship & RE. Children and Young People.
Telephone 716897

Issue:

A resident asked about the Sexual Orientation Regulations 2006 and the effect on schools and stated that the regulations would affect all children and their parents and that they had a right to know what their children are being taught.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 June 2006

None

Actions agreed:

Update to be provided to the next meeting

Update:

The Government passed an Equalities Act earlier this year. An amendment to the Act required government to provide more guidance around equality for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexuals, particularly in the work place.

The Sexual Regulations 2006 - still in draft but due to go back to Parliament later this year - is the response to this amendment. The regulations are designed at preventing discrimination and providing greater levels of protection for employees. It does have a bearing on schools in so far as schools are both employers but also have a duty to protect children from discrimination. It does not, however, place a positive duty on schools to promote issues relating to sexual orientation.

It was reported in the popular press, apparently, that schools would have to tell children that Florence Nightingale was thought to be gay if they taught about her, the DfES official made it clear that this was nonsense! Actually he put it rather more strongly than this!

The work on these regulations is not being done by the DfES but an arms length department working with the former DTI, so the focus is clearly about employment law and rights.

PROPOSE TO NOTE AND CLOSE