



AREA PANEL 2

6 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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	Alleyway issues		
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	1.3	Alleyway – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston	Note and agree
	1.4	Petition – Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton	Note and agree
	1.5	Gating of alleyways, All wards	Note and agree
	Alvaston ward		
	1.6	Gate locks on Green Lane	Note and close
	1.7	Mitre and Allenton Market Development	Note and close
	1.8	Access for all at Coleman Health Centre	Note and close
	1.9	Phase 2 Children's Centre, Alvaston	Note and close
	Boulton ward		
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	1.14	Graffiti and vandalism, Cranwood Close	Note and close
	1.15	Anti-social behaviour, Boulton Lane Community Centre	Note and close
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	1.16	Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close	Note and agree
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	1.19	Review of traffic issues in Chellaston	Note and agree
	1.20	Weight restriction signs, A514	Note
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	1.22	Tree problems, rear of Chellaston Junior School	Note and close
	Sinfin ward		
	1.23	Rolls Royce site closure	Note
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	1.25	Housing development, Grampian Way	Note and close
	1.26	Petition – Car parking, Ballater Close	Note and close
	1.27	Petition – Thackeray Street Housing Modernisation	Note and close
	All wards		
	1.28	Petition – off road motorcyclists	Note and close

1.29	Dog bins	Note and close
1.30	Knives in schools	Note and close
1.31	Sexual Orientation Regulations 2006 and schools	Note and close

1.2 Alleyway – Baker Street to Shardlow Road – received 12.01.05

Issue: Residents have requested the closure of the jitty between Baker Street and Shardlow Road.

Actions: Provide report to next meeting.

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.

Further 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

1.3 Alleyway – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

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 jitties such as the one from Beech Avenue to Raynesway.

Actions: Provide report to next meeting.

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 306 metres 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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1.4 Petition - Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton – received 09.11.05

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.

Actions: Provide report to next meeting.

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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1.5 Gating of alleyways, all wards – received 14.06.06

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.

Actions: Provide report to 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.

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1.6 Gate locks on Green Lane, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

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.

Actions: 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.

Further information: Stephen Meynell, Property Services, telephone 25 5557

1.7 Mitre and Allenton Market Development, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

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.

Actions: 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.

Further information: John Stewart: Principal Planner, Development and Cultural Services. Telephone 255934

Steve Meynell: Chief Estates Officer. Telephone 255557

Dennis Wardle: Markets Officer. Telephone 255653

1.8 Access for all at Coleman Health Centre

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.

Actions: 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.

Further information: Debbie Jackson, Greater Derby Primary Care Trust, 01332 224000

1.9 Phase 2 Children's Centre, Alvaston, Alvaston ward – received 14.06.06

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

Actions: 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.

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

1.10 Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05

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.

Action: 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

Further 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

1.11 Footpath, Sandgate Close, Boulton – received 11.01.06

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.

Actions: 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.

Further information: Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 716352

1.12 Car Park, Sandgate Close, Boulton – received 15.03.06

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.

Actions: Item noted.

Update: A hotspot request was placed for this area on 09.06.06 to monitor this land. Two incidents were recorded :

8 June 2006 – six youths had gathered outside 7 Sandgate Close and were on skateboards, talking in the road.

15 June 2006 - two 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.

Further information: Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes. Telephone 718115

1.13 No ball games, Bracknell Drive, Boulton – received 15.03.06

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

Action: 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 has 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.

Further information: Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes. Telephone 718115

1.14 Graffiti and vandalism, Cranwood Close, Boulton Ward– received 14 06.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further 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

1.15 Anti-social behaviour, Boulton Lane Community Centre, Boulton Ward– received 14 06.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: Mick Sellar, Assistant Director – Learning. Telephone 71 6853
Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Safety Partnership. Telephone 25 6910

1.16 Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05

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.

Action: 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.

Recommendations:

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:
 - for an assessment of the suitability of the work against the Council's Tree Management Policy and
 - 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:
 - each item of cosmetic tree management paid for using the £1750 allocation,
 - the cost of each item of work,
 - the ward that it took place in and
 - the amount remaining available to each ward from their ward allocation.

PROPOSE TO AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Further information: John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

1.17 Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

1.18 New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

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.

Action: Refer back to Cabinet Member.

Update:

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Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034,

1.19 Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05

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.

Action: 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 of the report 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 of the report 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 of the report should be put forward consideration for inclusion in Area Panel 2's highways and transport priority issues.

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 - e. Other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

1.20 Weight restriction signs, A514, Alvaston and Chellaston – received 11.01.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.
Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.21 Library building at Chellaston, Chellaston Ward– received 14 06.06

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?

Action: 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.

Further information: David Potton, Head of Library Services, Telephone 71 6602

1.22 Tree problems, rear of Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston Ward– received 14

06.06

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.

Action: 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].

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

1.23 Rolls Royce site closure, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

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.

Action: 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.

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

1.24 Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: John Stewart: Principal Planner, Development and Cultural

1.25 Housing development, Grampian Way, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

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

Action: 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 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 three 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!

Further 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

1.26 Petition – Car parking, Ballater Close, Sinfin – received 14.06.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: Paula Solowij, Local manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

1.27 Petition – Thackeray Street Housing Modernisation, Sinfin – received 14.06.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: Matthew Hands, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

1.28 Petition – off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06

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.

Action: 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, Sinfin, Chaddesden and Spondon where calls from the public are consistently the highest in the City.

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

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

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

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

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

Mini-motos can NOT be used:

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

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

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

Derbyshire constabulary are continuing with their targeted enforcement operations and anyone with information about the illegal use of mini motos, go-peds scooter etc can ring the **Police non emergency number 0845 123 3333** and the information will be passed on to the relevant Police section or call **Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**.

Further information: John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

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

1.29 Dog bins, all wards – received 15.03.06

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.

Action: 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.

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

1.30 Knives in schools, all wards – received 14 06.06

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

Action: 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:

Paragraph 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.*

Paragraph 12: *There will, however be exceptional circumstances where, in the head teacher’s judgment, 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.

Further information:

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

1.31 Sexual Orientation Regulations 2006 and schools, all wards – received 14. 06.06

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.

Action: 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 that 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.

Further information: Graham Falgate, Educational Adviser for PSHE, Citizenship & RE. Children and Young People's Services.. Telephone 716897

1.32 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Petition – Match Day Parking, Wilmorton	Report back on actions taken	November 2006
Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre	Report back on progress	November 2006
Criminal damage at hair salon and public house, Chellaston Road	Report back on actions taken	November 2006

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 2 community issues update report, background information
List of appendices:	6 September 2006 None