



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2
5 September 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Item No	Issue	Recommended panel action
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1.2	Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
Boulton ward		
1.3	Petition - Crossing for school children, Crayford Road	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
1.4	Open green area on Holloway Road	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
1.5	Anti-social Behaviour by Pupils from Noel Baker School	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
1.6	Lunchtime Litter near Noel Baker Community School	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
1.7	Vehicular Access from Harvey Road to Coleman Street	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
Chellaston ward		
1.8	Traffic issues	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
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1.10	Library building at Chellaston	Note and Close
1.11	Bollards in the middle of the road	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
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Sinfin ward		
1.16	Glossop Street redevelopment	Note and refer to Neighbourhood Board
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All wards		
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1.1 Petition – Alvaston Park - received 08.11.06

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

Actions: Note the response and leave issue open to enable future reports on the work of the Friends group.

Update: Verbal report to be provided at the meeting. **Propose to note and refer to Alvaston Neighbourhood Board and Forum.**

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, ☎715778

1.2 Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre - received 15.03.06

Issue: A petition signed by approximately 880 people was presented to the panel, requesting that the Council provide funding for the Alvaston District Centre scheme for the refurbishment of the shopping area, including better lighting, parking, pavements and CCTV.

Actions: To update on consultations.

Update: Findings and future progress will be reported to the Alvaston Neighbourhood Board where relevant. **Propose to note and refer to Alvaston Neighbourhood Board.**

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

1.3 Petition - Crossing for school children, Crayford Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A local resident informed the panel that she has attended four assemblies at Noel Baker School to discuss a 'keep your school safe' campaign. She reported that the children had highlighted that they need a crossing to help them to cross Crayford Road safely. A petition was submitted on 8 November 2006 requesting the installation of a crossing on Crayford Road.

Action: Officers to re-investigate and report back.

Update: Further consultations are required. Two options have been put forward for consideration. Option one is for the installation of three school warning triangular markings on the road, costing an estimated £1,500. Option two is to erect school warning signs on new posts and flashing amber units. The signs would be erected on Crayford Road, on the approaches towards Brackens Lane and Holbrook Road. The costs for this option are estimated at £6,000. **Propose to note and refer to the Boulton Neighbourhood Board.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.4 Open green area on Holloway Road - received 08.11.06

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

Actions: Leave issue open to report future developments.

Update: Following a site meeting between Mike Moore, Colin Avison, Councillor Boulton and David McDonald (Probation), the Probation Service has started to work on the site clearing vegetation. The work includes cutting a strip around the entire perimeter of the site but leaving the centre to provide a habitat for wildlife. Because of the method of working, this will take a long time to complete. Probation has given an undertaking to continue with the work until it is complete.

Local residents will develop and agree an overall low maintenance plan for the site which will then be discussed and implemented.

Groundworks have been approached to provide a solution relating to long-term

maintenance. This will also include the use of the area for the benefit of wildlife as a possible sanctuary. **Propose to note and refer to the Boulton Neighbourhood Board.**

Further information: Mike Moore, Project Development Officer, Children and Young People Services, ☎ 716859

1.5 Anti-social Behaviour by Pupils from Noel Baker School, Boulton – received 13.03.2007

Issue: A resident stated that they and their neighbours were experiencing regular anti-social behaviour from pupils of Noel Baker School as the pupils travelled to and from school using a private drive and farmer's field as a short cut. All efforts to prevent the pupils using the short cut had been thwarted, with some pupils bringing tools to dismantle any barriers that the residents and farmer erected. Vandalism, criminal damage and trespass were regular occurrences. The resident went on to state that the problem had worsened since the recent closure of an alternative pathway into the school grounds.

Actions: Provide an update to the next meeting.

Update: Councillor Banwait has approached the school and Children and Young People's Service with a number of recommendations regarding a solution to this issue, following work with local residents. An update on progress will be reported to the Boulton Neighbourhood Board. **Propose to note and refer to the Bolton Neighbourhood Board and Forum meeting.**

Further information: Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, ☎ 222103

Craig Keen, Anti-social Behaviour Team Manager, ☎ 258640

Dr. Paul Davies, Head Teacher, Noel Baker School ☎ 572026

1.6 Lunchtime litter near Noel Baker School, Boulton – received 13.03.2007

Issue: A resident asked whether councillors were aware of residents concerns about lunchtime litter generated by pupils from Noel Baker School.

Actions: Refer the issue to the school and the appropriate council officers to report back on actions being taken.

Update: Street cleaning undertakes litter picks of the area every morning at approximately 9.00 am. The time of the litter pick can be moved, however, this will only be moving the problem and not actually dealing with the root cause. In the absence of additional funding to enable additional litter picks in the day then a solution will need to be found that involves the school and pupils to decrease the amount of litter in the area. The School are committed to working in partnership to tackle the issues and look at a range of solutions. There is a need to involve the Governing body of the school. **Propose to note and refer to Boulton Neighbourhood Board and Forum.**

Further information: Nigel Chester, Assistant Operations Manager - Street Cleaning, 715493

Dr. P Davies, Head Teacher: Noel-Baker Community School and Language College.
Telephone 572026

Councillor Banwait

1.7 Vehicular Access from Harvey Road to Coleman Street, Boulton- received 13.06.07

Issue: A resident asked about road markings that impeded access and how vehicles were expected to drive to the new health centre on Coleman Street from the direction of Alvaston and across Harvey Road from Stanley Street.

Actions: Refer the issue to the appropriate council officers to report back.

Update: The engineering consultant who devised the new junction arrangement on behalf of the Health Centre has been requested to undertake the final stage safety audit. Any recommendations will be reported to a future Boulton Neighbourhood Board meeting as part of the report on the 2008/09 Highways and Transportation scheme.

Propose to note refer to Boulton Neighbourhood Board.

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

1.8 Traffic issues, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

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

All Chellaston traffic & highways issues are now referred to the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) for consideration and recommendations. CHTIWG will be reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis.

Action: Leave issue open for future reports.

Update: Chellaston Neighbourhood Forum and Board will put forward issues for consideration for inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transportation scheme. **Propose to note and refer to Chellaston and Shelton Lock Neighbourhood Board and Forum.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.9 Dog bins, Chellaston – received 15.03.06 / Petition - received 06.09.06

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.

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

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

Update: Until the land is acquired by the City Council we cannot install any bins on this site so there is little we can do at present. **Note and close.**

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services ☎ 715778

1.10 Library building at Chellaston – 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: Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open. To update at the next meeting.

Update: We are still awaiting the outcome of the Big Lottery Fund application which will be reported. **Note and close.**

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

1.11 Bollards in the middle of the road, Chellaston- received 13.06.07

Issue: A resident stated that vehicles queuing to turn right to the shops at Chellaston were causing traffic problems. When cars queued to turn right to the shops, traffic often backed up through the traffic lights so that when the lights changed crossing traffic was also affected.

Action: Provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: To introduce a physical barrier, with the requisite signing, in the centre of the A514 Derby Road in the vicinity of the parade of shops, would occupy approximately 1m of carriageway width. There has been a long-standing problem in this length of road where drivers of northbound vehicles have been cautious about overtaking stationary buses which causes queues to extend through the traffic signal junction at High Street. The carriageway markings in the centre of the road have been amended on a couple of occasions to alleviate this and the installation of a barrier would entirely undo the benefits that have been created.

A meaningful solution to the concern about vehicles turning right onto the forecourt of the shops would need to be considered as part of a larger scheme which considers all aspects of the operations of the shops, buses and the traffic signal junction. **Propose to note and refer to Chellaston and Shelton Lock Neighbourhood Board as an issue for prioritisation under the 2008/09 Highways and Transportation scheme.**

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

1.12 Rat running on Shelton Drive and Jubilee Road, Chellaston- received 13.06.07

Issue: A petition was submitted by residents requesting traffic calming measures to prevent rat running on Shelton Drive and Jubilee Road, Chellaston. There had been damage to property and residents were concerned that someone would be killed. The lead petitioner stated that residents were not requesting road humps but some form of appropriate road calming after consultation.

Action: The petition was referred to the Cabinet Member for response back to the Area Panel at a future meeting.

Update: The concerns about unnecessary through traffic and high vehicle speeds on Jubilee Road and Shelton Drive have been raised a number of times. However, in previous years there have been insufficient resources available to enable priority to be given to finding an acceptable solution. However, it is considered that an investigation could take place and solutions recommended during the next financial year, provided that Chellaston Neighbourhood Board

feels that this should be a priority for the area. **Propose to note and refer to Chellaston and Shelton Lock Neighbourhood Board.**

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

1.13 Weight restriction signs, A514 – 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: Leave issue open for future reports.

Update: The Cabinet Member for planning and transportation resolved at his meeting on 4 April 2007 to not proceed with the erection of additional signage. It is recommended no further action can be taken. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

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

1.14 Congestion Charging– received 13.03.07

Issue: A resident asked what plans there were to introduce congestion charging in Chellaston and what would it mean for residents.

Action: Provide an update to the next meeting

Update: No further information to add. Residents have the opportunity to raise such matters through their Neighbourhood Boards and Forums when established. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Transportation and Special Projects. ☎ 715064

1.15 Grass Cutting on Pit Close – received 13.03.07

Issue: A resident stated that the grass cutting that occurred on Pit Close and around St Peter's Church was often insufficient with too long between cuts during peak growing periods. The area at the church needed to be cut more often because it was used for photography following marriages and other services and the long grass sometime meant that the area could not be used for this purpose when it was wet.

Action: Provide an update to the next meeting

Update: Grass cutting is carried out to the specified fortnightly frequency in the churchyard. We are aware that if weddings occur at the end of the week when we haven't mown then the grass probably isn't looking as good as the church officials would like. We can therefore offer weekly cutting or possibly additional cuts when requested for special events (subject to reasonable notice) if the church is willing to pay for the extra service. The supervisor for the area has been informed and has undertaken inspections of the area. The Church is now undertaking some of its own grounds maintenance and is now cutting the grass to the front and rear of the church. Residents have the opportunity to raise such matters through their Neighbourhood Boards and Forums when established. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, 📞 715778

1.16 Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

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

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

Action: To leave the issue open to enable future reports to the Area Panel

Update: 'The appraisal of a shortlist of alternative sites across the City is continuing and should be finalised by the end of August. The Council will then consider whether it is appropriate to proceed with one or more of the alternative sites. If this is the case, public consultation can commence and a bid for government funding to develop a site be worked up. This item is a regular item at Osmaston Neighbourhood Forum and as such will be referred to the Osmaston and Allenton Neighbourhood Board. **Note and refer to Osmaston and Allenton Neighbourhood Board.**

Further information: Ian Fullagar, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, Resources and Housing, telephone 255185

1.17 Petition – Installation of cycle path on Osmaston Park Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition has been received from 36 residents of Osmaston Park Road requesting the installation of a separate cycle path. Concerns have been raised about the danger that cyclists using the footway here present to children and adults are stepping out from their front gates. At the meeting on 8 November, Sinfin Councillors included it on their list of priorities for the 2007/08 Highways and Transportation scheme.

Action: Provide update at the next meeting

Update: The Sinfin Neighbourhood Board and Forum can decide whether to recommend the issue for inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transportation work programme. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer 📞 715019

1.18 Petition – Residents Parking, Nightingale Road – received 06.09.06

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

Action: To leave the issue open to receive further reports.

Update: Following representations from the Area Panel, Councillor Banwait, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, has determined that he would like consideration to be given to the provision for greater parking opportunities on Nightingale Road. Consequently, the statutory procedure for removing some of the existing restrictions, generally outside people's homes but as detailed on drawing No. TMD/134/07, has already commenced. However, it is important to note that those restrictions cannot be considered to be invalid until the statutory process has been completed, after which the outcome will be reported. **Propose to note and report back to Sinfin Neighbourhood**

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Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer 📞 716090

1.19 Petition - Road Safety in the Victory Road area, Sinfin- received 13.06.07

Issue: A petition was submitted by residents requesting improved safety measures on Victory such as speed cameras, traffic lights, etc. following a recent road traffic accident involving a young child. The lead petitioner also stated that residents were also requesting some pedestrian traffic lights at the top of victory road at the Osmaston park Road and Elton Road junction and at the Merrill Way end of Victory Road.

Action: Provide an update to the next meeting.

Update: Arrangements have been made for a vehicle speed survey to be undertaken the results of which will be reported to a future meeting. The issue could be put forward for inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transportation scheme. **Propose to note and refer to Sinfin Neighbourhood Board and Forum.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer 📞 716090

1.20 Alleyway Issues, all wards

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

A working group has been established to consider these issues and report back to the Area Panel on a regular basis.

Action: Report back to the next meeting.

Update: It is proposed to run a pilot Gating Order. The criteria to be used to identify a suitable pilot will be a footpath regarded as contributing to crime and disorder and increased levels of ASB, where previous environmental changes, increased patrols and partnership interventions have not resulted in a sustainable outcome. Surveys are currently being undertaken to identify a pilot for the city. **Propose to note and refer to the relevant Neighbourhood Boards. (Alvaston Neighbourhood Board, Boulton Neighbourhood Board)**

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic 📞 71 5025

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Rights of Way 📞 25 5024

Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader 📞 25 8640

1.21 Tree issues, all wards

Issue: A number of issues have been raised, over various tree issues across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item. A Tree Management Working Group has been established to consider these issues and will report back to the Area Panel on a regular basis making recommendations on actions to be taken. Recommendations that require expenditure are included within the Area Panel Finance report for agreement.

Action: Provide a report from the Tree Management Working Group and recommendations and report within the Area Panel Finance Report

Update: No trees issues reported for this meeting. The total budget available for tree

works is as follows:

Alvaston **nil**

Boulton **£250**

Chellaston **£500**

Sinfin **£250**

It is recommended that this funding is to be used by the relevant Neighbourhood Forums for any future tree works, the local Councillors having the decision making power over allocation of the funds. **Propose to note and refer to the relevant Neighbourhood Boards.**

Further information: John Booth, Arboricultural Manager ☎ 715485

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

For more information

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Background papers:

Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report, Background Information

List of appendices:

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Appendix 1: Tree Management Issues Report

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Location	Issue	Update	Recommended actions	Funds available / Costs
Alvaston Ward				Available =£250
Swaledale Court and Whernside Close	Trees blocking light to properties.	The Assistant Arboricultural Officer and the Alvaston Housing Manager have visited the resident on 14th February 2007. Following the tree work which was completed in December 2006, this area had trees removed to address the health and safety issues around the play area and also all low branches and branches in close proximity to buildings were removed. This included work to the tree in front of the resident's house. The leaf litter caused in Autumn is a matter for Derby Homes to address with their maintenance schedule.	No further action required	N/A
Arkendale Walk and Coverdale Close area	Tree has declined significantly.	While not dangerous the tree is considered an eyesore.	Removal of tree	£250
Boulton Ward				Available =£250
Coronation Avenue, Alvaston	Dangerous secondary growth at base level.	All the basal growth has been removed and the footpath and highway is clear. This work was completed on 5th February 2007.	No further action required	N/A
Sinfin Ward				Available =£250

Location	Issue	Update	Recommended actions	Funds available / Costs
Kelso Walk	Hedge need cutting down	A survey of the area has been conducted based on community safety considerations. Costed recommendations will be provided to the Sinfin Neighbourhood Team.	Include in neighbourhood programme	£0
Behind the garages in Kelso Walk	Saplings (shrubs) need removing	A survey of the area has been conducted based on community safety considerations. Costed recommendations will be provided to the Sinfin Neighbourhood Team.	Include in neighbourhood programme	£0
Deepdale Lane	Tree next to Chair Bros	A survey of the area has been conducted based on community safety considerations. Costed recommendations will be provided to the Sinfin Neighbourhood Team.	Include in neighbourhood programme	£0
Chellaston Ward				Available =£500
None	None	None	None	£0