

**AREA PANEL 4 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
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**1. Ref: 405015 – Millennium Wood, Blagreaves – raised 28.06.05**

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

Ken Richardson, Parks Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

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

**Issue:**

A written question asked about the lack of access to the Millennium Wood site now that the access from Oaklands Avenue has been fenced off by the owners after 20 years of public access. Now that the wood has been there for ten years when will the area be developed to its full potential?

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2005** - A presentation on the proposed City Park was made to Area Panel 4 in 2004. Proposals indicated it would be about 46 hectares, some land planned for the park had been acquired. The rest of the site is under private ownership as farmland. It would cost £1.5 to £2 million for all the facilities. Parks began the process to establish a Friends Group in 2005, but there was a poor response to forming a group. This needs to be followed up, along with consultation, but it's not possible to put a revised time scale on this. New funding programmes look like they will be open to applications sometime in 2006. Consideration was given to purchase the small farm that was up for auction, but agreed not to proceed because it did not represent good value for money for a small area. It is understood that a new owner has purchased this land, over which the access track runs from Oaklands Avenue to Millennium Wood. Access to the wood from Oaklands Avenue has always been in private ownership and there is no public right of way.

**November 2005** - The City's Rights of Way Officer has confirmed that there are no recorded public rights of way, on the definitive map, between Oaklands Avenue and Moorway Lane. A public right of way could formally be created if serious demand could be shown. The residents concerned about the access have been informed how they can start the process to introduce a public right of way. This involves applying to the Council for a Modification Order to be made. Evidence to support the application needs to be provided. All landowners would need to agree to any footpath. The timescale would be long, as agreements about the path route and maintenance responsibilities would have to be arranged. A resident commented that while there is only one access point to the park, off Moorway Lane, it reduces use and makes it a less safe area for residents to visit. He asked that the Council provides a second access point and he stated that when asking Councillor Dhindsa to support this request he was told it would be a priority.

**January 2006** - The Council has a duty to produce a Right of Way Improvement Plan – ROWIP, for Derby under Section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. A progress report will be included within the second Derby Joint Local Transport Plan - LTP2. The final ROWIP will be published in late summer 2006 and will form a strand of the final LTP2.

We are required to assess within the ROWIP:

- the extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public
- the opportunities provided by local rights of way - and in particular by footpaths, cycle tracks, bridleways and restricted byways - for exercise and other forms of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of their area
- the accessibility of local rights of way to blind or partially sighted persons and others with mobility problems
- and such other matters relating to local rights of way as the Secretary of State may direct.

**March 2006** - The City's Rights of Way Officer has confirmed that these suggestions for access points to Millennium Wood - from Oaklands Avenue, Blagreaves Lane, Tiller Close and from the south - will be considered for inclusion in the draft Right of Way Improvement Plan. It will be published in November 2006 prior to consultation up to March 2007.

## Area Panel 4 – Community issues background information – 28 June 2006

Andrew Morgan from Derby Parks will be invited to attend the next area panel meeting in Blagreaves ward on 28 June 2006.

### Response on 29 March 2006

A resident asked if it had been confirmed that Andrew Morgan would be attending the June meeting. Richard Smail reported that an officer from Derby Parks has been invited to attend, but it was not confirmed who exactly would attend.

### Actions agreed:

To confirm that an officer would attend the meeting on 28 June 2006.

### Update:

Steve Medlock, Head of Parks Services will attend the meeting on 28 June and give a presentation. Propose to note.

## 2. Ref: 405016 – Cycleway on Moorway Lane, Blagreaves – raised 28.06.05

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

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

### Issue:

A resident asked when the final 200 metres of the cycleway along Moorway Lane would be completed because it is needed to provide a safe route to Derby Moor School. Can it be completed this summer. It was reported that it is the responsibility of the Housing developers who are building at Heatherton. The developers are paying for the cycle way and are working with Derby Parks. The panel agreed that it needed to be completed as soon as possible

### Previous key points / action taken:

**September 2005** - We have been negotiating with the developer, which will hopefully result in the path being completed by the end of March 2006.

**November 2005** - The cycleway is included in our work programme for 2005/06 and will be completed by the end of March 2006.

### Response on 29 March 2006

None.

### Actions agreed:

To confirm completion of the cycleway.

### Update:

The cycleway has now been completed. Propose to close.

**3. Ref: 406010 – Grey squirrels, Carlisle Avenue and Burns Close - Blagreaves - received 29.03.06**

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

Ian Donnelly, Group Leader Public Health, Environmental Services, telephone 715219

**Issue:**

A resident raised concerns, on behalf of a number of elderly residents in the Burns Close/Carlisle Avenue area, about the number of grey squirrels that are getting into residents homes. He explained that a request for action had been made previously and that local councillors had asked an officer to contact the resident with advice. He was concerned that the advice given was not suitable and asked what the Council policy is to tackle this issue.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

Councillor Troup responded that he had asked officers to contact the resident directly. A number of possible courses of action were suggested but no one was aware what actions exactly officers can take to deal with the issue. Residents can contact Environmental Health directly for advice.

**Actions agreed:**

Request Environmental Health respond directly to the resident and update on the Council policy to a future area panel meeting.

**Update:**

Grey squirrels are a very common species and can find their way into homes, particularly roof spaces. Derby City Council's Pest Control Service does not carry out treatments for the destruction of, or proofing against, squirrels and this policy has been agreed by the Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Direct Services.

Squirrels can enter properties through access holes in roof eaves, under tiles etc. but killing squirrels will usually only provide short-term relief, as other squirrels will eventually replace those that have been killed. If residents wish to discourage squirrels they must ensure that there are no access points at their property that squirrels can use. This can include properly sealing up any access holes, replacing any missing slates/tiles and making sure that any overhanging tree branches that could allow squirrels onto the property are removed. Any proofing work should be carried out whilst the squirrel is not in the property.

Squirrels can also be attracted by bird food so if residents wish to feed garden birds any bird feeders or tables should be positioned away from the home, and squirrel proof feeders should be used.

Any telephone enquiries regarding advice on squirrels are dealt with by Derby Direct 01332 255260. Information is also available from the Council's website. As treatments for squirrels are not carried out by the Council, visits will not generally be made to properties in relation to squirrels.

If residents are unable to carry out proofing work themselves they should contact a builder, or their Local Housing Office for Derby Homes Tenants, to carry out any proofing work required.

If a resident requires any squirrels to be destroyed they have the option contact a private pest control company, but any necessary proofing work will still need to be carried out to prevent a recurrence.

In all cases it is important to obtain a quotation before any work is carried out.  
Propose to note and close

**4. Ref: 404028 – Petition – Skateboard Park Request, Littleover - received 21.07.04**

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

Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715547  
David Finn, Project Officer-Targeted Youth Support, Environmental Services, telephone 716956

**Issue:**

A petition was handed in to the panel with 50 signatures requesting a skateboard park in the Littleover area. They require a small outdoor skate park, which was available to the whole community in Littleover.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**September 2004** - officers welcomed the submission of the petition and explained the importance of completing a thorough investigation of the request. The investigation will involve work to identify potential sites, consider possible sources for funding and include consultation. It was anticipated that this work will take between 12 and 18 months. The request is linked to other recent requests for information about facilities on open spaces in the Area Panel 4 area.

**November 2004** - a presentation included an update on progress with the skateboard park request. It was confirmed that Parks are looking at the provision of wheeled sports facilities as part of the strategic provision of outdoor youth facilities in the City. Over the past year many schemes for youth facilities have been met with opposition from local residents that has led to confrontation and young people missing out on new facilities. There is no funding currently available for a skateboard park and it is estimated to take about two years to attract funding and build a park.

**June 2005** - it had been planned to prepare a strategic report covering the provision of wheeled sports across the city but due to other work commitments within the Landscape Section in Parks it has not been possible to progress this as far as desired. The most suitable location is probably somewhere within King George V and Clemson's Park. At the moment there is no funding available for the provision of a skateboard park in Littleover.

**September 2005** - The Millennium Wood site is not a favoured location for a skateboard park, but can be looked at and assessed along with other options in due course. There is no programme set for developing proposals at this stage. Possible sources of funding will be looked at once the Big Lottery has announced its new programme, probably in early 2006.

**November 2005** - There is still no programme set for developing proposals at this stage. As previously reported possible sources of funding will be looked at once the Big Lottery has announced its new programme, probably in early 2006.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

To respond with an update on the plans to introduce a wheeled sports strategy for the city and the impact it will have on the request for a skateboard park in Littleover.

**Update:**

Discussions have taken place to consider the purchase of a mobile skateboard facility, which would travel around the City to Park settings providing organised wheeled sport activities. This suggestion would allow a skateboarding facility to be provided on smaller parks for short sessions to respond to demands from young people without becoming a permanent fixture and prompting other local residents to campaign for its removal.

The County Council have a Mobile Wheels Project ,however it comes at a cost, and includes the employment of qualified staff to manage the facility and organise activities. Cost for the mobile facility would be around £100,000, with additional revenue cost of approximately £50,000 per year. The Government have introduced a young people's Youth Opportunities Fund -YOF this year,

which is specifically for groups of young people to bid into for such projects as a skateboard park. Derby's allocation is about £150,000 a year for the next two years. There will be significant demand on the fund, however any contribution particularly if it is secured by young people may lever in other funds. We are awaiting guidance from the Government on the deployment of the YOF.

Derby now has a number of skateboard parks in place in Alvaston park, Osmaston park, Sunnyhill Recreation Ground, Mickleover park - BMX track and nearing completion in Markeaton park. Also planned, subject to obtaining funding, are skateboard parks in Chaddesden park and on the Racecourse over the next two years. We would like to provide further skateboard areas in larger parks in each district around the city, but this is subject to identifying suitable sites and obtaining funding. Should funding be identified in the future then Clemson's Park/King George V playing fields is likely to be the only site large enough in Littleover. To note.

**5. Ref: 406009 – Petition – Request for Pedestrian Crossing, Chain Lane, Littleover - received 29.03.06**

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

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

**Issue:**

A petition has been received requesting a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing is provided near to the junction of Chain Lane and Jackson Avenue. The lead petitioner explained that there used to be a school crossing patrol at this location but since they retired the service has been withdrawn. Parents and children are finding it both difficult and dangerous to cross the road. She is concerned there are no signs stating the speed limit. A previous request had been made in 2005 but without success. It had also been indicated to residents that installing a refuge in the middle of the road would not be possible.

Residents asked why the money saved from not having a crossing patrol could not be used to pay for a pedestrian crossing.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

Councillor Care recognised the problems faced by residents and confirmed that an assessment of the traffic and pedestrians needs to be made. Councillor Winters referred to similar issues along the road at Derby High School.

**Actions agreed:**

To ask officers to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting

**Update:**

We will report back to the next Area Panel 4 meeting in September as investigations are still ongoing. Note

**6. Ref: 406011 – Dean Close Footpath repairs, Littleover - received 29.03.06**

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

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

**Issue:**

A resident asked what action the Council was taking to repair the damaged pavements on Dean Close. He explained Nynex had caused the damage in 1995. Most of the slabs had now cracked and while some have been replaced there are many repairs still needed.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

Councillor Carr reported that he had been asking for these repairs to be included in the pavement repair programme for many years. Councillor Care reported that the improvements have now been included in the 2006/7 programme and that the repairs will be in tarmac. However, Councillor Care noted that if Dean Close is included at the start of the street lighting replacement programme the repairs will be delayed until after this lighting work is completed.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate if repair work will be completed to Dean Close pavements in 2006/7 and report back.

**Update:**

We cannot say, at the present time, whether Dean Close is included in the 2006/07 programme, or not. It is included in a provisional list of streets of potential footway renewal schemes from which the 2006/07 footway renewal programme will be selected, depending on the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative - PFI contractor's programme, and budget availability. The Council have recently announced that the preferred bidder for the PFI contract will be Balfour Beatty, but no discussions have yet taken place regarding their programme of works.

With regard to budget, there is severe pressure on the highway maintenance budget this year, and it is envisaged that we will be able to carry out far fewer footway reconstruction schemes than in recent years. At the present time it is unlikely that Dean Close will be included in the 2006/07 programme. We will, of course, continue to inspect and repair any defects that exceed our intervention levels. Note and close.



**7. Ref: 402030 - Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus, Mickleover – raised 27.11.02**

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

Ian Woodhead, Group Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255083

**Issue:**

This issue was raised in November 2002 asking for assurances from the Council that the quality of life for local residents would be taken into account during the future redevelopment.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**January 2003** - the site had been allocated for housing in the Local Plan review but no application had been received.

**March 2003** - the latest version of the Local Plan policy requires schemes to incorporate satisfactory access. It was considered that the existing access off Chevin Avenue will not be enough to serve the proposed housing and work will need to be done to improve access. A planning application has now been received from Persimmon Homes.

**June 2003** - the planning application was refused on the grounds of prematurity. Any application for access to the site will be assessed on the basis of a full transport impact assessment. This will be the subject of examination at a Public Inquiry into the City of Derby Local Plan.

**July 2004** - The City Council does not expect to receive Inspectors report until the end of the year. The Council would not encourage an application for planning permission on this site until the Inspector has confirmed the housing allocation.

**September 2004** - A resident requested an assurance that an equal number – or even more – new, high quality football pitches will be created before the use of existing pitches is lost. It was reported that there are football pitches on both sides of the brook. Those on the southern side fall within the development site proposed in the draft CDLP Review. Current policy would therefore permit their development. The precise nature of replacement will be subject to further discussions and it is also envisaged that public consultation will take place on any proposals. The Council has no powers to require the University to replace pitches it no longer needs at its Mickleover Campus if it simply closed this facility. It is the proposed residential development on part of the site that creates the opportunity to secure the replacement pitches.

**March 2005** - the Inspector's report has now been received. The Council will formally consider these recommendations over the late spring and summer and will bring forward modifications to the Local Plan Review following this. The Inspector has made two alternative recommendations regarding this site. The first is that in the absence of a satisfactory form of access, the residential allocation at Mickleover Campus is deleted. The second alternative recommendation is that in the event a satisfactory form of access being identified to maintain the allocation subject to a number of changes to the draft policy.

**June 2005** - planning application for a new access road into the site will be considered on 23 June. If approved, this will demonstrate that the site can be properly accessed and satisfy recommendations from the Inquiry Inspector to this effect.

The issue of whether the pool will be retained in its current location or rebuilt elsewhere on site is a matter for negotiation, but retention of the existing building seems most likely at present. This will be secured either by a condition attached to the planning permission or by a Section 106 Agreement with the developer, whichever is the most appropriate mechanism. Local Plan Review states that replacement sports pitches should be implemented before the commencement of development. Replacement of these pitches will either be a condition of any planning application or secured through a Section 106 legal agreement. The Council is likely to seek to ensure a similar arrangement for the pool, particularly if the existing facility is retained.

**September 2005** - It was reported that a satisfactory access to the site had been identified and so the Mickleover Campus proposal is to be retained within the Plan.

**November 2005** - A number of developers working with the University held an open day for the community on 11 November 2005. Plans for the site were available for viewing and discussion.

A planning application has now been received by the Council and will be considered on 26 January 2006. Details of the plans can be viewed at Roman House and all comments are invited by December 23.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

Update at June 2006 meeting to confirm progress with planning application.

**Update:**

The application has not yet been decided. Note and put into outstanding issues.

**8. Ref: 405007 – Parking problems, Devonshire Drive and East Avenue, Mickleover – raised 30.03.05**

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

Inspector Henderson, Pear Tree Police Station, telephone 222184.

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

**Issue:**

A resident asked what could be done to tackle the problems caused by parents parking on the shop frontages, on private property on Devonshire Drive and East Avenue during school pick up times. Parents are ignoring the double yellow lines. He asked if the police could take action because they are causing a hazard by creating a blind spot on the road. He asked the police to visit the area during school pickup time.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**March 2005** - Sergeant Daines stated that it depends whether they are parked on the highway or on private property. If they are parked on private property then the owners will need to take action. If they are committing a traffic offence on the pavement or highway then the police could take appropriate action including fixed penalties. He will ask officers to attend the site. Councillor Hird reported that the local beat officers were aware of it and had confirmed they would be investigating the problem. It was agreed that the Police would visit Devonshire Drive shops area at school pick up time.

**June 2005** - the Police have given attention to this issue and have been visiting the area to enforce parking restrictions.

**September 2005** - Police officers visited the area during the summer term and issued tickets. They will be visiting the area again now that term has restarted. Ravensdale Infant and Junior Schools have both requested parents, in their school newsletters, not to double park, park down the school drives or in front of private driveways.

**November 2005** - Work is ongoing as part of Road Safety group carrying out surveys and ultimately drawing up a School Travel Plan for Ravensdale Infant and Junior School. Once the Travel Plan has been taken forward, consideration could be given to any work necessary to reinforce the travel plan. A resident explained how drivers continue to park and drive along pavements and recently he was nearly hit. He asked that officers visit the area and enforce the parking restrictions urgently to prevent a serious accident. Councillor Winter agreed to inform the local Police officers and ask them to visit again.

**January 2006** - The Police have confirmed that the local beat officers will visit the area during school pickup time. It is intended that the Council will take over responsibility from the Police for the enforcement of parking restrictions in July 2006. However, issues such as obstruction of the

highway or hazardous parking will continue to be the responsibility of the Police. Unfortunately, congestion caused by parking outside schools is a common problem. The only long-term solution is to assist schools develop their own travel plan. We are currently working towards signing off the Ravensdale Schools Travel Plans by April 2006. School Travel Plans encourage parents, pupils, teachers and local residents and agencies to work together in partnership with the Council. The main aims of a travel plan are to :

- reduce congestion by promoting alternatives to the car for school journeys
- improve the safety of pupils and parents when travelling to school, especially those walking and cycling
- strengthen links between the school and local community.

The Ravensdale Travel Plans will then be developed over the coming years and we will monitor their progress. We will also continue to encourage parents and children to choose sustainable travel options to reduce car use.

**March 2006** - Police beat officers continue to monitor the area. They visited the area during the week after half term and handed out fixed penalty notices.

We remain on track to sign off the travel plan at Ravensdale Junior and Infants Schools in April 2006. This will secure a small amount of reward funding for each school from the Department for Transport and Department for Education and Skills. In future years the schools will be eligible for capital funding from the Local Transport Plan.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

Update on confirmation of funding and then propose to close.

**Update:**

The school travel plan has now been signed off and funding is available for the school to spend on physical improvements around the school to make it safer for the pupils and parents. Note and close.

**9. Ref: 406001 – Petition, Car parking on Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, - received 18.01.06**

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

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

**Issue:**

A petition had been received in December 2005 about the difficulty of getting out of driveways along Uttoxeter Road near to the City Hospital. This is because of cars parked by hospital workers, visitors and contractors between 8am and 5pm. There is very little space to manoeuvre and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic travelling at 40mph. Can the Council install double yellow lines as part of the list of improvements already proposed for the next few weeks.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

January 2006 - A number of residents from Uttoxeter Road who live nearer to Corden Avenue reported that they also have the same parking and access problems caused by the people working at the Hospital for their contractor. It is very dangerous trying to get into and out of driveways and they asked that double yellow lines are provided.

**March 2006** – Reported that initial observations in February revealed a significant number of contractors working on the hospital development were parking along this stretch of Uttoxeter Road along with a smaller number of private cars. Skanska confirmed that provision had been made for contractors to park off the highway while working at the hospital and they agreed to take action to

reduce the inconvenience caused by their contractors.

Further monitoring over a one month period, at all times of the day, showed that the action taken by Skanska has virtually eliminated contractor parking. However, it also revealed that some parking remained that was a mixture of drivers visiting properties along Uttoxeter Road and drivers who parked and then walked in the direction of the hospital. Some of these drivers have since been identified as hospital staff.

In light of the improvements achieved by Skanska's actions and the minimal parking that remains it is felt unnecessary to install parking restrictions at this time. Therefore the request for parking restrictions along the length of Uttoxeter Road between the Corden Avenue junction and the City Hospital roundabout has been refused. However, officers will advise the hospital that some of their staff may be parking on Uttoxeter Road and will ask them to remind staff to use their car park.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

The lead petitioner acknowledged that the problem has reduced but felt there is still sufficient parking by non residents to make it dangerous for residents to drive on and off their drives. She felt that when the hospital is providing its full range of services there will be nothing to prevent staff and visitors parking on Uttoxeter road. She asked that the officers reconsider their decision. She also asked if the Council could provide white lines to prevent parking across driveways.

The panel recognised that the problem has reduced but were sympathetic to residents concerns about problems in the future. The panel approved the officers recommendation however, on the suggestion of Councillor Care, the panel requested that when the traffic improvements planned for the Uttoxeter Road/Corden Avenue junction are installed a cycle lane is provided on Uttoxeter Road going into the city.

In response to the resident suggestion Richard Smail advised the meeting that any resident can ask the Council to provide the white markings front of driveways, but at a cost to the resident of about £60.

**Actions agreed:**

Request officers include a cycle lane in the Uttoxeter Road/Corden Avenue junction traffic improvements.

**Update:**

Further cycle improvements are planned for this junction as part of the overall improvements. This scheme is on the reserve list of schemes should funding become available in 2006/07.

Skanska have reinstated regular parking patrols in May when some residents noted the problem had become worse. Now that Phase 1 has been completed Skanska now have relatively few contractors still on site. In addition, Skanska have been able to close up the Kings Drive gate once more to reduce the temptation to park on the road. Note and close.

**10. Ref: 406012 – Double yellow lines, Tesco, Mickleover - received 29.03.06**

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

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716190,

**Issue:**

A resident asked what is being done to stop people parking in the bus stop opposite Tesco. He confirmed that the Police have attended and given out parking tickets.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

The Police were thanked for visiting the lay by and taking some action.

**Actions agreed:**

Investigate if alternative solutions can be identified

**Update:**

The most appropriate action has already been taken. A parking restriction is in force and the Police have taken enforcement action against those that park inconsiderately and illegally. This enforcement function will become the responsibility of the City Council from 3 July 2006. Note and close

**11. Ref: 404025 – Planning Application at East Midlands Airport, all wards – received 19.05.04**

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

Rob Salmon, Head of Plans and Policies, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255020

**Issue:**

A resident asked if the Council would be responding to the East Midlands Airport runway expansion planning application and whether the Council will have a permanent watching brief over future developments. He stated that the airport have said the extension would not make any difference to the volume of air traffic.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

**July 2004** - the Airport's planning application for a runway extension was originally submitted to North West Leicestershire DC- NWLDC, in 2000. The Council submitted a response to the Environmental Statement to NWLDC on 20 May 2004. Officers at the District Council have indicated that they are seeking more information from the applicants and that it is likely to be some time before the application is determined. The District Council has been asked to keep the City Council informed regarding progress.

**September 2004** - the Council was asked to send further representations to Nottingham East Midlands Airport regarding the operational changes to the west side of Derby to reduce noise impact, especially at night.

**November 2004** - Julian DeMowbray would coordinate the Council's response to the consultation document on Controlled Airspace proposals and the notes provided by the resident will be considered when the Council responds. The deadline for responses is 10 January 2005 and a copy of the response will be available from Julian DeMowbray after this date. At the meeting, Neil Robinson from Nottingham East Midlands Airport, gave a presentation about the plans for the airport, the extension to controlled airspace proposals and issues about aircraft noise. He outlined how the airport was developing rapidly, how it was changing its services and working with communities. He responded to the request for Council membership of the Airports Consultation

Forum stating that it was not the airport that had refused the Council membership of the Forum but the Forum itself had made the decision as an independent group. He explained that it has a very large membership and that the forum felt if one local authority becomes a member it would mean many more would become members and make the forum too large.

**January** - North West Leicestershire District Council have the additional information they were seeking to help determine the planning application. However, there is at present no date for the application to go to Committee – February or March 2005 seems the earliest likely date.

**March 2005** it was reported that:

- NEMA has now gained approval from the Civil Aviation Authority to instigate the changes, which are expected to be fully operational with effect from 12 May 2005.  
Although the airport has responded to some of the comments it received, by revising its proposals, the City Council's request for an increased release height for westerly departures has been rejected. NEMA has said that changes will, however, be made to the way it monitors, records and reports on aircraft operations. The ICC - the Independent Consultative Committee - an independent body, will oversee these. The monitoring will be done in partnership with local authorities and will focus on what affect the new routes have on local people and noise. NEMA states that this is being done in response to concerns that the proposed changes would not be properly enforced and monitored and also that they would not achieve the desired result, namely reduced noise levels.
- The council is under no obligation to inform prospective residents about aircraft noise. Land searches use a national standard form that cannot be altered and there is no question referring to traffic or aircraft noise. Similarly, the Council is not in a position to instruct NEMA to issue such advice.

A member of the public stated that the tolerance on the departure path on the west side of Derby was being reduced by 300m to 1200m. This would however, still leave the proposed development at the edge of Mickleover still under the flight path. He asked if the Council could do anything to make sure that the flight paths are put in the local plan. Councillor Care responded that there would be nothing we could do at this stage with the Local Plan.

**June 2005** - a local resident has asked John Prescott MP about flight paths being shown on development plans produced by Derby City Council. The resident has received a response from Margaret Beckett MP that has been provided by the Department for Transport – DfT. The resident's opinion on the response is that it is a matter for discretion by relevant local authorities whether to include aircraft flight plans on local plans and therefore Derby City Council is in a position to add departure flight path information to the local development plan. However, officers in the Plans and Policies section of Development and Cultural Services at the Council interpret the Minister's comments differently. They consider that his comments say that Local Authorities have discretion over what sort of documents they produce and, in preparing these, need to have regard to national planning guidance such as Planning and Noise. Therefore Local Authorities can develop planning policies dealing with aircraft noise where such noise is sufficiently problematic for it to be a planning issue. However, Environmental Health has confirmed that aircraft noise, in general, is not significant enough for it to be a planning issue and to need specific development plan policies. The Minister acknowledges in his response that Local Authorities 'would not ordinarily be expected to produce planning documents dealing in detail with air traffic routes'. The role of Development Plan Maps is to show areas covered by policies in the Plan. It is not to show information for the sake of it, however useful this may be.

Leicestershire County Council has set up a Joint Working Group made up of local District Councils in Leicestershire and with councils from outside of Leicestershire. In addition, Leicestershire County Council has decided to press ahead with moves to designate the airport, which would allow the number of night flights in to and out of East Midlands Airport to be capped.

**September 2005** - North West Leicestershire District Council anticipate taking this planning application to Committee in September or October 2005.

**November 2005** - North West Leicestershire now do not expect to determine this application until early next year.

**January 2006** - East Midlands Airport have been invited to attend but they have declined the invite because their strategy to promote the Masterplan is based around arranging 10 exhibitions across the East Midlands. The Derby exhibition is on Tuesday 14 February from 9am to 5.30pm in the Eagle Centre. Details of other exhibitions are available on their website [www.nottinghamema.com](http://www.nottinghamema.com) Councillor Care confirmed that Derby City Council has now been granted a place on the airports Independent Consultative Committee and a councillor will be selected to represent the Council. Richard Smail reported that the airport had agreed to arrange an extra local meeting in the Littleover/Mickleover area in February to discuss their masterplan. Details of the extra meeting will be available from the airport website.

**March 2006** - Progress on the planning application is reported to be slow. A decision is not expected before April 2006.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

None.

**Actions agreed:**

Update on planning application

**Update:**

There has been no further progress with the planning application since the last update. Note.

**12. Ref: 406013 – Arson damage to sports facilities, all wards - received 29.03.06**

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

Ken Richardson, Parks Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

**Issue:**

A resident asked why it takes the Council so long to repair arson damage to sports facilities. He referred to Mickleover pavilion and other recent examples at Sinfin and Alvaston. He considered that the loss of facilities to residents as well as the loss of income to the Council needs to be kept to a minimum. He considered that sprinkler systems should always be installed.

**Previous key points / action taken:**

New item.

**Response on 29 March 2006**

Nick O'Key from the Fire service confirmed that they always lobby and advise that sprinkler should be fitted but it is not a legal requirement.

Richard Smail explained that the delays in rebuilding the Mickleover pavilion were largely because the insurance payment for the original building was insufficient to pay for a modern replacement and it took time to find additional funding..

**Actions agreed:**

None.

**Update:**

The Director of Environmental Services will need to take advice from Property Services on the potential for fitting sprinkler systems in its sports pavilions.

With regards Alvaston and Sinfin Moor pavilions Property Services are in discussions with the City Council's insurance loss adjuster regarding agreement on the payments for the repairs to the buildings. Once agreement has been settled arrangements for the repair works can be made.  
Note.