

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.00pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
8 OCTOBER 2003**

Present: Councillor Gerrard (Chair)
Councillors Webb, P Hickson, Travis, Beech, Samra, Repton,
Baxter and Wilsoncroft

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Jason Spencer	- Principal Members Services Officer - Corporate Services
Nikki MacDonald	- Members Services Officer – Corporate Services
Dawn Dagley	- Parks Liaison Officer – Commercial Services
Peter Price	- Transport Policy Manager – Development and Cultural Services
Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Pete Matthews	- Derby Homes
Wendy Ball	- Derby Homes
Steve Walters	- Youth Service
Inspector Andy Stokes	- Derbyshire Constabulary

54 members of the public were in attendance.

14/03 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

15/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16/03 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the attendance list being amended to record Inspector Andy Stokes in attendance instead of Inspector Lindsey.

17/03 Terry Kelsall

The panel paid a silent tribute to Terry Kelsall of Mackworth who had recently passed away. The Chair commented on his valuable contribution to community work in Mackworth and that he would be sadly missed by many people in the area.

18/03 Update Report

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager introduced a report which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Portway School Crossing Patrol

It was noted that there had been a positive result as a zebra crossing would be provided at the location of the former school crossing patrol. An update would be given at the next meeting on progress made and the reasons for choosing a zebra crossing.

Ferrers Way, Duffield Road and Markeaton Street

It was confirmed that a traffic count on Ferrer's Way was being carried out with further traffic counts on Duffield Road and Markeaton Street. The results of the surveys would be reported back to the next meeting.

Litter in Broadway

It was reported that a letter had been sent to the Head Teacher and measures had been taken to improve litter in the area. A bin had been installed at Alstonfield Drive but there had been a few teething problems. Updates on the issue will be brought to a future meeting.

Kedleston Road Toilets

Councillor Hickson gave an update regarding the toilets at Kedleston Road. He had asked Officers to come forward with proposals to be presented to the Council Cabinet which included the demolition of the toilets on Kedleston Road. Progress would be reported to the panel following the next Council Cabinet meeting.

Five Lamps Junction – Rat Running

It was reported that alterations to the junction had improved the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. However, residents from the area did not feel that the problems with traffic had improved. They were informed that monitoring was being carried out and would continue. Any progress would be reported at future meetings.

Broadway Improvements

It was noted that progress would be reported to local residents in October.

Petition – Kedleston Road, Allestree – Proposed New Pelican and Cycle Crossing

It was reported that Officers had been asked to investigate this matter. The outcome of the review would be taken to a future Council Cabinet meeting and an update brought to the Area Panel when this had been completed.

Five Lamps Junction – Air Quality

It was reported that this area did not meet the pollution levels required to justify designation as an Air Quality Management area. It was noted

that the whole city was being monitored and the situation will be kept under review by the Environmental Health Division.

Parking on Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that surveys had been carried out at the end of July and did not show that all day parking was a problem. Councillor Baxter had suggested a second survey should be carried out. An update would be given on this at the next meeting.

Motorcycling in Public Open Space, Prince Charles Avenue

It was agreed that the issue of closing the gate at the back of the college needed to be chased up before the next meeting. It was noted that barriers around the greens in Mackworth were not a practical solution to this issue.

Car Park, Markeaton Park

Councillor Hickson reported that a budget submission for the cost of parking would be taken to a future Council Cabinet meeting and an update on the issue of parking would be given at a future Area Panel meeting.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

It was reported that there had been conflicting advice about yellow zig-zag lines outside the school from the Road Safety Officer and the Department for Transport. Bill Reed agreed to look into the matter and provide more information at the next Area Panel meeting.

State of Footpaths and Inadequate Lighting

Councillor Samra confirmed that a letter would be sent to the questioner to provide an update on progress with the trees. It was noted that work was being authorised and would take place following consultation.

Darley Park Litter

It was reported that the Council Cabinet would consider the provision of additional dog bins as part of the budget process. Updates on this would be given at future meetings of the panel.

Drug Dealing in Darley Abbey

It was noted that this situation was still under review, but there had been no reports of incidents recently.

Crossing, Mansfield Road

It was reported that flashing amber warning lights would be installed this financial year although no date had been finalised.

19/03 Public Question Time

Pavements – Peach Street, Staple Street, Brough Street

A member of the public raised concern over the drop between the pavement and the road which prevented car doors opening properly. This resulted in drivers parking further into the road and caused problems with traffic driving down the road. The Council had been contacted numerous times with no response. It was agreed that this would be investigated and feedback be provided at a future meeting.

Pavements – West End

It was commented that the pavements in this area were not level and were worse in wet weather as pedestrians were getting wet feet. There had been a walk round in the area but there had been no update on this. It was agreed that feedback would be given at a future meeting.

Parking Near Junctions – Brough Street, Campion Street, Slack Lane, Stanley Street and Cheviot Street

It was reported that there were a number of drivers parking right up to the corners of the streets which had caused problems including two crashes. It was asked if yellow lines and parking restrictions could be put back in place. Inspector Stokes reported that parking tickets are issued in the area but did not always act as a deterrent.

There was also a complaint about lorries driving down the streets which resulted in houses shaking. It was suggested that monitoring of speed as well as the number of cars parked near junctions be carried out in the area.

Resident Students

Members of the public raised concerns about students in the area causing nuisance. Complaints were made about noise, vandalism and rubbish being left on the streets after parties. The University would not address the situation at all, but it was suggested that Environmental Health could deal with some of the issues. It was agreed that an update would be provided on this matter at a future meeting.

Walking Routes into the City Centre

It was reported that footpaths into the City Centre were not that safe. One example was near the Seven Stars Public House where there were no kerbs and due to an uneven surface, flooded when it rained. It was suggested that this could be taken up as part of the Five Lamps and King Street Consultation. The second footpath mentioned was underneath St Mary's Bridge where the lighting and policing needed improving, with a surface crossing from the inner ring road to Queen Street. Inspector Stokes commented that there had also been additional robberies in the area and as a result, the number of police on duty had been increased. The subway underneath King Street was also mentioned as being unsafe.

Community Centre for Teenagers

A community centre was suggested due to the number of teenagers hanging around the streets, especially in the Cobden Street area. The

Police had been called a few times, but this had never had any effect. Councillor Wilsoncroft suggested looking at funding for the area and possibly setting up a small working group to consider the issues.

Knightsbridge Play Area – Seating

Although the Play Area had been funded recently, it was reported that there were no facilities for parents/guardians to sit down. It was explained that no more funding was available to install a bench, but it was suggested that the members of the public concerned should put in a funding application to the panel.

Disabled Person's Parking Provision – Windmill Hill Lane

A member of the public complained that as a disabled person, he could not park his car outside his house. It was suggested that he apply for a Disabled Parking Space. The Director of Development and Cultural Services would be asked to look at this issue following the meeting.

Bollard – Cross Street

Concern was raised over a bollard which needed to be replaced outside 15 Cross Street. It was noted that the Director of Development and Cultural Services would be asked to respond to the questioner directly.

20/03 Conservation Area Issues

Harry Hopkinson gave a presentation on his role as Conservation Officer. He gave details of the eight Conservation Areas within the Area Panel 5 area and of the World Heritage Site. He explained some of the issues facing these areas and also the heritage/tourism projects to be developed as part of the World Heritage Site. A booklet containing details of the City's Conservation Areas was offered to those present to provide more information.

He was asked over the future of St Helen's House as a Grade I listed building. He explained that the building was on the English Heritage Buildings at Risk Register and suggested it would be appropriate to carry out a feasibility study of future options and uses to identify potential sources of funding. It was also questioned how conservation issues were addressed within the planning system. He reported that all applications relating to listed buildings and Conservation Areas were referred to the Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

Resolved to note the presentation.

21/03 Petitions

There were no petitions.

22/03 Review of the Crossing Patrol Service

A report from the Directors of Development and Cultural Services and Commercial Services was considered which outlined changes to the operation of the school crossing patrol service. Issues were covered including operational difficulties such as staffing. There were currently 34 vacant sites but 23 others had other crossing facilities such as Pelican and Toucan crossings. Potential increases in the levels of sickness cover and mobile patrols were identified as improvements which would solve some of the problems.

It was anticipated that all the improvements suggested in the review would ensure a better service to meet the needs of parents, pupils and schools.

Resolved to note the report.

23/03 Zebra Crossing Near Portway Infant and Junior Schools

A report of the Assistant Director for Highways, Transportation and Waste Management was considered which outlined a proposal to provide a Zebra crossing at an existing school crossing patrol site on Birchover Way in Allestree. Approval had been given to the proposal at a meeting of the Council Cabinet on 5 August 2003. It was confirmed that work could commence in early 2004 subject to the outcome of consultation.

Resolved to note the proposal.

24/03 Review of Grass Cutting in Derby City

It was reported that the review was still in progress and members of the public were informed further about the aim of the review. They were then invited to call David Romaine, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, with any queries or information of where grass was not being cut.

Resolved to note the report.

25/03 Area Panel Budget Update

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which updated the Panel on the current position of Area 5's budget allocation and set out progress made on approved projects.

Resolved to note the report.

26/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered, which updated the Panel on the current position of Area Panel 5's budget allocation and details of applications received. Copies of the applications were attached to the report.

The Panel considered applications ward by ward.

Allestree Ward

Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association

An application for a grant of £4,000 for refurbishment of the school community lounge.

Darley Ward

Darley Abbey Community Association

An application to fund safety improvements to the front of Darley Abbey Village Hall. This application sought £3,500.

Walter Evans Primary School

An application for cycle storage was received. This application sought £1,224.

Options considered

The Panel considered the applications in line with the guidelines set out within the report. In deciding on the applications, the Panel assessed funding against its priorities.

Key Decisions

- 1 To defer the application from Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association to the next meeting.
- 2 To award a grant of £3,500 to Darley Abbey Community Association to improve the Darley Abbey Village Hall.
- 3 To award a grant of £124 towards cycle storage for Walter Evans Primary School.

Reasons

- 1 It was commented that Woodlands Community School also had a youth centre which was currently closed. The centre could be reopened and was considered a higher priority than the

refurbishment of the community lounge. The deferral of the application would allow for the panel to receive feedback on ongoing discussions regarding the youth centre.

- 2 The application to improve Darley Abbey Village Hall meets the criteria for Area Panel funding.
- 3 Although the application from Walter Evans Primary School meets the criteria for Area Panel funding, there would not be enough funds available from the Darley Ward area if the Village Hall was given a grant. This amount would be the remainder of the funding.

27/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Area Panel 5 would be held in the Darley Ward at West End Bowls Club, Markeaton Street at 7pm on Wednesday 10 December 2003.

MINUTES END