



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2 17 JANUARY 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

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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: Investigate and report back to a future meeting

Update: A report in response to the petition can be found in the papers for the meeting on 17 January in item 7c. The Alvaston Park Friends have submitted an application for funding to Area Panel 2. **Note.**

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, ☎ 715778

1.2 **Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School – 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. Since the submission of the petition, Councillor Banwait reported that there is now a 20mph speed limit and signs are to be erected.

Actions: Report back to the next meeting on the flashing 20mph signs.

Update: There have been some delays in getting the flashing 20 mph signs installed by the Electricity company, but have now been informed by the sub-contractor who is to install them that it will be done before the end of January. **Note and close.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, ☎ 715019

Merrill College, Jubilee Road, Shelton Lock, DE24 9FE ☎ 734500

Moorhead Primary School, Brackens Lane, Alvaston, DE24 0AN ☎ 571162

1.3 **Petition – Blocking either end of Bentley Street, Allenton – received 06.09.06**

Issue: A petition signed by 33 people was received requesting the one end of the street be permanently blocked off, due to the ongoing traffic problems faced on Bentley Street.

Actions: Investigate and report back in January 2007.

Update: Investigations and further consultation was carried out in December and therefore the analysis will not be completed in time to report back to the January 2007 meeting. We will report back to a future meeting. **Note.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.4 **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: To provide a report at the next meeting.

Update: A report in response to the petition can be found on the agenda for the meeting on 17 January 2007 in item 7b. **Note and close.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.5 Merrill School Bell Tower – received 08.11.06

Issue: A local resident asked what will happen to the Bell Tower at the Old Merrill School site. Her granddaughter had attended the school and many felt that this is something that should be retained.

Actions: Investigate and report back to clarify the position.

Update: Demolition of the Upper School buildings of Merrill College began at the end of September 2006, and was officially signed off as completed on 8 December 2006. This issue of the Bell Tower was received on 8 November 2006, by which time the Bell Tower would have been removed.

The demolition process was put in place as quickly as possible after the site had been vacated, in order to minimise the risks of intruders and vandalism to the site and surrounding residential areas. **Note and close.**

Further information: Mike Melliush, PFI Programme Manager, Corporate and Adult Social Services, ☎ 256522

1.6 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: Officers to respond and update the resident on progress.

Update: Future arrangements for the maintenance of this green space are currently being explored. The resident has been contacted. We are working with the local Ward Councillors and Councillor Chris Wynn to find funding for the ongoing maintenance of this area. If funding can be found for ongoing maintenance we will be consulting local residents. **Note and close.**

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

1.7 Bus stop and flooding on Crayford Road - received 08.11.06

Issue: A resident asked why the bus stop was moved from outside the Brackens to opposite the Chemist. It now causes severe problems for drivers trying to get out of the layby when a bus is opposite.

Actions: Agreed to provide an update on the following and respond directly to the resident.

- progress to resolve flooding
- position of bus stop

Update: We have resurfaced the parking bay outside the shops and the gully has been re-set which will prevent the flooding.

We have visited the site and spoken to local residents who are satisfied with the location of the bus stop. The bus stop was moved originally following requests from Councillors and residents. As a result of this investigation, the bus stop will remain in its existing location. A letter has been sent directly to the resident. **Note and close.**

Further information: Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community ☎715019

1.8 Field Lane Community Centre - received 08.11.06

Issue: A local resident who is on the User group committee was concerned about developments at Field Lane Community Centre. She stated that the existing Committee for the Centre had not been consulted when Enthusiasm was invited to use the community centre causing an existing group to lose their slot.

Actions: Officers to respond to the resident by letter and provide an update.

Update: Sarah Wheatley, Community Centre Liaison Officer, has written to the resident confirming the current situation regarding the Community Association committee responsibilities. The constitution that the community association adopted gives it the structure to enable it to take on some management responsibility of the centre but not the automatic right to make all decisions. The constitution is not a legal document in the same way that a lease or a management agreement is.

Field Lane community centre is managed by the Community Centre Liaison Team who are currently in the process of settling a varied programme of community usage for the centre. With assistance from Councillor Banwait and Councillor Jackson, the Judo Club has been successfully relocated into Noel Baker School. **Note and close.**

Further information: Sarah Wheatley, Community Centre Liaison Officer, Environmental Services, ☎715656

1.9 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.

Membership of CHTIWG is flexible but generally will include: all Chellaston Ward Councillors, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Planning or a representative, relevant officers from Highways and Transport, representatives from the community (this can include lead petitioners) and other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

Action: Report back when 2007/8 programme details are known.

Update: No new date has been arranged for the next meeting of the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group. Chellaston Councillors put the following issues forward for consideration. Issues 3,4 and 5 have been grouped as one issue by the Chellaston Councillors which gives Chellaston seven priorities, which are:

1. Parkway - suitable traffic calming (not road humps) and monitoring traffic speed
2. High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane - design and implement measures to reduce speeding
3. **Derby Road - consider relocating inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion
4. **Swarkestone Road - consider a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop to accommodate shop customers and buses
5. **Derby Road/High Street - consider relocating the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers
6. Junction of Derby Road/Station Road/High Street - Design and implement measures to reduce speeding
7. Derby Road - introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times

Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007.

Note.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.10 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: To provide an update on adoption of land to allow Area panel to consider whether to fund new dual purpose bins.

Update: No more information about progress to adopt the land. **Note and put into Outstanding issues table** until the land is adopted and the panel are able to make a decision.

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services ☎ 715778

1.11 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: The search for capital funding to build a new library is continuing.

Note and put into outstanding issues table until funding is identified.

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

1.12 Right of way, Woodminton Drive – received 06.09.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the ongoing dispute regarding the right of way on the canal path to Woodminton Drive, as it needs resurfacing. He stated that the area has a high water table, therefore after heavy rain and during the winter, the path is very muddy and disabled people were unable to use the path on their electric buggies. Three entrances have been barred by residents and have not cleared the area to allow access. The resident considered that the entire right of way needed to be resurfaced.

Action: To provide an update at the next meeting on the ownership of the .

Update: The sum of money we received from Cycling England was £1.5 million with contributory funding of £1.5 million coming from the Local Transport Plan - LTP and partners. The money is being spent on promotion, cycle storage and initiatives to get young people to cycle more and for the next 2 years a lot of LTP funding will support these initiatives.

Officers would like to improve the route from Woodminton Drive but there are several contentious and expensive problems which mean there are no plans to formalise the route:

- Route between the houses is very narrow for cyclists and pedestrians
- Route is presently a public footpath
- Route across the playing field is quite long and therefore would be expensive to construct
- The land becomes very water logged in the winter

The land has now transferred to Parks but with no maintenance budget attached so there is no money to complete any improvements. The access points to Woodminton Drive are official rights of way and officers are investigating the option of completely blocking or restricting the pathway in width so that only pedestrians can use them. **Note and put into outstanding issues table** until funding is identified.

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services ☎ 715778

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

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: Update on progress to resolve the issue.

Update: A report is being drawn up for consideration at the Planning and Transportation

Cabinet Member meeting for Councillor Wynn. The date is still to be confirmed and we will provide an update afterwards. **Note.**

Further information: Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station ☎ 290100.
Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.14 Bus route via Jubilee Road - received 08.11.06

Issue: A resident asked if there is the possibility of a change in the bus routes to enable a bus route to go via Jubilee Road as there will be a new housing estate being built on the school site.

Actions: To contact Arriva for the possibility of a change to the bus routes.

Update: Arriva are carrying out a whole scale review of all their services in Derby in 2007 to see if they are serving the right routes. As part of this they have agreed to look at the idea of a service along Jubilee Road. **Note and close.**

Further information: Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone ☎ 715045

1.15 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. A steering group has been established to act as a link between the community, Rolls Royce, the Council and other relevant organisations.

Action: To provide an update for the next meeting.

Update: Regular meetings of the Rolls Royce Consultation Steering Group are taking place. The membership currently includes local ward Councillors, Councillor Wynn, local residents, Rolls Royce, Council planning officers, Derby Homes and Housing Strategy and Development officers. More agencies and residents are being invited including English Partnerships. A newsletter informing local residents of progress and inviting residents to join the steering group is being distributed this month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 January.

The Rolls Royce (Nightingale Road) Steering Group is also now established to develop a long-term future for the marble hall. Both groups involve and include local residents. **Note and close.**

Further information:

Robert Orgill, Rolls Royce

Ken Whitehead, Chair, Osmaston Community Panel

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 provide an update at the next meeting to:

- why this is being considered as the only permanent site in Derby?
- What are the benefits to the local area of having a permanent site?
- Why have Council Tax payers been asked to pay £2,500 for the recent clean up?
- What has happened to the proposals arising from the previous consultation?

Update:

In relation to the points raised we can make the following comments on progress:

1) On 28 November 2006 Council Cabinet resolved to recover possession of the Glossop Street site including taking appropriate legal action if required.

2) In making this decision, and based on the consideration of all of the consultation responses received, Cabinet considered that the establishment of a permanent Traveller site on this land would be inappropriate.

3) Part of the Glossop Street Site was cleared by the Council in response to Public Health and safety concerns arising at the site, which had been brought to its attention by a number of surrounding residents, and which the Council had an obligation to address both as land owner as well as in the capacity of authority responsible for ensuring that those environmental/public health issues were dealt with.

4) The previous Consultation resulted in the majority of respondents requesting that a mixed housing scheme be provided on the Glossop Street site with housing and open space being provided on the nearby Cotton Lane site. Assuming the Council is successful in recovering possession of the site these proposals could be developed. These proposals were reliant upon Housing Corporation funding being available and they would again require financial support from the Housing Corporation, which would need to be secured.

This is a fast changing picture that is being dictated by the legal process. We will shortly be receiving expert legal advice, which is likely to give us a clearer understanding of the likely timescales involved in our subsequent Court action to seek to recover possession of this site. For this reason we will be in a better position to provide a full response at the next Area Panel 2 meeting in March 2007.

We have informed the lead petitioner of progress. **Note.**

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 stepping out from their front gates. At the meeting on 8 November, Sinfen Councillors included it on their list of priorities for the 2007/08 Highways and Transportation scheme.

Action: Provide update at the next meeting

Update: Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007. **Note.**

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 provide a report to a future meeting.

Update: A report in response to the petition can be found on the agenda for the meeting on 17 January 2007 in item 7a. **Note and close.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.19 Moorways Stadium, Sinfin - received 08.11.06

Issue: A local resident who uses the athletics facilities and is also a Member of the Youth Parliament for Derby City asked about the Moorways Stadium and wanted to know:

- What facilities are to be removed
- What facilities are to be kept at Moorways
- What will be put in place of Moorways in our area
- Why is Moorways to be changed at all, rather than renovated
- Who is to be responsible for any increase in anti social behaviour if housing is built

Action: Invite Councillor Graves, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services to respond directly to the resident.

Update: The resident contacted Councillor Graves directly and a detailed written response was provided. In summary the response outlined that:

- The athletics track will move to Kedleston Road and could include a new clubhouse, changing rooms and grandstand
- the life expectancy of the track at Moorways is about **four years**, there is no capital funding for repairs so there is a real risk that the track could close
- an improved sports centre and new swimming complex to be created at Moorways
- the Council will need to use capital from the disposal of land to invest in the existing facilities at Moorways and provide replacement facilities elsewhere.
- To suggest that if new housing is built it will create an increase in anti social behaviour is not justified. There is a shortage of affordable housing in Britain.

Note and close.

Further information: Councillor Graves ☎ 691512

1.20 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: Councillor Leeming to report back to a future meeting.

Update: Councillor Leeming to provide a verbal report at the meeting. **Note and put in outstanding issues table** until more information is available.

Further information: Councillor Leeming ☎ 756190

1.21 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 on outcomes of the Alleyways Working Group

Update: A report is being written for Cabinet to formalise and agree the process for closing alleyways using the powers available in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Feedback on the actions agreed at the October Alleyways Working group meeting are:

- a security audit of the property by the Baker Street to Shardlow Road alleyway has been completed
- In addition, feedback on actions relating to alleyways from Baker Street to Shardlow Road and Waldorf Close to London Road are
 1. the alleyways have a public right of way
 2. Streetcare have been contacted for information about inappropriate behaviour and they have provided no evidence of flytipping or inappropriate behaviour
 3. Police Community Support Officers have been tasked with additional patrols around the alleyways and to date they have reported no Anti Social Behaviour - ASB around the alleyways
 4. In December, more than 100 letters and reply paid envelopes were sent to residents in the areas around the two alleyways. The letter asked for residents to report all incidents of ASB to the ASB Team and as yet there has been no responses giving evidence of inappropriate activity.

A further meeting of the Alleyways Working Group will be arranged and the outcome of the report to Cabinet will be provided at a future meeting. **Note**

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

1.22 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: The Tree Management Working Group met on 4 January 2007 to consider tree issues raised within the area. Summary notes of the meeting are included in the Community Issues background information Appendix 2, which is available on the

Council's Management and Information System (CMIS) at www.derby.gov.uk.

The Area Panel Budget Proposals report includes the financial information in Appendix 4 on cosmetic tree management work proposals. **Note.**

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

1.23 Distribution of information – received 08.11.06

Issue: A resident asked why she receives different leaflets and information from the Council through her door, compared to a nearby friend.

Action: Respond to the resident by letter.

Update: A letter has been sent to the resident explaining that not all residents receive the same information at the same time because different services target different homes depending on the information being distributed. Some information is sent to every home such as Council Tax information, while other information is specific to certain homes such as the introduction of the Rethink Rubbish recycling scheme. **Note and close.**

Further information: Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Regeneration and Community, 📞 258505

1.24 Cycling in pedestrian area in City Centre, all wards - received 08.11.06

Issue: A resident asked why there is a proposal to allow cycling in pedestrian areas of the city centre from the Spot, through St Peter's Street to the Cathedral. There are many problems with cyclists using pavements. In response, Councillor Wynn reported that the trial would not take place.

Action: None agreed.

Update: The trial to allow cyclists to use the pedestrian area through the city centre will not take place. **Note and close.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, 📞 71 5019

1.25 Standard of footpath/highways inspections, all wards – received 08.11.06

Issue: A resident asked why obvious defects in footpaths, roads and edging stones are not listed and noted by Highway Inspectors when they complete their twice yearly footway inspections. The resident had requested a list of defects for 30 streets in his area from the relevant Highways Inspector. He stated that several roads were not listed as defects where tarmac is missing to a depth of greater than 25mm. He proposed to take photographs and measurements and send to officers.

Action: Investigate and respond directly to the resident.

Update: We met the resident on site on 20 November to discuss and respond to the issues of concern. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, 📞 71 5067

1.26 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre	Update on development proposals	March 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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None