



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 1**  
**7 JUNE 2006**

Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

## Area Panel 1 Community Issues Update Report

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1	<b>Item No</b>	<b>Issue title</b>	<b>Recommended panel action</b>
	Chaddesden ward		
	1.2	Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us	Note and put into outstanding issues
	Derwent ward		
	1.4	Croft Wood railway line improvements	Note and put into outstanding issues
	1.5	Youth activity in Derwent	Note and close
	Oakwood ward		
	1.6	Porters Lane footpath	Note and close
	1.7	Mobile phone mast	Note
	Spondon ward		
	1.8	Spondon Cemetery	Note and close
	1.9	Welcome to Spondon signs	Note and close
	1.10	Dangerous wall – Spondon Village Hall	Note

#### 1.2 **Ref: 106001 – Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us, Chaddesden – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident raised concerns about the main pedestrian crossing point from the Meadow Lane footbridge over the slip road off the A52 beside Toys R Us. Crossing this road is both time consuming and very dangerous with the volume of traffic throughout the day. It increases the difficulty for pedestrians and cyclists. The Panel were asked if a crossing point could be built near to the Fireplace Centre Shop.

**Action:** Update on safety scheme and crossing proposals

**Update:** The scheme has been approved in principle by Cabinet. The design will be completed in 2006/7, but we do not yet have any firm design details as yet to consult upon. When the details are known we will inform the local ward councillors.

Propose to note and put in outstanding issues table until more information becomes available.

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

**1.3 Ref: 106007 – Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent – received 11.01.06**

**Issue:** A resident reported that the Croft Wood area still suffers from use by off road motorbikes even after the efforts put in by the Police and other partners over the past 15 months. While enforcement measures still need to be planned, he suggested that a longer term solution could rest with reclaiming the area as an amenity for local residents and walkers. He asked if members of the area panel would work with local residents to achieve this.

**Action: None.**

**Update:** John Holmes from the County Council has confirmed that the purchase of the land along the old railway route from the City Boundary to Ilkeston is a County Council priority. This will allow a surfaced cycle route to be installed. The County Council aim to complete the purchase of the necessary land from a variety of existing landowners during 2006/7. The County Council aim to produce detailed costings for the first phase of scheme from the Paddock Public House to Breadsall village in 2007. The scheme will include the installation of access controls along the route.

Once the County Council has secured a continuous route north of the city then Derby Parks would work with local residents, other City Council Departments and the County Council to move the project forward, subject to staff resources and work priorities at the time.

Propose to note and put in outstanding issues table until more information is available.

**Further information:**

Andrew Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715547

**1.4 Ref: 106012 – Youth activity in Derwent. – received 08.03.06**

**Issue:** A local resident asked the Derwent Councillors about facilities for young people in Derwent and what ideas they have to tackle issues.

**Action:** In addition to the variety of activities listed by the local ward Councillors at the meeting on 8 March, what other activities and facilities are available for young people in the area.

**Update:** The Derwent Youth Project arranges a number of activities for young people in the area. This included an Easter programme with sports, rock climbing and arts and craft activities working with Sporting Futures and the Youth Inclusion Project.

The Senior Youth Night is at Derwent Youth Centre, for those 13 years old and over, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7pm to 9.30pm.

Derwent Youth Alliance meets every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. This group is made up of young people who are currently working on another film project.

A Youth Gym for 14 to 16 year olds runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm in the Gateway Centre. A Girls Group run by Sporting Futures meets every Monday evening from 5pm to 7pm. Propose to close

**Further information:**

Michele Campbell, Derwent Community Team, telephone 385321

**1.5 Porters Lane footpath maintenance, Oakwood – received 07.09.05**

**Issue:** A resident asked who is responsible for maintaining the footpath that leads onto the top of Porters Lane. She explained that it is overgrown and that the lights are not working.

**Action:** Work had been delayed because of tree preservation orders. To confirm that the work is now completed.

**Update:** The cutting back of overgrown vegetation has now been completed. Propose to close.

**Further information:**

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

**1.6 Mobile phone mast, Oakwood – received 02.11.05**

**Issue:** A member of the public raised concern about a proposed Vodafone mobile phone mast on Bishops Drive that was close to a children's nursery and a doctors' surgery. She asked that Councillors support local residents and reject the planning application. A previous mast in the Oakwood area had resulted in a 700 signature petition but it had been too late to prevent the mast being agreed. She informed the meeting of a drop in meeting to be held on 10 November at Springwood Leisure Centre between 3.30pm and 7.30 pm which Vodafone were attending to answer residents' questions.

**Action:** Update on any proposals to install a mast.

**Update:** No formal prior notification has been received by the planning section.

**Further information:**

Councillor Smalley, Oakwood, telephone 833250

John Stewart, Principal Planner, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255934

**1.7 Ref: 105027 – Spondon Cemetery, Spondon – received 07.09.05**

**Issue:** A resident was concerned about the gravestones that have been lain down by the Council over the past few days in September. He considered that the workmen who tested the gravestones had shaken them too hard and that it was unnecessary to lay down gravestones that are less than 3 feet tall. He was unhappy that there had been no notification about the work and thought vandals had damaged the gravestones until he saw a small note left by the workmen.

Stabilising/temporarily re-fixing memorials in Nottingham Road Cemetery completed and moving onto Spondon cemetery.

**Action:** Update on work at Spondon cemetery.

**Update:** We aim to start and complete the work to stabilise/temporarily re-fix memorials in Spondon cemetery in June. Work has been delayed because staff have been completing the health and safety railing checks for parks in the city.

Propose to close.

**Further information:**

### **1.8 Welcome to Spondon signs, Spondon – received 02.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident asked what had happened to the Welcome to Spondon road signs, which had been replaced with signs saying 'City of Derby Twinned with Osnabruck'. He would like to see the Welcome to Spondon signs reinstalled, with 'Winners of Britain in Bloom' included if possible.

**Action:** Update on installation of signs.

**Update:** The three signs have now been installed. Propose to close

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

### **1.9 Dangerous wall – Spondon Village Hall, Spondon – received 02.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the dangerous wall at the rear of Spondon Village Hall and asked the panel who it belonged to and what was happening with it.

**Action:** Update on progress.

**Update:** There was a delay sending out the tenders for the works. They are now due back by the end of May. Officers are chasing up the information requested from residents, as this has not all been received yet. A party Wall Surveyor will be appointed to advise on the repair works and how the costs should be apportioned.

A letter was sent at the end of May to the residents adjoining the wall inviting them to a meeting on Wednesday 14 June at 6pm in the village hall. Ward Councillors and a representative from Spondon Community Association have also been invited. The meeting is to consider the options following which there will be wider consultation on the preferred option.

**Further information:** Chris Edwards, Assistant Director - Property Services, Chief Executive's, telephone 255070

### **1.10 Outstanding issues**

None.

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Area Panel 1 community issues update report, background information 7 June 2006 on Council Management Information System
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None