



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 1
7 MARCH 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 1 Community Issues Update Report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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	1.11	Getting older people fit and healthy, all wards	Note and close
	1.12	Outstanding issues	None

1.2 Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent – received 11.01.06

Issue: A resident reported that the Croft Wood area suffers from use by off road motorbikes even after the efforts put in by the Police and other partners. Enforcement measures still need to be planned, but 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: Update on progress to develop the route as a cycling route to link with existing cycling routes in the city

Update: The County Council Officer Working Party tasked with delivering this route has reconvened. Derbyshire County Council has completed purchase of the land from ONYX. The first meeting was held in December 2006. Derbyshire County Council is addressing some of the liabilities on the site this year in 2007. A detailed encroachment plan is being prepared for Breadsall. Derbyshire Consulting Engineers are preparing a costed scheme of works ahead of submission for Planning. The costed scheme will look at links to Oakwood, Little Eaton and Derby College. **Note**

Further information: John Holmes, Derbyshire County Council, telephone 01629 580000

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

1.3 Petition - Purchase of land on Kinross Avenue, Derwent – received 10.01.07

Issue: A petition was submitted to the panel asking for support to allow a resident to retain a fence built on land between their property and a footpath. The lead petitioner informed the panel that an application to purchase the land had been made but prior to completion of the land purchase a fence had been constructed on the land. The resident was now being asked to move the fence however the petitioners considered the fence made the area safer.

Action: Councillor Redfern to liaise with the resident.

To ask officers to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Update: This issue is currently being investigated as part of an existing complaint and will be allowed to run its due course before a response is reported back to the meeting. From a planning aspect, the matter is more one of the incorporation of land into a residential curtilage. The occupier of the house adjoining the land has been advised to make an application for planning permission. This may have been received by the date of the Area panel 1 meeting on 7 March. If such an application is successful it would be appropriate for the land to be sold. Councillor Redfern has been in contact with the lead petitioner. **Note.**

Further information: Nick Keene, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255840

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

1.4 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. It had been reported that the Council completed a boundary wall inspection in 2004 and this wall was identified as being potentially dangerous and was fenced off. Due to the historic importance of the site, remedial works will reinstate the wall to its original appearance. Discussions have started with all property owners adjoining the wall over any split of the cost of the works. A meeting was held on 14 July with the residents.

Action: To update on progress.

Update: Officers are now treating the project as three separate projects. The southern boundary, which affects two residents, is a party wall and the Council will joint fund repair works planned to start in next few weeks. The western boundary, which affects four residents, is the subject of continued negotiations about responsibility, but work is planned for summer 2007. The northern boundary, which affects two residents, is considered not in need of urgent repair work, and will be considered for work after the completion of phase 2. Discussions and communication with individual residents are being maintained and Local ward Councillors will be kept informed of progress. **Note and close.**

Further information: Chris Edwards, Assistant Director - Property Services, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255070

1.5 Spondon Alcohol Restricted Zone – received 01.11.06

Issue: A resident, representing Vancouver neighbourhood Watch, asked why the existing Alcohol Free Zone - AFZ cannot be extended to south of the A52 road when funds are made available. He felt that groups of young people, up to 20 at a time,

gather in the area around Vancouver Avenue and no action is taken to stop them drinking alcohol.

Action: Update from Police on review of Section 30 order.

Update: The Police have reviewed the Spondon Section 30 order and have decided not to continue it at this time because there are just not the incidents or calls for service to justify it. The Police have met with and explained the position to the Spondon Councillors who would like the Section 30 order to continue. The Police report that the public perception is often very different to what is actually happening and therefore an article will be included in the Council newsletter to explain what other methods of policing are used and what other operations are currently ongoing in the area. The Police have confirmed that should incidents in the Spondon area become a problem again they will reconsider the Section 30 order.

Residents are encouraged to report all incidents to the Police on 0845 123 333.

The Council confirms that there is no funding currently available to introduce any more AFZ areas. **Note and close.**

Further information: Stuart Leslie, Chief Legal officer, Corporate and Adult Social Services, telephone 255450. Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

1.6 Petition - Traffic Solutions for Chapel Street, Spondon – received 01.11.06

Issue: A petition was presented, containing 308 signatures, requesting a feasibility study to try and find solutions to the traffic problems facing Chapel Street, Spondon. Photographs were attached showing the narrow section of Chapel Street at the eastern end near the White Swan, where there is either no footway or just a narrow footway that is regularly overrun by large vehicles. Problems at the western end of Chapel Street were also highlighted particularly associated with parking and the School Run, highlighting areas of footway that are overrun by vehicles.

Action: Report back on the outcome of the decision for the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme

Update: A report appears elsewhere on the agenda, which outlines the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme as agreed by Council Cabinet on the 20 February 2007. The report states there will be an investigation, design and consultation in 2007/08. **Note and close.**

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

1.7 Environmental issues in Spondon, Spondon – received 10.01.07

Issue: A resident reported that graffiti, dog fouling and litter were becoming a problem in the Spondon area. He asked what could be done to try and prevent the problems escalating. He specifically referred to the need to clear up the alleyway between Arnhem Terrace and Nottingham Road where the trees also make it difficult to access. He explained that he is aware that incidents need reporting.

Action: None.

Update: The Street Cleansing teams have been made aware that there are problems with litter, dog fouling and graffiti in the area. The Street Cleansing teams work in partnership with the Police and the Anti-Social Behaviour team to tackle persistent graffiti offenders. All residents are encouraged to report issues to Derby Direct on

01332 255260.

Environmental Services have visited the site and will get the low obstructing growth from the trees removed, however the council owned trees are only part of the problem. Private hedges and vegetation is also affecting the footpath and the local residents who own the vegetation are responsible for making sure that their vegetation does not impede people using the highway including this alleyway. The Highways section has been asked to issue notices requesting that the owners remove vegetation that impedes the highway. **Note and close.**

Further information: Malcolm Price, Waste Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716350

Craig Keen, Anti-Social behaviour Team leader, Community Safety partnership, telephone 255840

John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 715485

1.8 Footways and roads around Spondon, Spondon – received 10.01.07

Issue: A resident complained about the state of the pavement along the east side of Locko Road from 134 Locko Road to Sancroft Road. There are no dropped kerbs, no white lines and no cats eyes. He asked if action could be taken to provide them.

Action: Councillor Poulter to meet the resident

Officers to respond to request for cats eyes.

Update: Councillor Poulter met with the resident about the pavement on his side of Locko Road. Its general condition has been improved in part by works associated with the new cricket ground and is in no worse state of repair than others in the vicinity. A longer discussion took place regarding road safety issues on Locko Road adjacent to the entrance to the farm at Locko Park. This is outside the City boundary and Councillor Poulter is working directly with the resident and the County council to identify the options available.

Highways inspectors have contacted the resident directly and have raised orders to replace the missing and damaged cats eyes on Acorn Way. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.9 Knee high railings on Dale road, Spondon – received 10.01.07

Issue: A resident reported that the railings and wooden posts outside the shops at 111 to 121 Dale Road are broken or missing. It is possible that one of the railings was used to damage windows of the local Spondon Saddlery business. He asked that the posts and railings are repaired.

The drain outside the tanning studio on Sitwell Street was blocked.

Action: To investigate the railings and report back.

To investigate progress on clearing the drain and report back.

Update: Highways officers have responded directly to the resident. Orders have been raised to repair the railings by the end of February. The drain has been jetted but more work is needed with a CCTV camera to investigate the causes and determine if further work is needed. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.10 Ref: 107002 – Petition – Damage to Tiled Kerbs on Charterhouse Close, Breadsall Hilltop, Oakwood – received 10.01.07

Issue:

A petition that had been submitted to the Council in November 2006 was presented to the meeting requesting action to replace the badly worn kerb tiles that run along the road edge and were installed in the 1980's. The cracked tiles have resulted in pieces of tiles being scattered on the road and lawns. The lead petitioner asked that the appropriate action is taken to replace them as soon as possible.

Action: Officers to investigate and to report back to the next meeting.

Update: A report responding to the petition appears elsewhere on the agenda and reports that the kerbing work on Charterhouse Close was included in the list of potential highway maintenance schemes for 2007/08. It was approved by Council Cabinet and it is envisaged that work will be carried out during summer 2007. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.11 Ref: 107005 – Getting older people fit and healthy, all wards – received 10.01.07

Issue: A resident asked if a presentation could be made to the area panel at a future meeting to update on progress and plans to get older people fit and healthy in mind and body.

Action: To invite speakers to attend the next meeting to update on activity to get older people fit and healthy.

Update: A letter has been sent to the resident confirming there will be a presentation at the meeting on 7 March.

Tracy McDonnell from Environmental Services will lead the presentation at the meeting on 7 March with input from other projects/activities taking place in area 1 including Laura Ludlow from the PCT. **Note and close.**

Further information: Tracey McDonnell, Principal Development Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 715659

1.12 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
None		

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 1 community issues update report, background information 7 March 2007 on Council Management Information System
List of appendices:	None