

Time commenced : 6.30 pm  
Time finished : 9.10 pm

**AREA PANEL 4 (LITTLEOVER, MICKLEOVER and BLAGREAVES  
WARDS)**

**17 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present: Councillor Carr (Chair)  
Councillors Allen, Care, Jones, Marshall and Troup

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Andy Morgan	Landscape & Development Officer
Gemma Barlow	Constitutional Services Officer
Sergeant Andy Picken	Derbyshire Constabulary
Richard Smail	Area Panel Manager
Rachel Levy	Constitutional Services Assistant
Julie Eyre	Local Manager – Derby Homes

49 members of the public were in attendance.

## **22/04 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hird, Skelton and Winter

## **23/04 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Allen declared a personal prejudicial interest in minute number 26/04 – update number 18 as he was a share holder of the company installing the mast.

## **24/04 Late Items Introduced By The Chair**

There were no late items.

## **25/04 Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 4 held on 29 September 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **26/04 Update on Progress Regarding Community Issues Raised at the Area Panel Meeting**

### **Replacement of Vicarage Road park Pavilion**

It was reported that the planning application had been considered at the Planning Control Committee on 28 October 2004. The application was deferred to allow Members to hold a visit to the site.

Councillor Troup asked if the new building would have a sprinkler system?  
Andy Morgan responded that the building would be an upgraded specification and so would not require a sprinkler system

Geoff Smout considered that the constitution for the pavilion had been ratified to fully meet with the Councils requirements for the pavilion to go ahead.

### **Parking and Traffic at Local Schools**

A member of the public asked why the footpath to Willson Avenue had been upgraded?

Councillor Troup responded that as the footpaths would be used by both pedestrians and cyclist it needed to be upgraded to 3.5 metres wide.

### **Alcohol Free Zone in Mickelover**

A member of the public asked if the Council could use powers through the Licensing Act 2003 to refuse licenses for alcohol in Alcohol Free Zones?  
It was noted that although suggestions could be taken back to the Licensing Section, the consultation period for the new Liquor Licensing regime had ended.

### **Speeding, Blagreaves Lane/Stenson Road**

It was reported that the Council's Accident Investigation Team had completed a review of Blagreaves Lane and The Hollow from Hillsway to Stenson Road.

A member of the public asked if road safety cameras would be included to reduce speed on Blagreaves Lane?

Sergeant Andy Picken responded that no decision had been made to have permanent cameras, but mobile ones would be in place.

### **Agreed to report on the results of the investigation and the possibility of installing permanent cameras.**

### **Post Office Closures – Normanton Lane**

A member of the public asked if the post box outside the post office would be removed after its closure?

Richard Smail responded that the post box would probably have to be removed when the post office closed as the land outside would be privately owned – unless the new owner gave permission for it to remain.

### **Road Safety – Havenbault Lane, Littleover**

A petition was received requesting the introduction of a traffic calming scheme on Havenbault Lane.

Members of the public asked what was being done about the speed of traffic and what measures were being enforced. It was considered that traffic was at its worst at school start and finish times. It was asked if figures were available relating to the amount of road use.

It was requested that the Police and Officers walk the Lane with residents to help them see the extent of the problems.

Andy Picken reported that Officers were on the beat in the Blagreaves Lane/Stenson Road on 16 November and were targeting the area whenever possible. He agreed to arrange for beat officers to meet with residents and walk the roads.

Councillor Allen reported that he had approached Inspector Parkin regarding issues raised including speed, the use of mobile speed cameras and heavy goods vehicles using the roads.

He confirmed that heavy goods vehicles had a right to use the roads if they were accessing properties, including Tesco.

**Agreed to report back on figures relating to road use and its speed.**

**Agreed to meet with local residents to walk the roads.**

#### **Bus Services, Arriva**

A member of the public asked for clarification that they would need to write to Leeds to complain about the bus services.

It was confirmed that the Traffic Commissioner oversaw all local bus operations. Councillor Carr reported that since the bus companies had been deregulated, the Council had no control over the buses or to make them respond to any letters.

#### **Signpost Centre**

A member of the public asked if Sure Start were part of the Council and expressed concerns that the Centre was still unused and rent was being paid.

Councillor Allen responded that Sure Start were in partnership with the Council.

**Agreed to find out who was paying rent on the property.**

#### **Petition – Bendall Green Play Area**

Andy Morgan gave an update on the issues surrounding Bendall Green. He confirmed projects would include a refurbished play area and short section footpath linking Bendall Green to Grovebury Drive. He reported that the total cost of the project was estimated to be £87,000.

Funding secured included:  
£25,000 Derby City Council Capital  
£17,000 Swarkestone Drive Section 106  
£15,000 Children's Hospital Section 106  
£4,000 Derby Homes  
£3,000 Bendall Green Action Group.

The deficit in funding was therefore £23,000. The date for tender return for the contract was 22 November. Once these had been returned and it had been established what funds would be available, it could be decided how much of the scheme could go ahead.

It was expected that the scheme would commence in January 2005, with the aim to complete by March 2005.

A member of the public asked how much 3 lampposts and a set of goal posts would cost?

Andy Morgan responded that, as an estimate, 3 lampposts would cost £5-6,000 and goal posts £1,000. He confirmed that the residents of Bendall Green had specifically asked for the goalposts to be removed.

A member of the public asked how much of the Section 106 funding for Swarkestone Drive had been allocated for Bendall Green and how much would be used for Heatherton Community Centre.

Councillor Carr responded that approximately £45,000 of the Swarkestone Drive Section 106 funding had been allocated to Heatherton Community Centre.

## 27/04 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

### **Area Panel agenda**

A member of the public asked why the Area Panel agendas were no longer free in advance of the meeting?

Councillor Carr responded that a motion would be presented to Full Council on 24 November 2004 to reconsider the decision. Charging for Area Panel agendas brought them into line with charging for other agenda papers from the Council.

Councillor Carr reminded members of the public that agenda papers were available on the internet.

**Agreed to update on the issue after the meeting of Full Council on 24 November 2004.**

### **Traffic - Old Hall Road and Hollow**

A member of the public raised concerns about the amount and speed of traffic on Old Hall Road and the Hollow. He considered that the problems would increase when the new properties were developed on Thornhill Road. It was considered that the problems were heightened by the lack of parking facilities for the school. It was asked if any traffic calming measures such as speed humps, chicanes or speed cameras, could be implemented in the area to help combat the problems. It was requested that a traffic management survey be carried out.

Councillor Care responded that safer routes to school was taking place in the area and the Council were working with the surrounding schools to raise awareness.

**Agreed to report on options available for traffic calming measures.**

### **Fence Repairs – Blagreaves Lane/Trent Drive**

A member of the public commented that she had been on a Derby Homes walkabout around the estate in the last year, which was attended by Councillors Troup and Crosby. During the walkabout a fence in need of repair was identified, but no work had yet been done.

Julie Eyre from Derby Homes explained that the walkabouts were intended to highlight improvements needed which would then go into the City Housing Improvement Plan. The bid for this area would be submitted by Littleover Community Panel for the 2005/06 budget.

**Agreed to find out if the fence identified was included in the Littleover Community Panel bid.**

### **Benches for Sunnydale Park**

A member of the public asked when the 2 benches, that had been purchased with Area Panel funding would be installed?

Richard Smail that the position of the benches was being considered during a wider scheme of work on the park.

**Richard Smail to update on the installation of the benches.**

### **Fly tipping – Field Rise**

A member of the public raised concerns about fly tipping at the recycling site on Highfield Road off Field Rise, Littleover.

**Agreed to investigate the site.**

### **Roadworks – Stenson Road**

A member of the public raised concerns about the continuing road works on Stenson Road.

Councillor Care suggested that there was a possibility of new regulations being introduced that would allow the Council to place a charge on utility companies that use the road for longer than arranged.

**Agreed to investigate how long it was anticipated the road works would last.**

### **Motorbikes using Bus Lanes**

A member of the public asked if there was a possibility that regulations would be introduced that would allow motorcycles to use bus lanes?

**Agreed to investigate the possibility of introducing the regulations.**

### **Kerb Repairs – Charnwood Avenue**

A member of the public asked when the repairs would be done to the kerbs on Charnwood Avenue?

Councillor Care responded that it was anticipated that the work would be completed by the end of March 2005.

## **28/04     Petitions**

### **To receive new petitions**

#### **Petition requesting a traffic calming scheme on Havenbault Lane**

A new petition was presented requesting a traffic calming scheme on Havenbault Lane.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting.**

## **29/04     New City Park Proposals**

Andrew Morgan gave a presentation on the proposals for a new city park. He outlined what constituted a city park. It was noted that Derby currently had two city parks – Markeaton and Allestree Parks.

It was reported that the new city park would be approximately 46 hectares in area. Some of the land planned for the park had already been acquired, however the rest of the site still remained under private ownership as farmland.

It was proposed that the project would commence in early 2005 to plan what needs to be done to deliver the new park. The work would involve:

- Setting up a 'Friends Group' to work with Derby City Parks on drawing up plans for the park and on ideas on how the park is to be managed
- Carrying out consultation with local people on what sort of park should be provided and the type of facilities wanted
- Identifying and applying for funding to purchase the farmland and lay out the park
- Negotiations with landowners to purchase the land needed for the park.

It was hoped that a meeting of the 'Friends Group' would be held early 2005.

A member of the public asked what would happen to the existing park by Blagreaves Lane – St George V?

Andy Morgan responded that parks surrounding the new park would remain as public open space but would link to Derby City Park.

A member of the public asked what would happen if there was opposition from the owners of the private land surrounding the proposed park?

Andy Morgan responded that whilst negotiation would be preferred, a compulsory purchase order could be imposed on private landowners. He explained that the park would require £1.5 – 2 million to obtain all of the facilities, that would be found from external Section 106 Agreement funding.

## 30/04 Skateboard Facility in Littleover

Andrew Morgan gave a brief presentation following a request via a petition, for a skateboard park in Littleover. He reported that similar requests were becoming more common and the Council were committed to providing the facilities wherever possible.

He considered that there had been a lot of opposition to the areas proposed, which meant that teenagers were missing out on a much needed facility. It was reported that the Parks section would be producing guidelines on the approach to be taken. In order to select sites consideration would be given to need, size and impact. The proposals would be presented to Council Cabinet for approval, then be subject to a full consultation exercise and finally a site could be chosen. He reported that the Section would be working on the guidelines over the next 2 months, with the aim to gain approval in the new year.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

## 31/04 Proposed Extension to Controlled Airspace at Nottingham East Midlands Airport

Neil Robinson from Nottingham East Midlands Airport gave a presentation that gave a background to the airport, the change of proposals and the management of aircraft noise.

He reported that there are 3 main types of air traffic:

- Low-cost scheduled services e.g. BMI Baby, Easy Jet and Ryanair
- Charter Services
- UK hubs for DHL, UPS, TNT and Royal Mail

The proposals were to:

- Expand airspace in Nottinghamshire/Leicestershire
- Relieve congestion – safety, efficiency and noise
- Make aircrafts higher and quieter
- Consult until 10 January 2005.

It was proposed that areas would be over flown by westerly and easterly aircrafts at 7-9000ft – westerly and 6-8000 feet easterly, using a continuous descent approach; therefore the aircrafts would be higher and quieter.

It was anticipated that noisy aircrafts would phased out, by working with airlines to introduce new quieter aircrafts. Noise levels would also be decreased by the following:

- Noise preferential routings
- Noise penalty schemes
- Noise abatement procedures
- Sound insulation grant scheme

A member of the public asked why the Council had been refused a seat on the East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Forum?

Neil Robinson responded that the Forum had decided to keep themselves independent and felt that if one Council was represented then others' requests could not be refused.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

## 32/04 Aircraft Noise – a residents perspective

David Purdy, a member of the public gave a presentation in response to the issues around aircraft noise affecting south west Derby and the proposed extension to controlled airspace.

He considered that aircraft noise impacted on sleep and contributed to stress and therefore stronger noise measures needed to be imposed.



He reported that Derby City Council had submitted an application to the East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Forum supported by 3 MP's. Membership on the forum had been considered on 3 separate occasions, but had been refused as they were already a member on the Strategic Development Forum.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

### **33/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05**

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of Area Panel funding still available for 2004/05. The total budget remaining was £7568. No new applications for funding had been received.

### **34/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at Silverhill Primary School, Mickleover, Derby on Wednesday 19 January 2005 at 6.30pm