



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 1**  
**1 NOVEMBER 2006**

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

## Area Panel 1 Community Issues Update Report

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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	1.2	Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us, Chaddesden	Note and close
	1.3	Petition - Eardley Close vehicle access, Chaddesden	Note and close
	1.4	Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent	Note
	1.5	Bus shelters on Scarborough Rise, Derwent	Note and close
	1.6	Dropped kerbs by da Vinci Community College entrance, Derwent	Note and close
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	1.8	Recycling Batteries, all wards	Note and close
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#### 1.2 Pedestrian crossing request by Toys R Us, Chaddesden – received 11.01.06

**Issue:** The main pedestrian crossing point from the Meadow Lane footbridge is 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.

Councillor Bolton had reported that plans had been drawn up.

**Action:** Update on progress.

**Update:** The pedestrian crossing on Pullman Way/Wyvern Way/A52 slip road westbound is on the 2006/07 highways and transport work programme and will be completed prior to the end of March 2007. Note and close.

**Further information:**

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

#### 1.3 Petition - Eardley Close vehicle access, Chaddesden - received 06.09.06

**Issue:** A petition of 78 names was submitted in August 2006 requesting that the Council does not permit vehicular access to the rear garden of 21 Springfield Road. The petition outlined that Mr and Mrs Warner had erected a fence together with some shrubs at the rear of 21 Springfield Road and had maintained it for a number of years.

They asked that the fence be allowed to remain and vehicle access denied.

**Action:** The Area Panel supported the action proposed to serve a notice requiring the removal of the fence and shrubs.

**Update:** Officers have continued to communicate with the lead petitioner and a notice was served under Section 143 of the Highways Act requiring the removal of the fence, and under Section 141 for removal of the shrubs by 18 October. The resident has now indicated that they will be removing the fence and shrubs. Note and close.

**Further information:**

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

#### **1.4 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.

Agreed that all three Derwent Councillors would support residents to take the idea forward. The County Council has been trying for some years to create a surfaced path along this stretch of the old railway, eventually linking to Ilkeston. The stumbling block on the first section has been the ownership of a short section of the track, just north of Croft Wood by Leigh Environmental, now Onyx.

**Action:** Update on any more progress.

**Update:** Councillor Rawson has received copies of the plan indicating the proposed cycle route and has forwarded copies to the Derwent and Oakwood Councillors and the resident who is representing the local residents views. Council officers have also received copies of the plan and been asked for their views on local links.

The planned work has been brought forward because the County Council has successfully purchased part of the route, near to Breadsall village, from Onyx. The whole route from Ilkeston to the Paddock Public House is now in council ownership and County Council Engineers have now walked the route and a costed scheme is being put together.

The County Council aims to start the scheme next financial year to improve the path along the first section from the Paddock Pub to Breadsall. Note.

**Further information:**

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

#### **1.5 Bus shelters on Scarborough Rise, Derwent - received 06.09.06**

**Issue:** A resident asked if two new bus shelters could be provided on Scarborough Rise at the existing bus stops adjacent to the Coniston Crescent junction and the Horncastle Road junction.

**Action:** To investigate with the Public Transport Unit and report back.

**Update:** There is no funding available this financial year as we are already committed to installing 20 new shelters city wide before March 2007. The request has been

included in the list for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme. This isn't a guarantee that we would install the shelters at this location. The final programme for 2007/08 highways and transport schemes will be presented to Cabinet for approval in February 2007. Once the final programme is approved, we will provide a further report to the area panel outlining the schemes that will be delivered in their local area during 2007/08. Investigations would need to be carried out to determine whether the sites were suitable and that there was no major opposition from other residents whose properties faced them. Note and close.

**Further information:** Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

**1.6      Dropped kerbs by da Vinci Community College entrance, Derwent - received 06.09.06**

**Issue:** A resident commented that there was now a 3 inch height difference between the pavement and the resurfaced entrance to da Vinci Community College. There had been dropped kerbs in place and because they had not been replaced it was now very difficult to access the pavement.

**Action:** To investigate and request the contractors make good the pavement immediately.

**Update:** The entrance to the new school has been re-kerbed and tarmaced. The road to the school is basecoursed only and still needs a surfacing layer. When this has been done, the kerb height will be reduced. The surfacing will be carried out in the October half term.

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

**1.7      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 contact the resident who had received no information and to update on progress.

**Update:** Officers have spoken to the resident who had not received any information since 15 July.

The Council has not yet received confirmation of ownership from all of the adjoining owners. From the information supplied it would appear that the southern boundary is a party wall and the Council will joint fund either repair works or a new fence. Officers have written to those residents in October to set out the relative costs of the options to enable consensus to be reached on which option to progress. The work can then start.

The western boundary, rear of car park, is less clear cut. It appears at this stage that the wall is probably the residents' responsibility. Again, officers have written to the residents in October to seek clarification and then the Council will need to take a view on how to protect users on the Council side. Note.

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

### 1.8 Recycling Batteries, all wards - received 06.09.06

**Issue:** A resident commented that there appear to be no arrangements in place to recycle batteries like torch batteries. When he rang the Council hotline he was informed to put them in his black bin and considers that this is in conflict with the Council's recycling ambitions. He asked if the panel was aware of the lack of arrangements for battery recycling.

**Action:** To update on current Council procedures to recycle batteries such as torch batteries.

Richard Smail to inform the resident directly about the existing procedures.

**Update:** The Council has a statutory target to recycle 30% of its domestic waste. We have implemented the kerbside recycling scheme to 12 of our 15 domestic refuse rounds, the final three rounds being included next year to help to achieve this target. As part of the Derbyshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy we are aiming to recycle a minimum of 45% with a target of 55% no later than 2020. It can therefore be seen that the Council is committed to recycling and initially implementing the current kerbside scheme to all properties to exceed the 30% target.

The Council will then pursue working on other material recycling - such as batteries - and waste minimisation projects to achieve the longer term targets.

Batteries are hazardous, but are not counted as hazardous waste when disposed of in small quantities in a domestic wheeled bin and they can still be sent to landfill. Note and close.

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

### 1.9 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
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 1 November 2006 on Council Management Information System
<b>List of appendices:</b>	None