

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30 pm
Time finished : 9.15 pm

AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 16 MARCH 2005

Present: Councillor Blanksby (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Chera, H S Dhamrait, Graves,
Jackson, Leeming, Tittley, Turner, Willitts and Wynn

In attendance: Councillor Ahern

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary:

Faye Brown	-	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Mike Melliush	-	PFI Programme Manager
Peter Price	-	Transport Policy Manager
Bill Reed	-	Area Panel Manger
David Romaine	-	Overview and Scrutiny Coordination Officer
Sarah Turner	-	Constitutional Services Officer

Also in attendance:	Helen Bishop	-	Rolls Royce
	Robert Orgill	-	Rolls Royce
	Jenny Saville	-	Nottingham East Midlands Airport

68 members of the public were in attendance.

51/04 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Liversedge and Inspector Gascoigne.

52/04 Late Items Introduced By The Chair

There were no late items.

53/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tittley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute number 59/04 – Update on Rolls Royce Plans, as he was an employee of Rolls-Royce.

Councillor Wynn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute number 55/04 – Update Report (Item on Mobile Phone Masts) and Minute number 56/04 Public Question Time (item on Mobile Phone Masts) as he was a member of the Planning Control Committee.

54/04 Minutes

Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 12 January 2005, be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

To include the following comment – ‘The Area Panel supports and commends the work of the Fire Fighters in Derby collecting money for the Tsunami Appeal.’

55/04 Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details on the issues raised, the proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council Officer responsible.

Dropped Kerbs – Newbridge Cresent

Councillor Tittley commented that this issue had been ongoing for 12-18 months and the long timescale for work to be done was regrettable.

A member of the public commented that it was not only Newbridge crescent that needed dropped kerbs but also Jubilee Road.

Jitty – Waldorf Close

Councillor Graves advised the Panel that he had conducted a consultation exercise to find out the views of local residents. He sent a letter to every household in the area that may use the jitty asking if they would be in favour of the jitty closing, 50% of people responded. 88% of these wanted the jitty to close, and 6% wanted to keep it open – this equated to 10 people. As the law stood if as few as one person wanted to keep a jitty open, the Council would have no power to close it. However, the Government had announced that it was considering new legislation, which would allow such jitties to be ‘gated’ with appropriate arrangements for keys to be held locally. He hoped that this might be the way forward for local residents.

Traffic Issues – Goodsmoor Bridge

Bill Reed stated that Transco had advised they were experiencing several weeks delay which had put Severn Trents' work behind schedule.

A member of the public raised concern that work would commence on Grampian Way before work was completed on Stenson Road.

Councillor Dhamrait commented that Nigel Brien – On Street Operations Manager had advised that no work would start on Grampian Way until work was completed on Stenson Road. Bill Reed added that Severn Trent had also confirmed that there would not be the need to dig up Grampian Way at all, as previously reported.

Petition – High Volume of Traffic Using the A514

Bill Reed reported that at the Council Cabinet meeting on 15 March they agreed to impose a weight restriction on the A514. Councillor Tittley thanked residents for their continued lobbying, however, the final solution to the problems would be the building of T12. Policing the weight restriction would be difficult and it would rely on vigilant residents providing police with the registration number of HGV's ignoring the weight restriction along with a time of day it took place.

Members of the Chellaston Residents Association asked for the Council to expedite preparations for the weight restriction to come in to force.

A member of the public asked where HGV's would go once the weight restriction was in force. Councillor Tittley responded that they would then use the A50, Alvaston bypass, then Harvey Road to Sinfin.

A member of the public commented that the Council had recently spent a lot of money improving traffic in Alvaston only to encourage large vehicle to use it again. There was general concern about HGV lorries using Harvey Road. Councillor Tittley responded that the A5111 had been built to take that type of traffic. Councillor Wynn agreed with the residents commenting that this would not ease the problems in Alvaston. Although a weight restriction did not mean HGV's couldn't use the road to get to a location in Derby. The only time a vehicle could be prosecuted would be if they were using the A514 as a through route to the A38, for example.

Petition – Nursery Provision, St Peter's Church Hall

Councillor Tittley advised that a meeting with residents and the Church Hall had taken place, however, residents still had concerns. The amount of vehicles using the nursery was double that first estimated. The building was regularly in use for other activities each day; to some extent the church had addressed some issues. Councillor Tittley had asked Environmental Services to look in to these issues surrounding the use of the Church hall. There would be a further meeting with Mark Todd MP, the Church hall and residents in two months time.

Petition – Lay-by parking or Other Form of Short Stay Parking near to Andrew's Fish and Chip Shop, Chellaston

A member of the public asked if the bus stop after the lights near the chip shop could be improved and that a bollard outside the shop be removed.

Another member of the public asked if a cycle route could be installed.

Petition – Installation of Lighting, Improved Surfacing and Drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston

Bill Reed advised that he had been working with the Neighbourhood Watch team to produce an application for Area Panel funding for the next meeting.

Councillor Wynn commented that he had gotten assurance from Officers that at least one of the 20 dog dirt bins to be installed in the city during the next financial year would be put in this location.

After declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item Councillor Wynn left the meeting

56/04 Public Question Time

The public raised the following issues during public question time:

Condition of Boulton Lane

A member of the public raised concern about the condition of the road on Boulton Lane. Councillor Blanksby advised that he had been in negotiations with traffic / road engineers and work was due to start between March and June.

Mobile Phone Mast, Derby Road – Parkway

A member of the public advised that few people had been made aware of the proposal to erect a mobile phone mast on Derby Road/Parkway. There was a great feeling amongst residents of the potential health hazard from Mobile phone masts. This proposed site was between four schools, a nursery and an old peoples complex.

Mobile Phone Mast Hoult Avenue / Holbrook Road

A member of the public raised concern about the proposed siting of a mobile phone mast on Hoult Avenue / Holbrook Road. Councillor Blanksby advised that he was in favour of restricting mobile masts but it took the involvement of residents to make things happen. Councillor Leeming had held meetings about phone masts and only a handful of people turned up.

Councillor Blanksby stated that Members were notified when phone companies want to install a mast in an area, but by law they can install one without permission if it is under 15 metres tall.

Councillor Leeming commented that if people didn't have mobile phones there would be no need for masts.

Councillors Leeming, Blanksby and Jackson all expressed their support of residents wishing to protest against mobile phone masts going up in their ward.

Councillor Graves stated that he had been opposing phone masts for some time and he did not agree with the proliferation of 3G masts – they were only allowed to serve an area of 1km². The only way to get masts moved was to give bad publicity, petition and campaign collectively.

Councillor Graves advised that he had distributed petitions to local schools and shops but had not had any returned yet.

Vodafone would be holding a meeting for residents as there were investigating 20 sites in the Alvaston area. Members of the public were advised to check the local press for details of the meeting.

Yellow Lines on High Street, Chellaston

A member of the public advised that residents around High Street, Chellaston had received a letter from the local beat officer asking for their views on painting yellow lines on parts of High Street. He was concerned that this would encourage people to park on other roads in the area and asked if surrounding roads could be considered for yellow lines.

Resolved to ask Derbyshire Constabulary to respond at the next meeting.

Parking Area at Shelton Lock Shops

A member of the public advised that the parking area in front of the shops at Shelton Lock was in a poor condition, full of potholes, which made it difficult and sometimes painful for disabled people to park and drive over.

Councillor Tittley supported the questioner asking that the council explore what could be done to improve Shelton Lock and Chellaston shopping centres.

Bill Reed commented that there was a programme for improvements to local shopping centres. He would advise the Panel at the next meeting where Shelton Lock and Chellaston shopping centres were in the programme.

Road Markings on Shardlow Road / Harvey Road Traffic Island

A member of the public advised that the road markings on the traffic island at Shardlow Road / Harvey Road were unclear and made it difficult for cars travelling from Shardlow Road to the island.

Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the road markings on the traffic island and report back to the next meeting.

57/04 Petitions

New Petitions

a) Requesting a Fenced off Outdoor Facility at Chellaston Community Centre

The panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Chellaston requesting a fenced off outdoor facility at Chellaston Community Centre.

The lead petitioner advised that they had met with Andrew Morgan from the parks department in September 2004 since then the Parks department had not returned their calls. They had not been impressed with the parks Departments' attitude.

Resolved to ask the Director of Commercial Services to report back to the next meeting.

b) Parking Outside Moorhead Primary School

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from Moorhead Primary School concerning the number of cars parking outside the school.

Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services and the Director of Education to report back to the next meeting.

c) Objecting to the Closure or Replacement of Allenton Market

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents and market traders objecting to the closure or replacement of Allenton Market.

The lead petitioner asked for a meeting to be organised with traders, ward Councillors and the Chief Estates Officer and stated that the profile of Allenton Market needed to be raised.

Resolved to ask the Director of Corporate Services to report back to the next meeting.

d) Requesting the installation of some form of pedestrian Crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Land

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Alvaston requesting the installation of some form of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane.

Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to report back to the next meeting.

e) Requesting the Council review the layout of the park on Duchess Way Chellaston

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Duchess Way, Chellaston requesting the relocation of the grassed dog free area adjacent to the play area.

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Commercial Services, which asked the Panel to note the report advising that the Council had no powers to require the developer to change the layout or design of the play area.

The Panel were not happy with the response from the Director of Commercial Services and requested a further report to the next meeting.

Responses to Petitions Received

f) Dog Waste Bins for Fullens Lock Playground

The Panel noted that the Council's policy was for bins to be used for litter and dog waste. The bin would be moved further away from the children's play area to mitigate the problem.

Agreed to note the report.

g) Dog Fouling and Widening of Flatts Path, Chellaston

Councillor Tittley raised concern that there were only two dog wardens in Derby and they couldn't be expected to patrol all areas. A member of the public commented that the path also needed widening to stop people with pushchairs or in wheelchairs didn't have to walk on the grass.

Councillor Tittley advised that meetings were taking place between the Infant and Junior schools and he would try to attend those meetings.

Agreed to note the report.

h) Bus Stop on Derby Road, Parkway Area of Chellaston

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services advising that the installation of a bus stop had been added to the programme for completion in the current financial year.

Agreed to note the report.

i) T-Mobile Mast Siting on Chellaston Road

Councillor Tittley commented that residents concerns had not gone away.

A member of the public raised concern that a mobile phone mast was planned to be erected next to the Red Lion in Chellaston.

The Panel noted that the planning application submitted in June was refused. There had been no application since then.

j) Installation of Central Refuge and Improvements to the Road Layout, Raynesway and Alvaston Street

The Panel noted a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services advising that the proposals would be included in next years work programme.

Agreed to note the report.

58/04 Environmental Issues Surrounding Nottingham East Midlands Airport

Jenny Saville, a representative from Nottingham East Midlands Airport, addressed the panel stating that the Airport was aware of residents concerns in relation to aircraft operations. Members of the public were more than welcome to raise their concerns directly with the Airport.

Members of the public commented that they were not happy with the airport now being called Nottingham East Midlands Airport. It was suggested that it should have been renamed Donington East Midlands Airport.

59/04 Update on Rolls-Royce Plans

The Panel received a presentation from Helen Bishop and Robert Orgill from Rolls-Royce on their plans for the main works buildings on Nightingale Road and the new development on Wilmore Road including the forth coming planning application for a new test bed.

The panel were advised that Main Works would cease operating within the next two years, all business would move to the new development on Wilmore Road. Rolls-Royce were working with the Council and Councillors to decide what to do with the Main Works Site. Rolls-Royce were sensitive to the historic importance of Marble House, particularly the stained glass window.

A member of the public asked if the land could be converted to public open space.

60/04 Derby Grouped Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the Project Board detailing the progress of the construction of Sinfin Primary School and Merrill College.

Mike Melliush , PFI Programme Manager, advised the Panel that work had commenced at both schools and would start at the new Lakeside Community Primary site in August 2005.

School Liaison Groups had been established and they were starting to meet. The Councillor representatives on each Group were:

Sinfin Primary School – Councillor Chera
Merrill College – Councillor Jackson
Lakeside Community Primary – Councillor Wynn

Mike asked members of the public who had concerns about any of the developments to contact the relevant Councillor as detailed above.

A member of the public asked if trees that were removed along Brackens Lane in preparation for the work at Merrill College, would be replaced. Mike Melliush responded that as far as he was aware all trees that needed to be removed had been. None of the trees felled had Tree Preservation Orders attached to them.

A member of the public asked if there were any proposals of what to do with the land from Merrill upper School site.

Mike Melliush explained that the school owned the land and they would be working in conjunction with the Council to decide on the future of the site.

A member of the public advised that the contractors were starting work on some days before 7.00am. Mike Melliush responded that he would take this issue up directly with Norwest Holst.

Resolved to note the report.

61/04 Planning and Environment Commission Work Plan Topic Reviews 2004/5

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered which stated that the Commission's review of the Council's Tree Management Policy was completed in November 2004, and was reported to Council Cabinet on 21 December 2004. The Commission was awaiting a response from Council Cabinet to its recommendations. An executive summary

detailing the outcome of the Commission's review of the Tree Management Policy was attached to the report. The Commission had now started its review of dog control, and enforcement of the dog fouling legislation. The Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission, Councillor Ahern, stated that the Commission would like to hear about locations in the area where people considered there was a problem with dog fouling. He asked members of the public to contact members of the Commission or David Romaine on 255598. Later in the year the Commission would be holding a workshop session with Derby residents to discuss the possible solutions to the problems of dog fouling and dog control.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To inform Councillor Ahern, or Councillor P Berry, Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission or David Romaine, Scrutiny and Complaints Manager, if anyone would like to take part in the workshop, or had areas which needed to be considered.**

62/04 Proposed Spend of S106 Developer Contribution – West Chellaston

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management; about the proposed spend of S106 monies to implement real time information on the A514 as part of the bus quality partnership with Arriva Midlands Ltd. Peter Price – Transport Policy Manager addressed the Panel advising that there was a £170,000 allocation.

Councillor Tittley commented that he would like to consult more widely with residents. There were other issues in the ward that would benefit more from this money. The AGM of Chellaston Residents Association would be held on 18 April and he asked that Peter Price attended this meeting.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to consult more widely with residents of Chellaston and seek their views on how best to spend the S106 allocation of £170,000.

63/04 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the information about health services contained in the briefing papers.

64/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of five applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from Councillor Alan Graves – Alvaston Ward, for funding for benches along the canal path between London Road and Harvey Road. Grant requested – £1,417.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from Asian over 60s social and welfare club, Sinfin and Stenson Fields – Sinfin Ward, for funding for healthy living and cultural activities. Grant requested – £4,060.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Boulton Lane Park Community Centre – Boulton, for funding to secure an area adjacent to the building. Grant requested – £1,300.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from the scheme manager, Kestrel House, Derby Homes – Sinfin Ward, for funding for a bingo machine. Grant requested – £223.
5. To consider whether to support the application received from St Osmund's Church – Alvaston Ward, for funding for outreach communication equipment. Grant requested – £2,000.

Options Considered

The suggested recommendations from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel were to approve the applications. The Appraisal Panel considered that the proposals met the criteria for area panel funding.

KEY DECISION

To award funding to the applications as follows:

- Councillor Alan Graves for benches along the canal path between London Road and Harvey Road – Grant £1,417.

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application contributed to environmental improvements, which would provide a benefit to local residents.
3. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents.

- Asian over 60s social and welfare club – Grant £1,000.

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents.
3. The application would enable residents to participate in their community or at Area Panels.

- Boulton Lane Park Community Centre – Grant £1,300.

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application contributed to environmental improvements, which would provide a benefit to local residents.
3. The application would enable residents to participate in their community or at Area Panels.

- Kestrel House, Derby Homes – Grant £223.

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents.
3. The application would enable residents to participate in their community or at Area Panels.

- St Osmund's Church – Grant £2,000.

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application would contribute to environmental improvements, which would provide a benefit to local residents.
3. The application would enable residents to participate in their community or at Area Panels.

65/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held in the Sinfin Ward on Wednesday 15 June 2005 at 6.30pm at Redwood Junior School, Redwood Road, Sinfin, Derby. Councillor Chera would be the chair.

MINUTES END