

MACKWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 6.00pm at the Diocesan Centre

Present:

Councillor Higginbottom	Derby City Council
Councillor Baxter	Derby City Council (Chair)
Councillor Tuplin	Derby City Council
Inspector Richard Keene	Police
Emma Tidbury	Derby Homes
Helen Faulconbridge	Neighbourhood Team
Peter Matthews	Neighbourhood Team
Nick Robinson	Youth Services
Steve Ratcliffe	Derbyshire Fire Service
Nathan Coons	New Zealand Resident
Mandy Coons	New Zealand Resident
Paul Pegg	Mackworth Resident
Judy Kelsall	Mackworth Resident
Terry Rogerson	Mackworth Resident
Richard Gerrard	Mackworth Resident
Laraine Tuplin	Derby PCT
Planning Officers	Derby City Council
Matthew LeDoux-Deakin	Derby City Council
Rob Thorley	Amber Valley Council

Apologies:

Lester Pendrey
Jasvir Bahth
Nicola Murton

01/10	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies were noted.	<u>ACTIONS</u>
02/10	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were noted.	
03/10	LATE ITEMS No late items.	
04/10	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Agreed to be a true record.	

05/10	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	
	<p>Planning Officers from Derby City Council's planning department gave a presentation to the board on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The strategy is currently in the consultation stages and consultation will end 31 March 2010. A draft plan will then be developed and consultation on this draft plan will take place during the summer 2010. Each Board member received a copy of the Core strategy options paper.</p> <p>The Board was advised that Derby needs to grow to provide housing, jobs and services for the increasing population. The core strategy sets out the vision, objectives and proposals for what sort of place Derby should be by 2026, and the main locations for major new development and how this will be managed and delivered. Whilst the Core strategy will cover just the City of Derby some of the issues it will be addressing will need to be considered jointly with the neighbouring councils of South Derbyshire and Amber Valley.</p> <p>The options are:</p> <p>A – Concentrate the development in the urban areas within the city. This option would locate all the new development within the existing built up area on land that has been previously developed. To meet the development needs this will mean relying on a significant amount of new development in the city centre and regeneration areas like Osmaston. This option aims to minimise the loss of green open spaces including Green Belt and Green Wedge. Existing business sites could be used for housing under this proposal and back gardens could be used for development.</p> <p>B – Regeneration with Greenfield expansion – This option will focus on less development within the city centre, and will mean the narrowing of green wedges. This option would put less emphasis on high density development in the city centre and neighbourhoods. This option would also seek to regenerate deprived parts of the city such as Osmaston. Options A and B cannot be combined as two options.</p> <p>Full details of the options are available on Derby City Council Website.</p> <p>Mackworth Neighbourhood Overview</p> <p>An overview of the Mackworth Neighbourhood was delivered to the board. All board members received a copy of the document for reference.</p> <p>The key points which were highlighted for the Mackworth ward within the overview were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Centre is small in comparison to similar developments 	

	<p>within other areas of the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nearest Secondary school is Murray Park which is located outside the ward and for some households is a 30 minute walk away. • An expansion of health facilities will be required i.e. Doctors due to increased demand after the development of the Radbourne Lane site. • Traffic congestion – The Ashbourne Road corridor already experiences high levels of delays during the morning and there are various congestion hotspots along the route, most notable Markeaton Island. • Regeneration – There are opportunities for the redevelopment of the former Derby College campus and there are significant pressures on sites outside of the boundary (adjoining the ward) to be developed for housing. <p>Impact of Amber Valley Redevelopment</p> <p>Amber Valley's development plan is out for consultation and they have the option to develop approximately 600 properties on the edge of Derby City. (Radbourne Lane Development – adjoining Mackworth Ward).</p> <p>A planning Officer from Amber Valley was present at the meeting to answer any questions/ concerns board members may have.</p> <p>Paul Pegg raised concerns that Mackworth does not have the infrastructure to support the Radbourne Lane development. Concerns were also raised regarding the required development of the A38 junction at Markeaton Island. The Board was advised that this fell under the Highways Agency's remit and not Derby City Council. Richard Gerrard stated that the board should write to the Highways Agency to ask them to bring the development of the A38 junction forward to support other development in the area.</p> <p>Judy Kelsall raised concerns about the no Secondary School being located within the ward.</p> <p>Councillor Baxter raised the issue of lack of medical facilities / doctors surgeries within the ward. He stated that the new development on Radbourne Lane would put pressure on existing services.</p> <p><i>(Steve Ratcliffe left the meeting at 6.40pm due to an emergency.)</i></p>	<p>Letter to be sent to Highways Agency for board re A38 junction development</p>
06/10	<p>HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Safer route to school project – Brackensdale Avenue</p> <p>Matthew LeDoux-Deakin from Derby City Council presented the Safer Route to School plan for Brackensdale School. All board members</p>	

	<p>were given a copy of the plans for the work to take place at Brackensdale School. The board was advised that the developments would commence mid February 2010.</p> <p>Mackworth District Centre</p> <p>The Board were also presented with the Mackworth District Centre Regeneration Option summary.</p> <p>4 Options were presented to the Board for the development of the Centre. Time frames for any developments to take place at the District Centre are not available. Jonathan Guest or Lucy Care would have to be approached regarding this issue, as it is dependent on budget constraints.</p> <p>Option 1 – This option provides car parking on the open space opposite the district centre. A new zebra crossing would be in place to cross Prince Charles Avenue, the bus stop and shelter would be relocated further along Prince Charles Avenue and parking restrictions would be put in place throughout the district centre to prevent people parking dangerously. It is a high cost development and will lead to the loss of public open space</p> <p>Option 2 – This option would provide increased parking for the centre and safer crossing points for residents. It is a high cost development and will lead to the loss of public open space. It will also cause major highways disruption during construction.</p> <p>Option 3 - This option would provide increased parking for the centre and safer crossing points for residents. It is a high cost development and the increases in parking will be minimal.</p> <p>Option 4 - This option would provide increased parking for the centre and safer crossing points for residents. It is a high cost development the increases in parking will be minimal.</p>	
07/10	<p>FIRE SERVICE</p> <p>An update from Steve Ratcliffe to be provided at the next board meeting due to Steve having to leave the meeting early.</p>	
08/10	<p>POLICE</p> <p>Inspector Keene presented the board with the crime figures for the Mackworth Ward.</p> <p>The board was advised that Campion Street Police Office would be closing and the staff from this office relocated to Mackworth Library. Inspector Keene advised the board that the office was no longer fit for</p>	

	<p>purpose. He stated that the relocation of the staff from this office should see an increase in service provision on the New Zealand side of the ward.</p> <p>Paul Pegg questioned whether the Safer Neighbourhood Team would remain the same as he felt that they are now a stable team who are working well in the area. Inspector Keene stated that the Constabulary are still focusing on Neighbourhood Policing and the team would remain the same where possible.</p> <p>Pete Matthews commended the Safer Neighbourhood Team for their hard work in the area, and their work with partner agencies which has lead to a year on year reduction in crime and ASB. He also commended PCSO Saunt for her hard work with the local primary schools.</p>	
09/10	<p>LAND OWNERSHIP – MICK/MACK ROUTE</p> <p>British Rail auctioned off this piece of land in December 2010, a development company from Essex purchased the land. The owner of the land can be asked to clear the rubbish from the area, but a cooling off period after the purchase must be allowed.</p> <p>Councillor Higginbottom stated that she had spoken to Stuart Leslie in Derby City Council's Legal Department regarding the implications of council land having to be used to access the site and she also raised concerns in relation to the potential for travellers to purchase the land.</p> <p>Pete Matthews is working with the Neighbourhood Manager and the Neighbourhood Board from the Mickleover Ward to look at setting an action plan for this area of land and getting it cleared of rubbish.</p>	
10/10	<p>FUNDING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Police £141.89 has been requested by the Safer Neighbourhood Team to purchase promotional equipment to be distributed between the three primary schools within the Mackworth Ward. The equipment will be used to promote the work of the Police within the local schools.</p> <p>All board members voted in favour of this funding bid being passed.</p>	
11/10	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES</p> <p>Helen Faulconbridge explained that the Neighbourhood Priorities need to be identified for 2010/2011. The Neighbourhood Team will be carrying out consultation at both the Neighbourhood Forums within the ward to see what the local community feel the issues and priorities are. The findings from this will be presented at the next Neighbourhood Board meeting on 17 March 2010 for the Board to make a decision on future priorities for the ward.</p>	

12/10	<p>SUB-GROUP UPDATES</p> <p>Pete explained that, although sub-groups had been set up to drive forward the Board's priorities, he now felt it was important to ensure partner agencies became involved with this in addition to Board members. He added he hoped the sub-groups would in future also report back to the Board on a quarterly basis re progress in tackling the Board's priorities, and this would in turn be reported back to the Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p>DECISION: Following discussion the Board unanimously agreed the following sub-groups be formed to deal with issues as detailed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stronger Group to look at issues around building on cohesion, impact on health facilities, the Radbourne Lane building proposals and youth issues. Date for next meeting of the Stronger Group 28.1.10 at 4.00pm • The Safer Group met late in 2009 and a meeting has been arranged for February 2010. 	
13/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Paul Pegg stated that he had received a budget proposal from Derby City Council for 2010/11 and raised his concerns regarding some of the proposals. Paul questioned why the Council were proposing to cut travel allowances for Council staff and stated that this would have a detrimental effect on the current services provided, as staff currently respond to issues immediately when required by using their own vehicles, but if the proposed cuts go ahead staff will not be able to carry out immediate services.</p> <p>Paul also questioned why the Council are proposing to relocate Environmental Service Department to Derby Homes, and why the cost of doing this was so excessive at £700,000.</p> <p>Paul stated that he felt these proposals were not cost effective and will lead to a reduction in the level of service provided.</p> <p>Councillor Higginbottom advised the Board that the decisions on whether these proposals will go ahead will be made in March 2010.</p> <p>Paul Pegg advised the Board that he had information on a free course which was available at Derby University for people who work in/work with the community sector. If anyone is interested in this course they can contact Paul for further information.</p>	
14/10	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 6.00pm at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre</p>	

