

AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT

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1. Ref: 204043 – Dropped kerbs, Newbridge Crescent - received 03.11.04

Issue

A resident reported that in March she was assured that dropped kerbs would be installed on the crescent.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

There is as yet no additional information about the extent of the programme or the likely date for implementation of the agreed drop crossings

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To continue to press for a timetable for implementation of this drop crossing.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

The programme for dropped kerbs has now been drawn up for this year. Newbridge Crescent should be done in this financial year 2005/06.

There are 12 dropped kerbs to be done at Newbridge Crescent and Jubilee Road. Two of the dropped kerbs are being done as part of pavement resurfacing works in the area. This work will be done separately from the remaining 10 dropped kerbs as it involves two different contractors.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064
Mick Watts, Access Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255925

2. Ref: 205001 – Jitty – Baker Street to Shardlow Road - received 12.01.05

Issue

Residents have requested the closure of the jitty between Baker Street and Shardlow Road.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Two developments are expected on this matter.

Firstly, it has been noted that the Government are proposing to introduce legislation which will permit the introduction of gates and gating orders on jitties such as this one. This legislation is in its early stages, but would be the solution residents are seeking to this issue.

Secondly, officers have agreed to write to a limited number of residents who would be those directly affected were the closure to take place, to assess whether there is any significant support for it remaining open. If the level of support is small, it may be possible to proceed with an order.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Councillor Graves reported on the informal consultation event that he had undertaken. 99 responses has been returned, representing a 50% return. 88% of people had been in favour of closure, but with 10 people wishing to retain the jitty, it was likely that an attempt to close it would fail. Councillor Graves reported on proposed legislation which would allow jitties to be gated, but this was unlikely to be introduced immediately. It was agreed to keep this issue live.

A number of members of the public reported on the difficulties they experienced from the jitty.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 was passed shortly before the General Election. This legislation introduces the concept of 'gating orders', which will allow the Council to introduce gates, to prevent problems in jitties such as this. A Commencement Order and Regulations are expected in the autumn, following which the Council will introduce a process for identifying whether a gate is appropriate in any particular location.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

3. Ref: 205003 – Traffic issues, Goodsmore Bridge – - received 12.01.05

Issue

Concern was raised regarding the traffic that is being diverted onto Goodsmore Bridge, as a result of the works being carried out by Severn Trent on Stenson Road. The public were concerned that the bridge may not take the weight, as there is a 7.5tonne limit on the bridge. The panel were asked if they could look at this. It was also noted that the traffic lights on Wilmore Road were also causing problems.

Another resident informed the panel that a Council Van – number 815, was parking on the bend, which resulted in the bus to go on the other side of the road, which was extremely dangerous.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

We have continued to monitor the traffic and the process of the Severn Trent Water works in Stenson Road. The signals on Goodsmoor Bridge have been adjusted slightly to avoid possible conflict on the bridge and all equipment has been checked to ensure that it is working correctly.

It is understood that Transco works are holding up progress. Transco will not complete their work until around March 21. This means that the estimated completion date for the Severn Trent Water will be around May 9. This will mean that the closure will be extended.

Both the Council and STW have been trying to push Transco to work faster. We do have some formal powers that we could use, but in the specific circumstances on Stenson Road using these powers could actually slow things even further. STW are in a better position to apply pressure as they are paying a substantial sum of money for Transco to divert their apparatus. At present all we can do is wait.

The good news is that STW' contractor will be trying to make up lost time - currently approx 5 weeks - so when Transco are out of the way it is expected that STW would make good progress.

A schedule of works, and potential disruptions, in the area over the next few weeks will be available at the area panel meeting.

Please contact Nigel Brien on 715106 if there are any additional concerns or questions.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

It was agreed to keep the update on the agenda. There was widespread feeling that Stenson Road and Sinfin Lane should not be closed simultaneously.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

Transco have completed the work to divert their apparatus and STW are making progress with the large-scale sewerage and drainage work. The road will remain closed until the end of May. It is very unlikely that the closure will need to be extended beyond this date, although it is possible that when the road reopens there will be temporary traffic signals in place at the junction of Stenson

Road and Oaklands Avenue. These signals may be in place for 3 weeks and they will lead to delays.

The resurfacing scheme for Stenson Road between Sunnyhill Avenue and Blagreaves Lane is being planned for the end of July, to coincide with the start of the school summer holidays. The road will have to be closed for this work to take place.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Nigel Brien, On Street Operations Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715106

4. Ref: 205005 – Elvaston Castle Development – - received 12.01.05

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the proposed private development at Elvaston Castle, and the effect it would have on the residents of Alvaston and the surrounding areas. They asked the Council reflect their opinion.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

As stated at the meeting, Elvaston castle is the express responsibility of Derbyshire County Council. The City Council will be consulted on any planning applications submitted by or to the local planning authority in the area – South Derbyshire District Council – but otherwise the only route for residents concerned about these proposals is to write to the County Council.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To keep this matter under review.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

There is no further information to report. Any developments before the meeting will be given verbally.

Responsibility

Stephen Meynell, Chief Estates Officer, Property Services, telephone 255557

5. Ref: 204007 – Petition, High volume of traffic using A514 – received 14.01.04

Issue

A petition was received suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

The request for a weight limit on the A514 was referred to the Council Cabinet by Area Panel 2. A report, outlining the issues was presented to Cabinet on the 25th January 2005.

The report recommended that the request for a weight limit be refused at the present time.

Cabinet deferred a decision on the matter and asked for additional details to be reported to a future cabinet meeting. In particular Cabinet asked for details to be provided about the financial and legal implications of introducing any restriction and also for information which would indicate when the T12 link road (A50 to Wilmore Road) would be constructed.

It is anticipated that a further report will be presented to Cabinet on the 15 March 2005. A verbal report on the outcome of that meeting will be given to the Panel.

It was reported verbally that the Cabinet had agreed that a weight restriction should be introduced, and that it would take around two months to create this.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Councillor Tittley welcomed the proposals, and a number of members of the public supported him. He asked that thanks be recorded to those people in Chellaston who had put pressure on for this.

A number of members of the public were concerned that heavy goods vehicles would now have to use the Blue Peter Roundabout and Harvey Road, and expressed concern about additional heavy traffic on the Alvaston By-pass. Councillor Wynn supported their concerns.

It was agreed that there would need to be effective enforcement of the order when it was introduced. Councillors also agreed that the longer term solution was to continue to press for the T12 road.

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To ask for proposals to be brought to the next meeting of the Panel

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

A verbal update will be given at the Panel meeting.

Responsibility

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025.

6. Ref: 204027 – Petition, Nursery provision, St Peter's Church Hall, Chellaston - received 05.05.04

Issue

A petition was received concerning the increase of traffic, as a result of the plans for a nursery at St Peter's Church Hall.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

There has been no date notified for this meeting

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Councillor Tittley reported on a meeting held between residents and the Church. The impact had not been as bad as had been foreseen, but there was still concern that the Church were not responding effectively and that there was potential for disruption and hazards.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To keep this matter under review.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

There have been no developments reported to the Area Panel since the last meeting.

Responsibility

Councillor Tittley

7. Ref: 204049 – Petition – Request for a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking near to Andrew's Fish and Chip Shop, Chellaston - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition signed by over 500 local people was received requesting a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking in close proximity to Andrew's fish and chip shop in Chellaston.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

A site meeting has been held between traffic engineers and Mr Ionnades. Further investigations are still on-going. We will report back as soon as they are completed.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To keep this matter under review.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

A petition was received from Chellaston residents requesting the provision of a lay by to accommodate parking for customers of Andrew's Fish Bar. A report to the Area Panel at its meeting of 12 January 2005 explained why a lay by could not be provided in the location suggested.

At a subsequent meeting between Councillor Tittley, Mr Ionnides of Andrew's Fish Bar and Adrian Martin of the Council's Traffic Management Group, it was agreed that alternative locations for a lay by and likely costs would also be investigated. A suitable alternative was found, although it could not be designated for the exclusive use of Andrew's Fish Bar customers, and it is estimated that it would cost approximately £10,000 plus design fees, to build, providing no diversion of statutory undertakers' equipment is required. Councillor Tittley and Mr Ionnides were to investigate how the works might be funded.

A further enquiry was raised at the last Area Panel meeting about whether a new lay by could also be used to accommodate a bus stop. To allow buses unrestricted access to a lay by would involve preventing parking for other vehicles. It is potentially an offence to park in a bus stop lay by, hence a lay by may be used for general parking, or for buses, but not both.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

8. Ref: 204050 – Petition – Installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston to improve the safety for pedestrians, cyclists and those living or working alongside Green Lane, by reducing the fear of crime.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

The request for dog bins has now been included in a list presented to the Director of Commercial Services for possible inclusion in next years programme.

An application for funding for the lighting and surfacing is in preparation.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To await a funding application at the meeting in June.

It was reported that agreement had been reached that at least one dog bin would be installed in this area in the next financial year.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

A funding application appears elsewhere on the agenda.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064
Rab Singh, Senior Lighting Technician, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715047
Bill Reed, Area panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

9. Ref: 204051 – Petition – Installation of central refuge and improvements to road layout, Raynesway and Alvaston Street - received 03.11.04

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of a central refuge and improvements to the road layout of the junction between Raynesway and Alvaston Street. This would improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and car users.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

A separate report appears on the agenda

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

This will be included in the 2005/06 programme. Unfortunately, we cannot give a timescale, it depends on when the contractor can fit it into their work programme.

Closed item.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

10. Ref: 205006 – Petition - T Mobile Phone Mast, Shelton Lock – received 12.01.05

Issue

A petition was received, from the residents of Shelton Lock regarding the proposed site of a mobile mast, outside the Esso Station. People are worried about the possible risk of explosion, and radiation.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

The planning application submitted in June was refused. There has been no application since then.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

A discussion took place around this and other proposals for mobile phone masts in the area. Councillor graves indicated that there was very little that the Council could do to change the intentions of the mobile phone operators, but suggested they were averse to bad publicity. Other Councillors drew the distinction between masts necessary for basic phones and those necessary for third generation phones. These were felt to be frivolous. The health implications of phone masts were alluded to.

In that there was no specific proposal in front of the Panel, no action was necessary.

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

To keep this matter under review.
To ensure the petition was activated if any proposal came forward on this site.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

Nothing further to report.

Responsibility

Paul Clarke, Planning, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

11. Ref: 205007 – Petition – Dog fouling, Flatts Path - received 12.01.05

Issue

It was noted that a petition had been received regarding dog fouling at Flatts Path. The petition asked for the path to be widened and for dog fouling to be prevented.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

The Dog Wardens have visited the site on a number of occasions since the start of December 2004. To date they have not been able to apprehend anyone committing an offence. 'No Fouling' stencils have been applied to the pathway.

A meeting took place at the site on 5 January. There was some fouling present on land adjacent to the pathway, and one dog walker was witnessed allowing his dog to foul on the land, although he did clean up afterwards. A number of courses of action were agreed:

- it was agreed that some monitoring with a view to issuing fixed penalty notices for owners failing to clear up after their dogs. It was agreed that this would take place in the evening.
- the Dog Wardens would visit the adjacent schools and hopefully arrange some kind of poster competition for the children with some of the posters produced being displayed along the pathway to get a message across from the children to dog walkers.

The area of land in question belongs to Chellaston Infant School. Discussions are ongoing between the Infant and Junior school to both widen and straighten the path and to exchange two small plots of land in the process. This would result in the majority of the area being transferred to the Junior school. However, no funding has been identified for the work.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Councillor Tittley reported that the schools were working more closely together on this issue and he hoped for progress.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

A plan to straighten the path has been designed and is to be discussed at three meetings at the schools on 15 June. Subject to agreement at those meetings the scheme will be designed in detail and introduced later in the year. Funding has been secured from the 'Safer Routes to School' programme.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Commercial Services, telephone 715778
Steve Allwood, Project Development Officer, Education Service, telephone 718890

12. Ref: 205008 – Condition of Boulton Lane – received 16.03.05

Issue

Concern was raised about the road surface in Boulton Lane

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

This is down to the failure of the surface dressing. Anthony Evans, the Construction Manager is dealing with the remedial works. They are planned for the warmer weather late spring/early summer.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

13. Ref: 205010 – Parking restrictions, High Street, School Lane, Chellaston – received 16.03.05

Issue

It was reported that a letter had been written by WPC Adele Stringer which called for a range of measures in School Lane and High Street, including yellow lines.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

We are discussing this issue with traffic management officers at Police headquarters. We will report back in due course.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

14. Ref: 205011 – Pharmacy parking, Shelton Lock – received 16.03.05

Issue

It was noted that the car park at the pharmacy had a number of pot holes.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

This is a private car park and does not belong to highways.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

15. Ref: 205012 – Markings around roundabout, Blue Peter, Shardlow Road – received 16.03.05

Issue

A member of the public indicated that there were inadequate line markings around the roundabout at the Blue Peter island.

Action reported at the meeting on 16 March 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council response at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 16 March 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 15 June 2005

A site visit was made to the junction to assess the carriageway markings at the approaches to the Blue Peter roundabout and the adjacent one at the junction with Raynesway.

The carriageway is currently marked with arrows that indicate which lane to be in for the direction you are travelling; these marking haven't been altered since the opening of the A6 Alvaston Bypass, but do not give a misleading message to drivers. It should also be noted that these markings do not have any legal standing, they are purely advisory.

The most effective way of correctly and safely directing drivers at busy junctions, particularly roundabouts is a comprehensive system of direction signs. All the direction signing in this area and Shardlow Road is currently being reviewed following the opening of the bypass and the imminent reclassification of Shardlow Road.

The existing signing is not to current standards and since the opening of the A6 Alvaston Bypass, many of the destinations currently signed in the area of the strict centre are now unnecessary as the bypass represents a more suitable route.

The new signing scheme will provide a much clearer message to drivers and remove unnecessary street clutter, thereby creating a more pleasing environment.

Area Panel may also be interested to learn of the proposed introduction of a 7.5 tonne weight limit on Shardlow Road, this restriction will prevent goods vehicles from using roads in the area unless they are gaining access to premises.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074