

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT
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ALVASTON JUNIOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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1. Ref: 205001 – Jitty – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston - 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 21 September 2005

June 2005 – It was reported that consultation had shown that a significant number of people still used the jitty and wished that it remains open. The Anti-social Behaviour Team visited this path and a few others in the Alvaston area and asked for more police patrols.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 was passed shortly before the General Election. This legislation introduces the concept of 'gating orders', which will in the future allow the Council to introduce gates, to prevent problems in jitties such as this. When the regulations come into force the Council will introduce a process for identifying whether a gate is appropriate in any particular location. It was agreed that no action could be taken at this time.

September 2005 - Councillor Graves explained that many residents had been fighting for the closure of the jitty, and there had since been Anti Social Behaviour Orders placed. He informed the meeting that Council officers have stated that when the act is in force the closure of the jitty can be considered under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

We are still waiting for information from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - DEFRA about when the regulations to allow Local Authorities to make Gating Orders, as detailed in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, will come into force. The announced date for the regulations, according to Legal Services is Spring 2006.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still waiting for information from DEFRA about the introduction of the Gating Orders section of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We had been informed that DEFRA might push the Gating Orders through early but the last official statement we were given was April 2006.

The anti-social behaviour team found no evidence of any serious problems and asked for greater Police patrols in the area. We are now waiting to see if the Gating Orders could be of use.

Responsibility

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

2. Ref: 205012 – Markings around roundabout, Blue Peter, Shardlow Road, Alvaston – 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 21 September 2005

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 markings 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 District 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.

September 2005 - We are currently working on changing the signing now that the Shardlow Road has been reclassified. The signing will direct traffic left at Harvey Road towards the Alvaston by-pass.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The resident who first raised this issue informed the meeting that the temporary white lines were now in place and were working well.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still working on changing the signing now that the Shardlow Road has been reclassified. The signing will direct traffic left at Harvey Road towards the Alvaston by-pass.

Responsibility

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

3. Ref: 205022 – Jitty – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

Ann Garfield asked that because recent legislation had been introduced that allowed Councils to introduce Gating Orders, could residents resubmit petitions requesting the closure of jitties such as the one from Beech Avenue to Raynesway.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

In June it was reported by Councillor Bayliss that recent consultation had shown some local residents wanted to keep the jitty open and therefore it could not be closed. He suggested the Council reconsider investigating this jitty after the jitty from Baker Street to Shardlow Road is resolved.

In September it was reported the Council is awaiting information from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs about when the regulations to allow Local Authorities to make Gating Orders, as detailed in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, will come into force. The announced date for the regulations, according to Legal Services is Spring 2006, although colleagues at other Local Authorities have received information that September is the target date.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still waiting for information from DEFRA about the introduction of the Gating Orders section of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. We had been informed that DEFRA might push the Gating Orders through early but the last official statement we were given was April 2006.

Responsibility

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

4. 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 21 September 2005

In June Area Panel 2 approved a funding application for £5,000 to improve lighting along Green Lane. The work on the new lighting will be included in the lighting programme. In September it was reported the lighting columns are now in, the connection to the mains should be made shortly.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Bayliss confirmed that the posts were now in place for the lighting and that the Area Panel had funded them.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We have been waiting for Central Networks to install the electricity cables. Central Networks have assured us that these columns will be serviced before the end of October.

Responsibility

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

5. Ref: 204051 – Petition – Installation of central refuge and improvements to road layout, Raynesway and Alvaston Street, Alvaston - 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 21 September 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. We will inform the area panel when work is to start on site.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on progress.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The Raynesway / Alvaston Street design has been completed and the instruction issued. We are waiting for a start date from the contractors. However we can confirm that the work will be completed this financial year.

Responsibility

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

6. Ref: 205014 – Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

The panel noted that a petition had been received from individuals working at businesses on Pride Park asking that the Council provide a pedestrian crossing on Derwent Parade outside Derby County Football Stadium between islands 1 and 2 or close to them.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

We expect to undertake a survey in mid October 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The survey work has been taking place in October to assess the traffic and pedestrian flows on Derwent Parade near to islands 1 and 2. We will analyse the results and then report back to the area panel on 11 January 2006.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

7. Ref: 205017 – Petition – Installation of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

On 4 February 2005, a petition signed by 216 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on London Road near its junction with Burnaby Street and Meadow Lane.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

June 2005 - A full report was available at the meeting which suggested that the request be refused, as the investigations that were carried out indicated that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility was not met at this location. Dave Taylor, Alvaston resident confirmed that 369 people had now signed the petition, and agreed with the Councillors that something is desperately needed, and asked that the panel rejects the officers proposals.

The area panel accepted the report recommendations to refuse a pedestrian crossing however they asked the Director of Development and Cultural Services to consider installing a refuge in next years budget. They also asked for the cost of installing the refuge to see if the area panel could fund it through their budget.

September 2005 – It was reported that Highway officers have surveyed the site for a refuge and they confirmed that there is enough room for a refuge at the location. The approximate cost to install the refuge would be £5,700. The Area Panel was asked to consider funding this from their budget allocation in 2005/6.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley asked for the item to be considered at the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

To discuss funding the refuge at the meeting on 9 November 2005.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The Area Panel is asked to confirm if it wants Development and Cultural Services to complete a funding application to the Area Panel for £5,700 to be considered at the area panel meeting on 11 January 2006. If the application for Area Panel funding is approved in January 2006 the refuge could be installed as part of the 2006/7 programme.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

8. Ref: 205027 –Detrunking Shardlow Road, Alvaston – received 21.09.05

Issue

Kevin Winson, from Alvaston Neighbourhood Watch, asked when Shardlow Road would be detrunked, as the Blue Peter and Raynesway are heavily congested every morning, and he was concerned that this would get worse, once developments take place.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

David Gartside explained that the Council has to decide its priorities, and how best to action them. He stated that Alvaston is one of the high priorities, and the Council Cabinet need to ratify that later in the year.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

No more information to add.

Responsibility

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

9. Ref: 205033 – Twin bins, Alvaston – received 21.09.05

Issue

An Alvaston resident explained that the twin bin scheme had been introduced in her area, and she now has three bins. She raised concern over the requirement for residents to wash their recycling items before collection, as she did not feel that this should be the public's responsibility. She asked the panel how much both the blue and brown bins were costing the tax payers. She also asked who would pay for the cleaning of the bins, and whether local sites would be removed. She reported that the calendar is also very difficult to understand for the older residents.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

With regard to bins being left outside, the resident stated that when the bins are emptied, they are not returned to their own properties, and instead are left on the footpath.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Wynn stated that the Council Cabinet agreed that they need to have an urgent review of the implementation of twin bin schemes in areas of terraced houses and inner city, as it is clear that there are associated problems, with leaving bins out on the pavements, lack of storage and the assumption that it is a good thing to do everywhere in the city.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

To respond in writing to the resident.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

A response has been sent to the resident. The cost of providing a refuse collection service is approximately £74.62 for each household in Derby. The majority of this cost is the disposal of the rubbish.

The Council does not provide a wheeled bin cleaning service for any bins; these services are all provided by private companies and are used by people who wish to keep their bins clean. We do not endorse this practice and often have problems with waste being left on the street.

There are no plans to remove local recycling sites. Many sites have seen increased usage since the scheme started while we have been able to reduce the number of banks on other sites. Different people like recycling in different ways so we provide the opportunity for people to choose which method to use.

The calendar has proved very successful. We produce a large print version, a black and white version, a tape version or make home visits to talk through the scheme. If you know someone who has difficulty understanding the calendar please ask them to contact 715000 for help and advice.

Responsibility

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Street Care, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

10. Ref: 205036 – Petition – Pedestrian crossings – Royal Way / Pride Parkway, Alvaston

Issue

A petition had been received on 27 October 2004 signed by 49 people requesting pedestrian crossings are installed on Royal Way and Pride Parkway between Derwent parade and Royal Way.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

June 2005 - A report was presented to the meeting recommending the installation of a pedestrian refuge on Royal Way, but proposed to refuse the request for a pedestrian crossing on Pride Parkway. The panel approved the report.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The crossing facility on Royal Way was approved and has been added to the preparation pool of approved Local Transport Plan schemes. We will install the crossing on Royal Way, subject to funding, towards the end of this financial year. If funding is not available, the crossing will be considered for installation in 2006/07.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

11. Ref: 205019 – Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School. The main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at the parking, and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

June 2005 - A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. This stated that Officers would work with Moorhead Primary School to develop a Travel Plan.

September 2005 - Work is still ongoing to develop a school travel plan. We are working towards completing the travel plan by March 2006.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Jackson reported that there had been no further problems with parking, but stressed that this was obviously during the school holidays. She agreed to provide an update at the next meeting, as she would be attending a meeting on 22 September.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

No further information to add to that reported in September

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

12. Ref: 205030 – Temporary bus lane, Allenton, Boulton– received 21.09.05

Issue

A resident asked the panel how long the temporary bus lane would be in use for, as she had seen three serious accidents since its installation due to the road not being wide enough.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley confirmed that he had put in an official objection to this bus lane to Michael Foote. David Gartside explained that the bus lane is an experimental order that could last for 18 months. The Council were monitoring the affects of the bus lane on a regular basis and the results of the monitoring will determine whether it stays in as a permanent measure.

He explained that the Council were trying to change people's behaviour and make buses more attractive than using their own cars. The conflict here was that some people were using the bus lane dangerously while others were not, and this was causing the problem. If a bus lane was well respected buses could gain an advantage on their journey into the city. The way the traffic signals worked on the roundabout the bus lane should not cause an issue for other traffic. The idea was that the more people that use the bus, the less cars there would be on the road, which would result in less traffic.

Councillor Liversedge commented that the bus lane did not help, and the timing of the traffic lights were also a problem and that they should be removed.

Councillor Blanksby agreed with David Gartside, and stated that to overcome the vast volume of traffic there needs to be radical solutions. Different ideas had to be trailed to make public transport more attractive so people will be more willing to leave their cars at home, and use the bus.

Councillor Wynn said it was likely the bus lane would cause inconvenience to car drivers and added that the solution was not to remove the traffic lights. He stressed that the payback on these changes is long term, and there is an urgent need to promote public transport. He acknowledged that installing bus lanes is a painful process, but by changing behaviours now, will benefit the next generation. He also stressed that accessibility needs to be looked at, and investment needs to be made upfront into public services.

Councillor Tittley proposed the removal of the bus lane to be referred to Cabinet. Agreed to recommend Council Cabinet remove the bus lane in Allenton.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

To refer the removal of the bus lane to Council Cabinet for consideration.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

This issue is being referred to Cabinet on 8 November.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

13. Ref: 205031 – Merrill College Site, Boulton – received 21.09.05

Issue

A member of the public asked what was happening to the Merrill College site.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley reported that the playing fields will be maintained as green wedge. With regards to the school property, he had been told by the Director of Education that it is the decision of the school governors.

Councillor Jackson explained that she was the school Liaison officer and would be attending a meeting with the school on the evening of 22 September, and would try and get a response to this.

Councillor Wynn explained that he is a Private Finance Initiative - PFI board chair, and confirmed that the PFI scheme includes proposals for that site. He stated that it does however need the agreement of all the partners, and therefore does not just rest with the School Governors.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The Upper School site of Merrill College - both land and buildings - will be disposed of when the new single school on Upper Moor Road is completed and ready for occupation – currently set for September 2006.

The land and buildings are owned by the Governing Body, having transferred from ownership by the Council when Merrill became a Grant Maintained - now Foundation school.

Although owned by the Governing Body, discussions have already started between the Council and the governors concerning a 'partnership approach' to the disposal process, which although beginning around September 2006, is likely to take several months to complete before a sale on the open market can be effected.

At this stage, it is not possible to determine how and when re-development of the site will take place, but such re-development will be subject to the appropriate planning conditions and guidelines, including arrangements and opportunities for local residents to express their views concerning the planning applications received.

Responsibility

Mike Melliush, PFI Programme Manager, telephone 255533.

14. Ref: 205035 – Vandalism, Field Lane Community Centre, Boulton – received 21.09.05

Issue

A member of the public asked the panel if it was a high priority that a long term solution is found to the ongoing vandalism of the Community Centre. He stated that serious vandalism as led to the closure of the facilities.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Jackson confirmed that in May the facility was badly vandalised, and was closed down. A meeting had taken place with the Leader of the Council and other senior officers. She stated that repairs would cost about £80,000. A list of key items to engage the public had been drafted. The Council are committed to keeping the facility open, as there is a lack of facilities in the area, but it needs to be sustainable so that vandalism does not pose a future problem.

Councillor Blanksby confirmed that a 17 point plan was drawn up after this meeting - one of the vital elements in getting it open is the confidence of the community centre users, and the community at large. Without their support and help, it won't survive. Councillor Jackson started that discussions have been held with users of the centre and they support proposals to reopen it. They are committing their groups to continue to use the centre. Police and youth service support keeping it open.

Councillor Leeming agreed that this has been plagued by vandals and drug addicts. He reported that in May this year, the Council were doing repairs on the building, including an high security fence. Have it on record that when the fence was erected, there was a marked drop in vandalism. Unfortunately when the Council did repairs to a building to the side of it, when the scaffolding was erected, it was not, as legally required, made so people could not climb up it. This resulted in vandals damaging the roof.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The centre is currently closed. Councillors and officers met on 14 September to discuss the situation and the impact of the closure on centre users and the football teams. The preference would be to repair and reopen the centre as soon as possible if funding can be found. A survey has been carried out to determine the cost of repairs.

The Asset Management Group approved funding of £4,000 for measures to reduce vandalism and overnight security patrols are now being carried out. The Youth Offending Service and Youth Service are working in the area to try and reduce vandalism. Further damage has recently been caused to the building. The situation will be monitored prior to a final decision on the future viability of the centre and its priority for funding being made.

Responsibility

Sarah Wheatley, Acting Community Development Officer, Education, telephone 715656
Andrew Beddow. Head of Sport and Leisure, Education, telephone 715513

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

Issue

It was reported that a letter had been hand delivered to properties in the High Street area 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 21 September 2005

June 2005 – it was reported that this issue was being discussed with traffic management officers at Police headquarters. We will report back in due course.

September 2005 - A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' is being presented to the area panel meeting. This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order. A traffic review programme was presented to the area panel along with a questionnaire for residents to complete.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report including the meeting in August and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still working on the priority list of issues outlined at the last Area Panel meeting.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

16. Ref: 205023 – Tree problems, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

Mrs Nixon spoke on behalf of a resident in Newbridge Crescent, who understood that the tree at the back of the property could be pruned. This has not yet been done, and is blocking light from the house.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Arboricultural Officer has investigated the tree which is actually in Hubert Shaw Close. He has spoken to the resident about the tree and explained that unfortunately the work that the resident feels is required would not be acceptable working practice for this tree. Heavily pruning the tree would not be good for the health and safety of the tree. It is likely to lead to weak branch unions and the possibility of allowing decay to further weaken such unions, other pruning that may have been acceptable such as crown lifting or thinning has already been carried out.

The tree is in the garden of a Derby Homes tenant and not on open space and is therefore in the first instance the responsibility of the tenant.

Therefore there is unfortunately no acceptable pruning that is likely to bring about an appreciable difference to the shade cast by the tree.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The resident stated her dissatisfaction at the response, stating that the resident on Hubert Shaw Close is now very ill.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley agreed that this was an unsatisfactory response, and agreed that something needed to be done as a matter of urgency, which would need to include the review of the tree policy.

Councillor Willetts questioned why the tree could not be cut down. He felt that the council should do something about it if this is having such an effect on a resident.

Councillor Wynn explained that this issue had been ongoing for 18 months, and they had been assured that the tree policy would be reviewed. He confirmed that the new policy was now in draft format, and the new Cabinet had looked at this, and raised two issues that were lacking. Criteria – which would include lack of light, potential structural damage, and the second issue looked at resources. The tree resources are inadequate, and there is a recognition that more resources are needed along with the objective criteria. These two issues would be considered in the future.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The Council Cabinet has decided to allocate each of the Area Panels £1,000 in order to commission cosmetic tree works in cases where the Arboricultural Officers had not been prepared to commission work requested by a resident. This work is restricted to trees on Council owned land and all work requested would have to comply with the conditions stated in the Tree Management Policy.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

17. Ref: 204007 – Petition, High volume of traffic using A514, Chellaston – 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 21 September 2005

June 2005 - A full report was made available at the meeting, and presented by David Gartside. It was proposed to undertake a thorough review of the problems and issues on the A514 Chellaston Road around the High Street junction area and the district centre. The review will seek to find solutions to ease the congestion through this busy part of the city.

September 2005 - A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' is being presented to the area panel meeting.

This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order.

A traffic review programme was presented to the area panel along with a questionnaire for residents to complete.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A resident questioned the actual location, asking whether it was in fact Swarkestone Road or High Street.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report including the meeting in August and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

It was explained that the location was Swarkestone Road.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still working on the priority list of issues outlined at the last Area Panel meeting.

Responsibility

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

18. 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 21 September 2005

There have been no developments reported to the Area Panel since meeting in March 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A resident explained that they were hoping to hold a meeting with the nursery, and raise the issues of traffic volume.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley agreed to meet with the resident and further discuss this issue.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

The petition was responded to in 2004. The Church have continued to meet with local Councillors and residents

Responsibility

Councillor Tittley, telephone 705856

19. Ref: 205007 – Petition – Dog fouling, Flatts Path, Chellaston - 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 21 September 2005

June 2005 - Regarding dog fouling the Dog Wardens visited the site on a number of occasions at the end of 2004 and early 2005. 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. 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 to get a message across from the children to dog walkers.

Regarding path widening, a plan to straighten the path has been designed and was discussed at three meetings at the local schools on 15 June. It was proposed that the scheme will be designed in detail and introduced later in the year. Funding has been secured from the 'Safer Routes to School' programme.

September 2005 – it was reported that a dual purpose bin is planned for the area.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A local resident, who is a Governor of Chellaston School confirmed the path is wider, but there is still a problem with dog dirt. She asked that the school be consulted regarding the exact location of the bin.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley confirmed that this area had been identified as a problem, and asked when the bin would be installed, and also the exact location.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

Derby Parks are installing 51 new dual purpose bins across the city by April 2006, there will be 12 new bins provided in Area Panel 2 area. However there have been requests for 19 new bins to be installed in Area Panel 2 area and the initial 12 locations selected will be confirmed by 30 November 2005. At the area panel meeting on 11 January 2006 the area panel will be invited to fund the remaining seven suggested bins from their budget allocation. Each bin approved will cost £238 to purchase and install. Commercial Services have confirmed they will maintain these seven bins if funded by Area panel 2. When the new bin is installed on Flatts Path the school will be consulted.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

20. Ref: 205013 – Petition - Traffic problems – St Peter's Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

Councillor Tittley handed a petition in from residents of St Peter's Road, who were concerned about the road being used as a rat run. It asked that an investigation takes place to look at the possibility of it becoming a one way street.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

We have spoken to and written to the lead petitioner and have agreed with him that this issue will be considered as part of the review of the congestion around A514 Chellaston District Centre.

A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' is being presented to the area panel meeting on 21 September.

This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report including the meeting in August and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

Councillor Tittley explained that drivers are using Green Lane as a car park as there are no double yellow lines there, and this is adding to the problem.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still working on the priority list of issues outlined at the last Area Panel meeting.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

21. Ref: 205015 – Petition – ‘Access only’ signs on the service road to properties on Derby Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

A new petition was received asking for ‘Access only’ signs on the service road to properties on Derby Road, Chellaston

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

We have written to ward councillors concerning the proposal to install access only signs. We will be writing to residents to keep them informed.

We have begun the statutory consultation process as part of the Traffic Regulation Order. If we get no objections to the proposal, the access only signs will be installed. Previous experience has shown us that to obtain a Traffic Regulation Order will take around six months, providing there are no objections or unexpected complications.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on progress

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are currently at the public advertisement stage. If there are no objections from the advertisement we can then start work to implement the order.

Responsibility

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

22. Ref: 205016 – Petition – Junction of Station Road and Derby Road, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

A new petition was submitted asking for action regarding the Junction of Station Road and Derby Road, Chellaston

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' is being presented to the area panel meeting. This issue is being dealt with as part of this review of traffic issues in Chellaston including the High Street and District Centre. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key issues was developed and put into priority order.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report including the meeting in August and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

We are still working on the priority list of issues outlined at the last Area Panel meeting.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

23. Ref: 205018 – Petition – Fenced off outdoor facility at Chellaston Community Centre, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition was submitted to the Area panel 2 meeting by local residents requesting a fence around the outdoor area at Chellaston Community Centre. "We the undersigned residents call upon Derby City Council to give consideration to the fenced off area. This will provide a safe environment for all users of the centre. We believe that this will greatly reduce vandalism and give the many users a more acceptable facility at the centre. The undersigned residents therefore call upon Derby City Council to take into account these significant and very serious concerns when considering these proposals.'

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A full report to the petition was presented to the area panel on 15 June 2005. It was reported that the proposal is not in line with Council Policy regarding loss of public open space. The following course of action was proposed as a means to testing and resolving this particular proposal:

1. The petitioners should submit a planning application for the proposed fence and change of use. The application should be clear in demonstrating community support and benefit for the proposals
2. The application will be dealt with as part of the normal planning process. As part of this Parks will be consulted and will make an objection on the grounds of loss of public open space and this being against Council policy. Other objections may also be received from other organisations and/or individuals
3. The application will be reported to the Planning Committee for a decision
4. If a fence is chosen that requires planning permission then this will also be decided as part of the approval process. If a fence is selected that does not require planning permission then details of the fence should be submitted to the Council for approval as landowner and to ensure the fence does not impact on the amenity of the park.

It was recommended that the applicant select a dark green or black weldmesh style fence, preferably no higher than 2 metres. The applicant would also need to provide a minimum 400mm wide mowing strip under the fence to the satisfaction of the Parks Section. If planning approval is granted then Estates will prepare the necessary lease documents, including details of maintenance standards and future use of the land. The land would be transferred to Education and the area enclosed would no longer be public open space

September 2005 - Andy Morgan, Landscape and Development Officer, met with the Association and Councillor Tittley in July. It was confirmed what type of fencing Parks would approve and examples were sent to the Councillor and Association. Fencing less than 2 metres high, in this location, will not need planning permission, however the Community Association will still need to resubmit their planning application because of the change of use proposed.

On submission of a new application Parks and others will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed change in use of the public open space.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

A resident asked for confirmation regarding the payment of the administration fee, as it was stated at the last meeting that the fee for resubmitting the plan would be waived. He explained that he had been informed that they would incur a cost as the resubmission is after 12 months.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Bayliss stated that area panel funding could be considered.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley agreed to take this issue up regarding the administration fee.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

No new planning application has been submitted by the Association as at 28 October 2005.

The original withdrawn application was submitted in April 2004 and any new application submitted within 12 months of that date would have been free. As more than 12 months has now passed another fee of £265 would be required.

Responsibility

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

24. Ref: 205029 – Parking issues, Maple Drive, Chellaston- received 21.09.05

Issue

A resident of Maple Drive raised a concern about people parking across Maple Drive driveways when they attend the school to drop off and pick up their children. She appreciates that parents will want to park near the school but does not feel that people should park over her own personal driveway. She asked who she should refer this to, and what actions could be taken.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Tittley encouraged the resident to discuss this with the ward councillors, and then it would be passed over to Highways Officers and the Police. He stressed that this is a major problem, and is a serious issue when driveways are blocked. He asked the resident to provide contact details, and also encouraged her to take car details down.

Acting Inspector Mark Argyle, asked that residents contact PC Adele Stringer, to report when their driveways are blocked. He confirmed that he would get the beat officers to visit the school, and raise this issue with them.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on action taken.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

No more information to add.

Responsibility

Inspector Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

25. Ref: 205032 – Bus stops, Chellaston – received 21.09.05

Issue

A member of the public asked for confirmation as to whether the bus stops would be relocated, or in fact whether a recess would be made at the stops.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

David Gartside confirmed that this was correct, stating that the recess ones were still on the list, and would be brought back as an option.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

No more information to add.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services,
telephone 715064

26. Ref: 205020 – Petition – Closure or replacement of Allenton Market, All wards – received 15.06.05

Issue

A petition signed by 748 was received in March opposing the closure or replacement of Allenton market.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

June 2005 - A report was presented to the meeting – Item 6G in response to the petition. The Council are not prepared to release the market, and are not selling it. The market will therefore continue. Residents thanked the panel for their reassuring comments.

Another resident asked that better signs to direct people to the market, as there are none. A meeting has been requested and there has been no response yet.

September 2005 – it was reported that a meeting is being planned with the Markets Officer and Allenton Market Supervisor to meet local Councillors, representatives of the Market and the lead petitioner to discuss their request for improved signs. It also proposed to have a highways representative present.

It was reported that publicity is currently provided by adverts in the Tourist Information Guide every year. More adverts are now being placed in magazines which specifically target either Derby or Derbyshire or local food. Adverts are also placed in AdMag. The most recent magazine to include an advert is the September 2005 edition of Country Images - Derby edition. Copies are free and delivered over a wide area.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Wynn advised that a developer had been in touch with the Council putting in a suggested plan for the area. He advised members of the public that the Council has not had any further approaches about new developments.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update on meeting with traders

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

There are no current proposals to close the market.

A meeting was held on 14 October with the Traders representatives, Markets officers, Highways officers and Councillors to discuss this issue.

The traders' representatives produced a very broad agenda including many issues. The issue of signs for the market was one item. There was a discussion about what was needed for the market, whether it was signs to direct people to the market or advertising so people know when the market is open what is available to buy. Advertising was recognised as the key issue.

The Highways officer explained that road traffic signs would not provide effective advertising and signs could not be placed on any of the traffic roundabouts in the City. Several promotional ideas were suggested. There was a discussion about how best to advertise the market including using Public Information Pillars known as PIPs, including the one outside immediately outside the market, bus

shelters and banners. There was a discussion about the costs and benefits associated with advertising. Discussion with planners would be needed before any banners could be used. The Traders are now aiming to form a Committee and will be holding their own meeting on Friday 4 November to elect their members.

Responsibility

Stephen Meynell, Chief Estates Officer, Chief Executives, telephone 255557

27. Ref: 205028 – Area panel papers, All wards – received 21.09.05

Issue

A resident asked about residents receiving copies of the area panel papers, and proposed that they are allowed to pay for the postage to make sure they receive the papers at home, allowing sufficient time to read and digest the papers prior to the meeting.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 September 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Councillor Bayliss responded that the Labour group aim to make agendas freely available for the next round of meetings to residents who attend regularly.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 September 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 9 November 2005

Council is due to discuss the proposal to reintroduce the distribution of agenda papers at its meeting on 23 November.

Responsibility

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258505.