



## AREA PANEL 2

11 JANUARY 2006

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

### Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

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**1.2 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:** New lighting has been provided but need to investigate why three of the five lights were not working.

**Update:** Green Lane was surveyed by the Night Patroller on Monday 5 December, and the necessary repairs were placed.

**Further information:** John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

**1.3 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.

**Actions:** The location did not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing. Agreed to submit an Area Panel funding application for a pedestrian refuge.

**Update:** A funding application for a refuge is on the agenda for 11 January for the Area panel to consider.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

**1.4 Detrunking Shardlow Road, Alvaston – received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** A representative 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:** None.

**Update:** The proposals for the speed limit involve moving the 30/40 mph change in speed limit to 40 metres south-east of the junction with Keldholme Lane. The order is currently still being processed.

**Further information:** David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025.

**1.5 Traffic congestion, Alvaston Junior School, Alvaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident raised concern over the traffic congestion at Alvaston Junior School. She explained that as an employee at the school they have been working with Andy Culshaw to try to encourage people to walk to school. There are big problems with

cars parked outside the school, making it difficult for the emergency services to gain access. She explained that a car door had hit her daughter, when she was on the crossing. She wanted to know who to speak to get something done.

**Action:** Investigate and report back.

**Update:** Significant investment has taken place at Alvaston School including the creation of a school safety zone incorporating enforceable school keep clear markings and traffic calming measures. As stated previously the Police have powers to prosecute drivers for stopping on the markings during school and arrival times. The school has an active travel plan forum and is working closely with the Council to promote alternatives to car trips where possible.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

#### **1.6 Raynesway to London Road junction priorities, Alvaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A local resident asked for clarification over the right access points at the garage on the roundabout on the Raynesway to London Road junction. There are two entrances and people turning right from London Road into the garage are crossing over Raynesway to get in. She asked if this was correct.

**Action:** Investigate and report back

**Update:** We recognise that the petrol station is in an undesirable location. However, historically, it has been on that site for a number of years. Unfortunately, we have no jurisdiction how the petrol station operates their access. It has private access over the public highway.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

#### **1.7 Raynesway Refuse Site, Alvaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident commented that during a visit to Raynesway Refuse site Tip, in a small car, she received assistance to lift the rubbish out of her car. However, the assistant referred to a notice, that stated the site would only accept small amounts of hardcore/soil from car boots. Repeat visitors with the above materials will be turned away. She considered that if she was turned away, she would just dump the rubbish outside, and would certainly not take it back home. This is therefore encouraging flytipping.

**Action:** Investigate and report back.

**Update:** We would like to thank the resident for highlighting the assistance she received from staff at Raynesway. We have passed this comment on to the site supervisor.

Raynesway Recycling Centre operations are governed by the licence, which is issued by the Environment Agency. The terms of the licence state that Raynesway can only accept household waste. Household waste does not include soil, building rubble etc. in significant amounts.

We are aware that a household may generate small amounts of soil occasionally, and therefore, we allow this onto the site for disposal by car. Anyone who generates large

amounts of soil or builders rubble would be directed towards a private waste site - there are many in Derby, or advised that it may be appropriate to hire a skip. Hiring a skip can work out cheaper than making repeated journeys to Raynesway, and the majority of people tend to use this option.

There is no evidence to suggest a link between flytipping and the rules under which Raynesway operates. The level of flytipping has remained constant.

There has been little effect on dumping and flytipping that could be attributed to the twin bin system, and to some extent this system has shown to be beneficial. The total waste collected on the scheme has risen significantly on previous years indicating that we are collecting more waste from the area, some of which may have been dumped or flytipped before the scheme was introduced.

A new law was introduced on 21 November 2005, which covers the disposal of domestic waste. There is now a fine of £5,000 for those people who give their rubbish to someone who then subsequently dumps it. We are currently looking at how this new legislation will be promoted.

**Further information:** Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

#### **1.8 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:** Update on progress to develop the travel plan.

**Update:** School travel plan officers have contacted the head teacher at Moorhead to progress the development of the school travel plan. Parents have been invited to set up a travel plan forum and an initial meeting has been held to explain the travel plan process. Travel questionnaires have been sent to parents and pupils to identify travel patterns and barriers to movement. These are currently being analysed and a further meeting has been arranged with the forum to go through the results.

Following this the travel plan forum will begin to prepare and develop a school travel plan. It is hoped that the travel plan will be signed off by colleagues in the Education Service before April 2006 following which the school will be eligible for a small grant of approximately £5,000 to support the travel plan. Once the travel plan is completed consideration will also be given to funding safety and accessibility improvements through the Local Transport Plan.

With regard to the school warning triangles on Brackens Lane, there are signs, but some are in a poor condition. The school has requested that we replace the existing school warning signs due to their poor condition. We will replace the signs as soon as possible.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

#### **1.9 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:** Update on progress.

**Update:** It has been agreed to bring forward the review of the bus lane and ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to complete a review in time for a response to Area Panel 2 on 15 March 2006.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

#### **1.10 Merrill College Site, Jubilee Road, Chellaston – received 21.09.05**

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

**Action:** None.

**Update:** Disposal of the Upper School site requires the approval of the Department for Education and Skills – DfES - and the Council, in conjunction with the College, has already been through a significant part of that process. However, some uncertainties on the part of the DfES concerning the process were encountered, and there has been a delay in securing a valuation of the site by the District Valuer, which is required by the DfES process. However, that valuation has now been undertaken, and the disposal process re-started. The Council and the College will work together to ensure that vacating the site and its eventual disposal, integrate as closely as possible with occupation of the new single school on Upper Moor Road.

**Further information:** Mike Melliush, PFI Programme Manager, telephone 255533.

#### **1.11 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:** To provide an update on progress to reopen the centre.

**Update:** A meeting was held on Tuesday 6 December to discuss possible future use of the community centre. The meeting involved local councillors, user groups and members of the public. The meeting focused on the production of an Action Plan that will help to improve the usage, security and management of the centre. The Council has made a commitment to finding the money to fix the centre, however this is dependent upon the commitment of the local community to supporting the plan and the long term sustainability of the centre. The Action Plan will be circulated for comment in early January with a further follow up meeting to be organised in mid/ late January.

Anti vandalism measures have been put in place and levels of vandalism will be monitored.

**Further information:**

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

#### **1.12 Lighting for Mullion Green, Boulton – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident stated that there was a campaign to install lights on the footpath across Mullion Green, opposite the Cornishman Pub. He explained there would be a petition handed in and that an application for funding would be submitted to the area panel. He asked why officers had previously visited the site and acknowledged that lights were needed to reduce the level of antisocial behaviour but had not installed any lights.

**Action:** Submit funding application to the next meeting for consideration.

**Update:** A funding application is on the agenda for 11 January. Derby Homes have confirmed that if the area panel approve the funding, they will provide all future maintenance.

**Further information:** Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

#### **1.13 Boulton Lane drains, Boulton – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A local resident informed the panel that the drains on Boulton Lane were smelling vile and had done for over a month. She asked the panel if anything could be done.

**Action:** Investigate and respond, in writing to the resident.

**Update:** To investigate the concerns raised, more information is needed from the resident regarding the specific location of the problem highlighted.

**Further information:** John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

#### **1.14 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:** Update on action taken.

**Update:** A tree on Hubert Shaw Close was due to be pruned on instructions from the Council using £100 from Area Panel 2 budget. However, in error, the sub-contractor felled the tree. When the error was pointed out, the contractor immediately acknowledged the genuine mistake and offered to prune the other three trees on Hubert Shaw Close at no charge.

**Further information:** Alf Bousie, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

#### **1.15 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:** Update on progress of locations of the agreed 12 dual purpose bins.

**Update:** The path widening is part of the safer routes to school scheme. A new dual purpose bin will be installed by March 2006.

**Further information:** Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Commercial Services, telephone 715778

**1.16 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:** To provide an update on action.

**Update:** The order has now been made. The signs will be in place before the next area panel meeting.

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090

**1.17 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:** Councillor Tittley agreed to progress the issue.

**Update:** The proposal is not in line with Council Policy regarding loss of public open space. No new planning application has been received. No more information to add.

**Further information:** Councillor Tittley

**1.18 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:** Update.

**Update:** Patrols have been carried out by both the traffic wardens and the local beat officer. Both acknowledge that there is a significant problem here, wholly due to the amount of cars trying to park in or around the school at peak times. This results in unnecessary congestion and has obvious dangers to the children travelling to and from

the area. Unfortunately the visits did not produce any fixed penalty notices, in other words the parking may be inconsiderate but it has not amounted to any specific offences. Officers will continue to make patrols in the area, but it is unrealistic to expect that these patrols will be anything more than occasional. I would suggest that this is a case of forcing the parents to accept more responsibility. There may be some measures that the local highways department can suggest to help relieve the problem.

Both the infant and junior schools have travel plans that are up and running. The travel plans will be developed over the coming years and we will monitor their progress. We will also continue to encourage parents and children to choose sustainable travel options to reduce car use.

**Further information:** Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

#### **1.19 Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A petition had been received from local residents complaining about trees on Church Close blocking out light of local residents. They also have concerns over root growth.

**Action:** To provide a response to the petition.

**Update:** A meeting was held with the petitioner. The pruning necessary to overcome these problems will be completed by February 2006. There is no arboricultural solution to the leaf issue.

**Further information:** John Winters, Director of Commercial Services, telephone 716401

#### **1.20 Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A petition signed by approximately 90 peoples was received from residents of Chellaston, requesting the re-routing of the number 68 and 68a bus service away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. As currently routed, the residents feel that the bus services cause unnecessary traffic and environmental problems, which if re-Orouted along Homeleigh Way would stop.

**Action:** Investigate and provide a report at the next meeting.

**Update:** A report appears on the agenda for 11 January – item 6c.

**Further information:** Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034

#### **1.21 Cycle Lane Proposal, High Street / Mitre, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A local resident requested the installation of a cycle route, from High Street, Chellaston past the Mitre Island, as dedicated cyclists are at risk by using the A514, and so use the pavements instead. She suggested the temporary bus lane in Allenton be used.

**Action:** Investigate and report back at next meeting.



**Update:** We are currently undertaking a strategic integrated transport study - SITS, along this transport corridor. As part of this, consideration will be given to facilities to encourage sustainable transport choices, including cycling. Cyclists can currently use all bus lanes in Derby, including the one near Mitre island.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

#### **1.22 New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident raised a number of questions about traffic on Parkway and wanted to know what the Council can do to resolve them. These included concerns about the school entrance because it is on a bend, with a junction immediately before the entrance. She asked if it was the Council's responsibility to inform the test centre that Parkway is no longer a dead end, because it is still on the driving test route. She also asked why Arriva put their bus stops so near to the school entrance on both sides of the road. Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it.

**Action:** Investigate and report back

**Update:** Early in the new year we will be working with the bus operators to consider moving some bus stops in West Chellaston. We will be undertaking consultation with local residents, Councillors and other interested parties as part of this review. The bus stops referred to by the resident will be included in this consultation. However, we expect that should these bus stops be moved, they would still need to be close to the school for the convenience of the passengers using the services.

When the plans were drawn up for this development, Parkway was designed as one of the main access points. Parkway is therefore a legitimate route for those accessing properties within the development and is not a rat run.

**Further information:** Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090

#### **1.23 Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05**

**Issue:** At its meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel 2 identified the issue of traffic issues as one of its highest priorities. Issues had been raised at the area panel over the previous two years that all related to requests for improvements in traffic. These included parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane, the high volume of traffic using A514, traffic problems on St Peter's Road and traffic problems at the junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

**Action:** Update on progress with the traffic review and the priority list.

**Update:** We aim to have a meeting with Area Panel members and representatives of residents groups in the New Year to review the options available, prioritise any future improvements and draw up an action plan. Following this we will report our findings to the Area Panel for further discussion.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and

**1.24 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:** Update on outcome

**Update:** At the full Council meeting on 23 November it was agreed to reintroduce the free distribution of agenda papers to residents who request them. However, officers will stop sending papers to anyone who does not attend and sign the attendance sheet at two successive Area Panel meetings, unless they make a request to continue receiving the papers. Electronic copies of Area Panel papers will continue to be available on the Council website and an email alert will be sent to those who request it.

**Further information:** Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258505.

**1.25 Council review on grounds maintenance, all wards – received 09.11.05**

**Issue:** A resident commented that she understood the Council were undertaking a review of grounds maintenance. She asked the panel to take the issue of grass cuttings being cleared around sheltered housing on board. She stated that elderly residents are out trying to clear the grass themselves and she would like to see some help for them.

**Action:** Confirm status of any review of grounds maintenance

**Update:** The contract for Grounds Maintenance is shortly to go out to tender. We are currently working towards a late January tendering exercise and we are currently at the stage of selecting appropriate Companies.

It is not definite that Commercial Services will retain the contract.

A later part of the exercise will be looking at what should go into the specification and this is, at the moment, quite open. We will be considering what tenants and leaseholders think and the issue of removing grass cuttings is one of the most mentioned services.

This is not currently included in the specification. What we do to alleviate this area of concern is :

- undertake 15 cuts a year, generally
- 30 cuts a year on sheltered schemes - the more often we cut the less cutting there is, less likely to cause problems, that's the theory
- remove from paths - blow/brush it back onto lawn, any cuttings

**Further information:**

Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, Commercial Services, telephone 715778  
Pam Stretton, Area Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716578

## 1.26 Cycle provision, all wards– received 09.11.05

**Issue:** A local resident asked how the £1.5 million match funding pledge for new cycling facilities would be provided, how it would be spent and when consultation will be carried out.

**Action:** To report back to the next meeting.

**Update:** We are still working with Cycling England to finalise and refine our spending proposals. Chiefly we are using the funds to encourage young people to cycle in Derby. We aim to achieve this by improving cycle parking in schools, improving cycle links to and from schools, increasing the level of cycle training and coaching for young people and developing a marketing and promotions strategy. Our match funding is from a number of sources including the Local Transport Plan, existing Council and partner training and coaching budgets and developer funding.

We have arranged a public meeting, in partnership with Derby Cycling Group, to present and discuss our proposals in more detail. It is on Tuesday 17 January at 7pm in the Voice box on Forman Street.

**Further information:** Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

## 1.27 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Jitty – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston	Confirm gating order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	15 March 2006
Jitty – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston	Confirm gating order regulations from Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	15 March 2006
Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade, Alvaston	Report the findings of the results analysis	15 March 2006
Petition – Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton	Update on investigations	15 March 2006
Petition – Roundabout, Brackens Lane, Crayford Road, Boulton	Update on investigations	15 March 2006

## PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None.
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Area Panel 2 community issues update report, background information 11 January 2006