

Area Panel 5 Community Issues Update Report

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Background papers:

None.

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 - Area Panel 5 community issues update report, background information

1.2 Ref 506029 – Pedestrian crossing, Markeaton Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A local resident considered that the new skateboard park at Markeaton Park now meant even more residents from Mackworth were going to Markeaton Park. He considered this was more evidence for the need for a pedestrian crossing by the Prince Charles Avenue junction and he asked the panel to consider the request.

Action: To report back at the next meeting on the request to install a pedestrian crossing.

Update: As it is nearly two years since we last reviewed Ashbourne Road, we arranged for a new survey of pedestrian activity to be undertaken on a Saturday morning during the summer when pedestrian activity is higher. The survey has been completed and the results are being collated and analysed. We will provide a further update when the investigations are complete. **Note.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

1.3 Ref 506021 – Petitions – Toddlers play area, Coppice Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition was received signed by 57 residents of Coppice Park, Allestree opposing the proposed toddler play area, on the grounds of increased antisocial behaviour, and health and safety.

A counter petition had also been received signed by 13 residents in favour of the play area, which had always been included in the development plans.

Action: Ask officers to investigate the petitions and provide a report to a future meeting.

Update: In terms of action in response to the petition, Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member responsible for Planning and Transportation, intends with appropriate Officers, to have a meeting with representatives from both sets of petitioners. It is anticipated that this meeting will be as soon as possible.

With regard to the background to this issue, the planning permission for the residential development and the provision of open space was granted in October 2001 subject to a Section 106 Agreement which required the developer to provide a toddlers' play area and the open space. Plans submitted during the application process, which commenced in May 1999, indicated the play area in the open space adjoining the northern boundary.

The permission was subject to the provision of a sustainable surface water drainage system, and to the protection and restoration of features of natural conservation interest such as the Marsh, the Markeaton Brook and the Kedleston Road hedge.

A reed bed system was commenced on site to match the phasing of the housing development but a revised system had to be designed and implemented and this was installed more recently. Consequently, the open space and play area provision have been delayed beyond the completion of the houses. Normally, adoption by the Council of the open space and play area and drainage system, which is located within the Marsh and within the area of open space to be adopted, would follow an acceptable 12

month maintenance period. Until then, the area remains the responsibility of the developers.

A further report will be brought to a future meeting when the investigations have been completed. **Note**

Further information:

Duncan Inwood, Group Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255926

Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.4 Ref: 505039 – Petition – Well repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street, Darley - received 12.10.05

Issue: A petition containing 80 signatures, had been received from residents of Strutt's Park and Rivermead House requesting the repair of the well at the bottom of Well Street and the installation of a handrail on Well Street, as they were concerned about the general state of Well Street, in particular the slippery surface and the difficulties faced by everyone who use the route to negotiating the steep hill.

Action: To find out details of the repairs planned for the area surrounding the well to confirm who will be doing this.

Update: A funding application has been submitted to Area Panel 5 for funding to replace the existing section of handrail at the top of Well Street. It will then match and be in keeping with the new handrail that will be installed at the bottom of Well Street.

An order has been placed to tidy up the area.

Note.

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064

Peter Matthews, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 717831

1.5 Ref: 505026 – Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street, Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: A petition signed by 63 people had been received requesting a one-way system on Markeaton Street, due to the concerning level of traffic that converge daily on the street. It also referred to the anticipated increase in traffic and parking problems due to the high level of developments in the area, and the proposals to expand Derby University. It also requested that the area be monitored on a regular basis by traffic wardens.

Action: Noted the report and agreed that further consultation takes place on options. Officers are requested to report back the new recommendation at the meeting on 4 October.

Update: A review is being undertaken on the priorities and funding of schemes from the Area and Neighbourhood priorities budget. A separate report appears on the agenda 'Consultation on the 2007/08 programme for highways and transport schemes'. The further consultation exercise as agreed at the last area panel meeting is on hold subject to awaiting confirmation of scheme priorities.

Note and put into outstanding issues until priorities are known.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.6 Ref 506008 – Sale of St Helen’s House, Darley – raised 01.02.06

Issue: A resident reported that the closing date for bids for St. Helen’s House is 21 April and he asked if the Council will have to take the best bid or can they then offer it to the St. Helen’s House trust.

Action: The Council will consider the best bid, including that of the Trust, taking account of proposals for refurbishment, use of the buildings and any enabling development, as well as any financial offer. A report will go to Cabinet. To update on progress to report to Cabinet.

Update: The Council Cabinet considered a report on St Helen’s House on 5 September. It was reported that the Council had received St Helen’s House Trust’s proposals, together with bids from private developers. The report asked Council Cabinet to consider the how to progress the matter. Cabinet agreed to:

- invite the two developers to work up their proposals prior to presentations to a panel of members and officers.
- invite a representative of the Trust to take a seat on the panel.
- invite the panel to make a recommendation to Cabinet to appoint a preferred developer.
- hold the proposals from the Trust in reserve pending the outcome of the preferred developer’s proposals.
- limit the indemnity given to the Trust for developing their Feasibility Stage 2 proposals to costs incurred to date, approximately £18,000.

The reasons for the Cabinet decisions were that, the study carried out by the Trust’s consultants did not show that their proposals are sustainable, that the developers need to go through a selection process and that the Trust would not be required to incur further expenditure on their own proposals. **Note and close.**

Further information: Chris Edwards, Assistant Director-Property Services, Chief Executive’s, telephone 255070

1.7 Ref 506012 – Granite kerb stones on Darley Lane, Darley – raised 01.02.06

Issue: A resident asked what had happened to the granite kerbstones that had been removed on Darley Lane and had been replaced with concrete in a conservation area. Subsequently a resident reported damage to bollards by contractors.

Action:

We have arranged to have the bollards repaired.

To refer to Conservation Area Advisory Committee to respond to the request to have the granite kerbstones replaced.

Update: Senior Highways Inspector Gary Massey has met both Harry Hopkinson, Team leader Built Environment and resident Penny Abru on site. It has been agreed that the concrete kerbs should be left in place because it is not practical nor cost effective to replace them. In this case, there is little merit in taking out two concrete kerbs in a drop crossing to be replaced by granite stone kerbs, when there are

substantial lengths of concrete kerb on either side. It was also agreed to discuss ways to ensure original materials are retained in future with the Development Control team.

While on site, it was noticed the need to remove the tarmac reinstatement placed in the channel, and replace it with setts. This work should be completed by the end of October.

Conservation Area Advisory Committee met on 14 September and supported the concern over the missing granite setts in Darley Street, within the Strutts Park Conservation Area, but was pleased to note that they are now to be reinstated. As a matter of principle, the Committee considered that the loss of any historic paving/highway materials from the City's conservation areas would be highly regrettable. The Committee recommended that the Council should ensure that any salvaged historic highway materials should be retained for reuse in a safe and secure store. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067
Harry Hopkinson, Team Leader-Built Environment, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255061

1.8 Ref 506015 – Darley Park – BBQ Notices, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern about the use of disposable barbeques at Darley Park, as the grass and tree trunks were being damaged, and there were also problems with food remains being left on the ground. It was felt notices should be erected informing the public that barbeques are not allowed. Could a designated area be considered?

Action: It had been reported the Parks policy is to keep signage in parks to a minimum. Investigate idea to have a designated area and report back.

Update:

Parks Officers are still investigating the idea of a designated area; they are talking with other local authorities to see what their policies are and will report back to a future meeting.

Note.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

1.9 Ref 506017 – Parking Enforcement, Markeaton Primary School, Bromley Street, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A representative from Markeaton Primary School informed the panel that although they had a traffic regulation order, there was still considerable problems with parents parking on the zig - zag lines. She explained that as requested, she had kept a record of offending vehicles, but to date had not been contacted by Officers.

Action: It was reported in June 2006 that surveys have been undertaken at Markeaton Primary School to ascertain compliance levels with the traffic regulation order, and enforcement will be undertaken as apart of the Council's new responsibilities for parking enforcement. Any lasting effect of enforcement will not be felt until into the Autumn term.

Report back at the October meeting on how priorities for parking enforcement hotspots will be identified.

Update: Prior to the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement on 3 July 2006, a process of reviewing the necessity of all the traffic restrictions in the City was undertaken. As a consequence, some restrictions have been revoked. This means that all remaining restrictions are considered to be useful and necessary and will be regularly enforced.

There are areas, for example, Pride Park on match days and the area surrounding the University where we are aware of acute issues. We will undertake targeted enforcement in 'hot spot' areas when the need arises, with the aim to lessen congestion and problems for other road users. As the latest technology is being used in our enforcement effort, this means we have the ability to constantly monitor where abuse most regularly occurs. This information, coupled with reports to our Parking Services hotline helps us determine how best to direct our efforts.

Our Enforcement Officers have visited the Markeaton Primary School area and talked with teachers, parents and residents to encourage drivers to act responsibly.

Residents should report any illegal parking concerns to the Parking Services hotline, Tel: 01332 715032 or e-mail: parking.services@derby.gov.uk. **Note.**

Further information: Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Constabulary. Telephone 613131

Steve Alcock, Parking Development Engineer, Regeneration and Community. Telephone 71 5128

1.10 Ref 506020 – Petition - Street lighting on Nottingham Road, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A petition signed by 57 residents was submitted which asked for street lights to be installed on part of Nottingham Road near to the city centre.

Action: To provide a report to the October meeting.

Update: A report responding to the petition can be found elsewhere on the agenda in item 6. We propose to carry out an interim minor upgrade of the existing lighting with a full review that will take place with the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative contract.

Note and close

Further information: Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community Tel: 715014

1.11 Ref 506025 – Riverside pathway, Silk Mill, Darley – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A local resident reported that the Riverside Path had been blocked for a number of months, and asked if this would be affected by the development plans for the Silk Mill.

Action: To report back at the next meeting.

Update: The refurbishment plan for the Silk Mill is at an early stage in its development, but we do not intend it to have any effect on the public use of the riverside footway. The refurbishment plan for the Silk Mill is at an early stage in its development, but we do not intend it to have any effect on the public use of the riverside footway. The footway re-opens to the public on 30 September. A small ceremony to mark the re-opening of the walkway and the topping out of the restored fire escape will take place on October. **Note and close.**

Further information: Anneke Bambery, Head of Museums, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716650

1.12 Ref 506026 – Shrubs, Broadway, Darley ward – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A resident informed the panel that the shrubs on the side of Broadway, as you approach Kedleston Road needed trimming, as they were obscuring visibility for traffic.

Action: To update at the next meeting.

Update: The shrubs at this location have previously been identified as requiring trimming back. An order had been placed to have the work carried out, but the contractor was not able to gain access to the shrubs due to parked cars. We expect that the shrubs will be cut back in the next couple of weeks. **Note and close.**

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064

1.13 Ref 506027 – Public transport on Duffield Road and Kedleston Road, Darley – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the high cost of a return fare on the Duffield Road and Kedleston Road bus service. She questioned the value of the very short bus lanes that are proposed, when the number of passengers are really low.

Action: Update

Update: There are significant savings to be made on bus fares if people buy “Frio” tickets which give passengers 13 single journeys for the price of ten.

The number of bus passenger on these two corridors is very high. On Kedleston Road in 2005/06 there was over 1 million bus passenger journeys and on Duffield Road over 600,000 making these both very significant bus corridors. One of key reasons given for people not using bus services is unreliable journey times, creating bus lanes will help to improve this situation. **Note and close.**

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

1.14 Ref: 505040 – University Parking, Allestree and Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Over the past two years residents have raised a number of issues, concerns and petitions about student parking and traffic around the University of Derby. These include complaints about student parking on Oakover Drive and Amber Road in Allestree, Broadway and Penny Long Lane and around Markeaton Street. Complaints had also been raised about the amount of litter generated on Broadway due to flyers

and posters being placed on the car windscreens. The University, Police and Council have put initiatives and campaigns in place to help address the issues since October 2005.

Action: Report back on recent progress at the October 2006 meeting.

Update: The Council has continued to work with the police and the University to ensure that we are well placed to deal with problems arising from inconsiderate and inappropriate student parking around the University.

Because of the problems encountered last year, with vehicles parking on some parts of the verge along Broadway, the City Council has arranged for physical works to be carried out. These works have involved the installation of bollards to physically restrict vehicular access and will be helpful in protecting the verge at all times. The success of these works will be monitored, particularly with regard to any displacement effects.

As publicised throughout the summer, the City Council is now responsible for enforcing waiting restrictions. Therefore, resources are being concentrated on the contravention of waiting restrictions in the University area in an attempt to get the influx of new students into good parking habits for the rest of the academic year. The change in the enforcement regime will be highlighted in the area by posters at strategic locations. We will work with the police to ensure that Access Only areas also receive enforcement attention and we will, as usual, monitor parking and other activity throughout the area. Where problems occur we will look for appropriate and effective solutions.

Last year we had some problems with levels of parking at Amber Road and Norbury Close at Allestree. We are developing proposals to help reduce the impact of parking in these locations and will look to bring them forward as soon as we are able.

The University is continuing to work closely with both the City council and the local police to minimise the impact students parking has on its neighbours. A leafleting campaign is underway to advise on the need to park considerately and legally. All halls students will be advised of the need to park correctly and considerately should they use their vehicles to travel to the University. This same message is being broadcast on the university video net on all TV's in the common areas of the University.

From feedback received, the access only road markings did improve awareness of the restrictions in place.

The University has an on going commitment to travel planning and is maintaining and developing its travel plan. This extends to heavily subsidised Unibus travel - from car parking charging - free motorcycle parking and for this year improved facilities for cyclists - refurbished changing room and shower facilities as well as increased and improved CCTV for cycle security.

The University is also considering the possibility of a new 230 plus space car park, in line with the current planning assent, that will alongside its proactive travel planning, significantly improve facilities for its students, staff and visitors. This car park when constructed will also be a valuable resource for the city for such events as the Darley Park concert, and events that are held on Markeaton park. **Note.**

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

1.15 Ref 506014 – Scout Hut on Leytonstone Drive, Mackworth – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident raised concern over the empty scout hut that constantly being vandalised by local youths. This issue had been raised previously at Area Panel 5 in October 2005 and the responses had stated that Cabinet has agreed £20,000 for demolition and that the work would be progressed.

The resident went on to state that the tender for demolition had not been progressed yet and wanted to know why.

Action: In July we reported that we are aware of the anti social behaviour issues around the property and the impact on residents. Derby Homes Community Watch Patrol has been monitoring the site.

Demolition can only start when services are disconnected and documentation is provided to the Council. It is also subject to other urgent priorities such as responding to fires and demolition work. To provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: The prospective purchasers had their planning application refused recently. The Council is still awaiting confirmation on what they plan to do. The funding for the demolition is all approved and we are due to sign the contract before demolition can take place. **Note.**

Further information: Martin Laidler, Housing Development Manager, Resources and Housing, telephone 255196

Julie Basford, Asset Manager, Chief Executives, telephone 255545

Peter Matthews, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718772

1.16 Ref 506022 – Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition had been received from the residents of Mackworth Estate living in the area of Balham Walk, requesting the urgent repaving of Balham Walk.

Action: Officers to investigate and report back on the petition request.

Update: A report responding to the petition can be found elsewhere on the agenda in item 6. No action is proposed other than to make sure Transco repair their reinstatement and that the six monthly routine inspections continue.

Note and close.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.17 Ref 506023 – Grass cuttings, Mackworth Estate, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Issue: The panel were asked if something could be done as there was no secondary grass cutting taking place on the Mackworth Estate, and areas around lampposts in particular looked appalling.

Action: To provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: The weedkiller that was applied around the lampposts was not as effective due to the heavy rainfall earlier in the year. Strimming has been carried out and further maintenance will be completed during the winter months.

Note and close.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.18 Ref 506024 – Recycling, Mackworth Estate, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Issue: The panel were asked if a date had been arranged for the Mackworth Estate to join in the 'rethink rubbish' scheme. They were also asked if there were any plans to increase the items that could be recycled, particularly regarding batteries and plastic bags.

Action: To report back at the next meeting.

Update: The Mackworth Estate is one of the three remaining rounds out of 15, which are not yet on the recycling scheme. We are planning to implement the scheme to these final three rounds next year from April 2007 to March 2008. We have not yet finalised which order they will be joining the scheme and the dates for this.

As far as we are aware there are currently no battery recycling plants in the UK. Due to this we are not planning to start collecting batteries in the near future. Hopefully as technology improves and more facilities become available we will be able to increase the types of material we collect for recycling possibly including batteries. Some electrical retailers do have battery banks/battery recycling facilities in their stores.

Plastic carrier bags again cannot be recycled in the current kerbside recycling scheme, and are classed as a contaminant. They can be recycled at Tesco stores or reused as bin liners or carrying shopping instead of getting new ones. **Note and close.**

Further information:

Malcolm Price, Waste Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716350

1.19 Ref 506016 – Cityscape, all wards – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A member of the public asked the panel if Mr Cadwallader, Chief Executive of Derby Cityscape Ltd could come to the next Area Panel 5 meeting and give the presentation that he had recently given at Area Panel 3 and answer questions from residents.

Action: To invite Mr Cadwallader to the next meeting on 4 October.

Update: Mr. Cadwallader has accepted the invitation to attend the meeting on 4 October. **Note and close.**

Further information:

Mr Cadwallader, Chief Executive, Derby Cityscape Ltd. Telephone 204194

1.20 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Petition – Crossing on Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree	provide an update when the work has been completed or	Upon completion or April 2007

	at April 2007 Area Panel 5 meeting	
Cheviot Street Recreation Ground Brook, Mackworth	Report back once a options report is produced	January 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To consider and note the report.