

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 9.30pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
14 JANUARY 2004**

Present: Councillors E Berry, Bolton, Gupta, Latham, MacDonald, Redfern,
Roberts, Smalley and West

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Peter Matthews – Derby Homes
Tony Gascoigne – Development and Cultural Services
Andrew Morgan – Derby City Parks
Sergeant Ben Goodman – Derbyshire Constabulary
Lynne Allison – Greater Derby PCT
Paul Dransfield – Director of Finance
Matthew Deakin – Development and Cultural Services

43 members of the public were in attendance.

44/03 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahern, P Berry and Brown.

45/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

46/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

47/03 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 5 November 2003 be confirmed as a correct record.

48/03 Budget Presentation

Councillor West, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services and Paul Dransfield, Director of Finance, presented to the Panel the Council's themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan and the budget proposals for 2004-2005. A short video was shown which outlined the huge variety and extent of Council services. Members of the public were circulated with a Derby Pointer Questionnaire, which

they were asked to complete and return at the end of the meeting. The Chair thanked both Councillor West and Paul Dransfield for their informative presentations and invited members of the public to return the questionnaires with comments on the points covered in the presentation.

Agreed to note the presentation.

49/03 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues raised at the Area Panel Meeting

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of issues raised, various actions, progress to date and detailed which Council Officer was responsible for the issue.

Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

Albert Road Bus Service, Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that the Cross Party Bus Working Group would consider the results of the recent consultation at its meeting on 19 January 2004. Councillor Bolton agreed to give an update at the next meeting of the Area Panel.

Alcohol Free Zone, Chaddesden Park, Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that there was to be a meeting with the local police on 22 January to discuss the Alcohol Free Zone proposals for Chaddesden Park. Councillor Bolton agreed to provide an update to the next meeting of the Area Panel.

Tree Pruning in Sussex Circus Area, Derwent

Councillor Redfern reported that discussions were taking place between Derwent New Deal for Communities and Roe Farm School to put together a funding package to enable the trees, in the school grounds to be pruned.

Vandalism around the 145th Scouts Building, Coniston Crescent, Derwent

The Scout Group Leader of the 145th Scouts, Chaddesden reported that problems in the area of the 145th Scouts Building on Coniston Crescent had reduced considerably and she was particularly grateful to the response from the Community Watch Patrol. She reported that paint had been put on the building, which would deter vandals. The main concern at the moment was dog fouling. The offender who was allowing their dog to foul had been spoken to and it was hoped that the problem would reduce in the near future. The Scout Leader requested that a plaque relating to dog fouling be erected near the Scouts Building.

Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to consider putting a dog fouling sign near to the building of the 145th Scouts on Coniston Crescent, Derwent.

Brown Bins, Oakwood

It was reported that the Brown Bin Scheme would be rolled out to the Oakwood area in October 2004. A report had been requested for the April meeting of the Area Panel but the Area Panel agreed that this would now be more appropriate for the June meeting.

Adoption of Road, Oakwood

A question was asked on the outcome of the meeting between the Director of Persimmon and the Director of Development and Cultural Services.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to give an update to the next meeting.

Missing Road Signs in Spondon Village and Oakwood

A member of the public reported that there had been a positive result on this issue but there was still a fair way to go and progress should be maintained.

Removal of Temporary Traffic Lights on Chaddesden Lane, Chaddesden

Councillor Bolton reported that she had had a meeting on site and Transco who had apologised for the delay. They would be working throughout January, both day and night, to get the work finished as quickly as possible. A member of the public reported that other roads were being used, to avoid the traffic lights and this was having a knock-on effect. A question was raised on whether any financial penalties would be put on Transco. It was reported that if the works were not completed on time, further action would be taken.

Funding Opportunities for Spondon

Councillor Berry reported that Council Cabinet had approved a grant to improve the internal areas of Spondon Village Hall.

50/03 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Road Safety Cameras, Nottingham Road, Chaddesden

A member of the public asked about the sign on Nottingham Road Chaddesden which stated '110 people injured on this route in the last three years'. He asked what the definition of 'the route' was, as the A52 extended considerably beyond the city boundary. Councillor Bolton reported that the 110 people injured related to a stretch of the A52 between the Pentagon Island and the city boundary and covered the

period 1998-2000. The speed cameras had been installed by the Safety Camera Partnership because of clusters of serious casualties in a bid to reduce the number of accidents.

Working with the Scout Movement

A member of the public asked if the Scout Movement needed anymore help with working with young people. It was reported that there were plans to resurrect a project to get a Scout Hut built on the Oakwood Park to encourage young people into productive areas of activity. A member of the public responded that the Scout Movement always needed more leaders and volunteers to support their worthwhile activities.

Councillor Berry reported that she was working with a youth group to assist with activities within the community.

Recycling Cardboard at Oakwood Centre

A member of the public asked if the cardboard recycling container, which had been at the Oakwood District Centre, would be replaced. Councillor West reported that it was situated on private land and the Council were not able to insist on the recycling container being reinstated.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate if the container could be replaced and report back.

Litter Bins

A member of the public reported that there was a lack of litter bins, particularly on Bishops Drive and Springwood Drive in the area around the school and Chaddesden Wood, Oakwood. If more litter bins were provided, this would encourage people to use them, rather than dropping litter on the floor. The main problem in the area of the Chaddesden Wood, was rubbish being dumped. Reference was made to Keep Britain Tidy campaigns, which used to take place. It was felt that the litter affected the appearance of the area and there was now a 'litter culture'. It was felt that children needed to be educated about litter problems, within schools.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the issue and report back to a future meeting.

Community Watch Patrol

A member of the public asked if the Community Watch patrol could be extended beyond Council owned properties with funding from the Council and the police, to look at hotspots for anti-social behaviour. He felt that society needed to act together to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour. He referred particularly to the Oakwood Community Centre, which was constantly being vandalised. Councillor Latham referred to a meeting, which had been held at the Oakwood Community Centre to see how the situation could be improved. It was reported that Anti-social Behaviour Orders were starting to be effective, especially in the Breadsall Hilltop

area. The number of Anti-social Behaviour Orders issued in the last quarter, had increased dramatically and it was reported that the Youth Service were playing an active roll in this particular area. Anti-social Behaviour Orders had conditions attached to them which were adapted to the individual and could help keep people out of areas where they were causing problems. A question was raised on whether an Anti-social Behaviour Order could be issued if the problem only affected one person. It was reported that this was an evidence-based issue and they could be issued, even if it only affected one person. Councillor Redfern reported that crime was reducing in the Derwent area and it was not being transferred to other areas. Partnership work had taken place to engage young people in the area to see how anti-social behaviour could be tackled.

Councillors Surgeries

A member of the public suggested that many of the issues raised at the Area Panel meeting could have been raised at Councillors surgeries and investigations into the issues raised could have started earlier.

51/03 Petitions

No New Petitions.

To consider Petitions received since the last meeting.

Mobile Phone Mast, Springwood Leisure Centre, Springwood Drive, Oakwood

The Panel noted that a petition had been received requesting the removal of a mobile phone mast from the Springwood Leisure Centre, Springwood Drive, Oakwood. Following considerable debate, the residents requested that the City Council revoke the planning authorisation with immediate effect and terminate any contracts and suspend further work on the project. It was reported that planning consent could not be revoked, as the mast was within permitted development rights. The members of the public present were particularly concerned about the health aspects related to the mast. Technical information was given on mobile phone masts, as well as the planning and appeals processes. Planning consent for the particular mast in question was given in 2002.

Agreed

- 1. To report the views of the Area Panel back to the Director of Development and Cultural Services and to request a report back to the Area Panel to see if anything could be done about the siting of the mast.**
- 2. To request that the mast does not become operational until investigations have been completed.**

Procedure for Dealing with Petitions

Councillor Bolton requested that the procedure for dealing with petitions be reviewed

52/03 An Introduction to School Travel Plans

Matthew Deakin from Development and Cultural Services gave a presentation on what school travel plans were and what was included in the travel plans. He reported that he was working with schools in Chaddesden to encourage for example walking buses, car sharing clubs, cycling and walking. He noted that travel plans do not resolve problems immediately and local solutions are needed for each school. He explained that the most important element of the travel plans are the pupils and their parents.

Councillor Bolton requested an update on local issues particularly relating to Meadow Farm Primary School and St Alban's Catholic Primary School. In respect of Meadow Farm Primary School, a meeting was to be held on 29 January 2004, to progress the travel plan. Education training was being given to pupils. In relation to St Alban's Catholic Primary School, there were more issues relating to this school, due to the wider catchment area of the school and pupils travelling further distances to attend. However parents had said they would use the buses if more were available.

In response to a question Matthew explained the 'drop off zones' do not tend to work.

Agreed to request the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide an update to the next meeting.

53/03 Nottingham Road Transport Improvements - Update

A report of the Assistant Director of Development and Cultural Services was considered which gave details of plans to carry out transport improvements on Nottingham Road, Chaddesden. It was reported that there were to be exhibitions on 24 January 2004 10am – 4pm on Nottingham Road and 30 January 2004 4pm – 8pm and 31 January 2004 10am – 4pm at Asda, Spondon. Leaflets would be delivered to people in the local area. Councillor Bolton was concerned about the timing of works, particularly as there were so many sets of works happening in the Chaddesden area.

Tony Gascoigne explained that officers were aware of the different contracts and always aimed to co-ordinate the work. He did not anticipate that there would be any major impact on the roads because some of the contracts were due to finish before others started.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to consult ward Members on how to manage and co-ordinate the road works.

54/03 Primary Care Trusts

Lynne Allison, a non-executive Director of the Primary Care Trust -PCT, attended the meeting and explained her role on the PCT board. Lynne explained she was not a

health professional and would act as a Link Officer for the Area Panel and the Health Service. Concerns raised at Area Panels would be fed back to the Health Authority. A member of the public asked a question about community care in relation to people coming out of hospital. Lynne reported that health and social care were looking at ways of addressing this particular issue.

55/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which updated the Panel on the amount of funds available within the budget and set out details of an application for funding which had been received. The application was from the Spondon District Guides who were requesting £500 towards refurbishment of the Guide Hut kitchen. The Area Panel considered the application for funding against agreed criteria and against priorities.

It was noted that uncommitted funds from the Area Panel Budget could be rolled forward into the next financial year.

A request was made for a report to be submitted to the next meeting on projects funded during the current financial year. It was agreed that it was not possible to assess the impact the projects had had.

Resolved

- 1 To award a grant of £500 to the Spondon District Guides towards the refurbishment of the Guides hut kitchen.**
- 2 To note that uncommitted funding from the Area Panel Budget could be rolled forward into the next financial year.**
- 3 To request the Director of Policy to provide a report to the next meeting on projects funded during the current financial year and the impact these projects have made.**

56/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel was to be held on Wednesday 3 March 2004 at Cherry Tree Hill Junior School, Sunny Grove, Chaddesden.

Agreed that Councillor Bolton be appointed Chair for the next meeting.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed