

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.10pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
6 OCTOBER 2004**

Present: Councillor Baxter (in the Chair)
Councillors, Gerrard, Hickson, Higginbottom, Repton, Richards,
Travis, Samra and Webb

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Julian DeMowbray	- Environmental Health and Trading Standards
David Dring	- Area Co-ordination Manager – Policy Directorate
Sarah Edwards	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Moira Kerr	Greater Derby Primary Care Trust
Rachel Levy	- Members Services Assistant
Inspector McLaughlin	- Derbyshire Constabulary
Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Richard Smail	- Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate
Jason Spencer	- Members Services Officer
Theresa Whyte	Derby Homes

43 members of the public were in attendance.

15/04 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

16/04 Late Items

There were no late items.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Higginbottom to her first meeting of the Area Panel.

17/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, Hickson, Higginbottom, Repton, Richards, Travis, Samra and Webb declared personal interests in the grant application from the Mackworth Estate Community Association requesting funding towards providing a memorial to Lonny Wilsoncroft by attaching a plaque to the Mackworth Clock, as they had all worked with Lonny as a Councillor for the Mackworth Ward.

Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in the grant application from the Royal British Legion for assistance to fund the cost of repairing Allestree War memorials, as he had worked with the Legion to prepare the application.

18/04 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 July 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/04 Update Report

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager introduced a report which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Walking Routes into the City Centre

Bill Reed reported that the planning application for development on the former Bridgegate Motors site had been approved subject to the signing of a Section 106 agreement to make provision for open space, CCTV, mobility units, a pedestrian crossing on King Street and improvements to the subway.

A number of members of the public expressed concern that the section 106 agreement included CCTV and subway improvements as their preferred option was for the subway to be closed.

Members of the public also asked that measures be taken to preserve the trees and suggested that the North Parade Bridge before the subway was in a dangerous condition, and needed to be looked at. It was also reported that there was a problem with rats in the subway. It was agreed that this would be raised with Environmental Health and Trading Standards.

Bill Reed agreed to take up the issues raised with Duncan Inwood and the Connecting Derby team.

Traffic on Park Farm Precinct

It was noted that a meeting involving all interested parties would be held at Park Farm within the next few weeks.

Alcohol Free Zone, West End, Derby

Bill Reed reported that the Police had indicated their preference was for zones elsewhere to be a priority, and that West End was fourth on their list. It was suggested that a temporary 1 year Alcohol Free Zone would be appropriate for this area because of the new Licensing Policy. Bill Reid agreed to take this suggestion back to Environmental Health and Trading Standards and the police.

University Development

It was noted that the planning application had been approved at the meeting of Planning Control Committee held 30 September.

Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue

Bill Reid reported that the issue was still being looked at and progress would be reported back to a future meeting.

Speed Limits on Broadway

It was confirmed that the Council would not vary the speed limit on Broadway from 40mph for the reasons explained at the previous meeting.

Members of the public reported on a problems caused by parents accessing St Mary's School off Broadway. Parents were parking on the hatched area while waiting for children. Residents had contacted the Headteacher and the Council and raised the issue with the police, who had agreed to investigate the issue. Councillor Webb suggested that the Safe Routes to School Team should work with the police to address the issues raised.

A resident at Leylands reported on the traffic problems caused by student parking. Inspector McLaughlin reported that during first week of term over £1,000 had been collected through fixed penalties.

Pedestrian Crossing, Blenheim Drive

Bill Reid reported that an initial assessment of the situation provided justification for a count to be carried out before the end of financial year.

St Benedict's School Development

Bill Reid reported that the planning applications had been approved by the Planning Control Committee.

In response to a request by residents Councillors Travis and Richards provided an explanation on why they had supported the application at the Planning Control meeting. They both confirmed that they were satisfied that the conditions attached to the planning permission would address the concerns raised by residents. Both Councillors agreed to provide further details to Mr Hughes outside meeting.

Darley Park Concert

Residents reported that the litter had been cleared up the following day, and although it had taken more than a day the clearing up had been satisfactory. Concerns were raised over traffic levels on North Parade. It was suggested that Park and Ride provision should be included in the arrangements for future events to address parking problems. It was also reported that the increased use of portable barbeques at the event was destroying the grass.

Barrier, Brackensdale Avenue

It was noted that a barrier would be provided at the Walthamstow Drive entrance to the school.

Pedestrian Crossing – Mackworth Estate

Bill Reed reported that there was no evidence of any pedestrian collisions at the site, but because of the concerns raised an assessment would be made when staff resources permitted. It was confirmed that the long term plans of the Highways Agency to improve the Markeaton Island would not prevent any short term action being taken. It was clarified that the need for a crossing was from the petrol station side of the island.

One Way Street - Stepping Lane and Bus Service Through Morley Estate

Bill Reed reported that Arriva had advised the Council and the Traffic Commissioners that the bus service through the Morley Estate would be diverted onto Slack Lane from 31 October. It was also confirmed that the introduction of traffic priorities and regulations would not be progressed at this time. It was reported that a representative from Arriva had been present at last area panel meeting to hear the views of residents and had been involved in the recent traffic discussions.

Councillor Higginbottom reported that Mackworth Councillors had consulted with residents in Morley Estate and forwarded responses to Arriva. She confirmed that the ward Councillors would now meet to discuss what further action could be taken but acknowledged that the decision made by Arriva had been taken for commercial reasons.

Written Question – Darley Abbey Bus Service

A member of the public suggested that this issue needed to be looked at in terms of access to the world heritage site and the proposed post office closure.

Councillor Repton reported on a motion to full Council which had initiated an investigation by the Scrutiny Management Commission, the results of which had been forwarded to Post Office Limited.

Written Question – Traffic on Campion Street, Stepping Lane, Handford Street, Slack Lane, Stanley Street

It was confirmed that this issue had been raised in a petition 12 months ago. Investigations at the time had indicated that traffic levels and speeds were not excessive for a road of that nature

20/04 Public Question Time

Development in Chester Green

A member of the public asked that the meaning of low rise development be clarified at a future meeting

New pedestrian Crossing Mansfield Road

Members of the public welcomed the new crossing on Mansfield Road near Landau Forte College, but expressed concern that the warning signs were not adequate.

Garages west of Deanfield, Darley Abbey

A member of the public reported that, despite there being a waiting list for the 9 garages owned by the Council, there was evidence that they were not being used and were not repaired when required. Bill Reed agreed to investigate this issue and report back to a future meeting.

North Parade Darely Abbey– Rat Running

It was reported that despite submitting a video highlighting the problem of rat running on North Parade no response had been received. Bill Reed agreed to chase a response.

Paths through Darley Park

It was reported that Darley Abbey Heritage Forum had met with local Councillors in October 2003, and had highlighted the need for hard paths through Darley Park. Agreed to investigate what progress had been made.

Ladbroke Gardens – Anti Social Behaviour

A resident reported that the person who had been the subject of a petition had returned to the property and was continuing with anti-social behaviour.

It was reported that the fencing and metal gates at the rear of the property had been damaged and it had taken over 6 months for them to be repaired. It was also reported that keys to garages at the rear of the property had not been issued two years after the locks had been replaced. Councillor Higginbottom agreed to investigate the issues raised.

Draft Licensing Policy

It was reported that consultation was taking place on the draft policy. Members of the public were encouraged to have an input by looking at the document and making representations.

Improvements between Uttoxeter Old Road and Markeaton Island

It was reported that following recent work the pavements between these two points were very good, but deteriorated nearer to the city centre, particularly near Roman House. It was also suggested that as

the street lighting was above the trees at Friar Gate pruning needed to take place.

Park Farm Shopping Centre

A member of the public expressed concern that the hotel at the shopping centre had now been closed for over one year and highlighted the problems caused by poor lighting in the car park. Councillor Webb reported that a meeting was being set up to discuss all issues at Park Farm, but confirmed that the Park Farm Hotel had been sold.

Planning Process

A member of the public expressed concern that the Planning process at Derby City Council was not democratic.

Connecting Derby – 5 Lamps Junction

A member of the public expressed concern that bus priority measures would be introduced at the 5 Lamps Junction with no guarantees that the services would not be withdrawn in the future. Bill Reed confirmed that the proposed measures were intended to ensure the future of public transport by making public transport a more attractive option.

Council Officers and Prosecutions

A member of the public suggested that Councillors should take more control over the actions of officers, particularly when it came to initiating legal proceedings. Councillor Hickson reported that it was inappropriate for Councillors to intervene in legal proceedings because individuals were either guilty or not guilty of an offence, and it was the responsibility of the courts to decide based on the evidence presented.

21/04 Petitions

There were no petitions,

22/04 Air Quality at Five Lamps

A report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered setting out the results of air quality monitoring at the Five Lamps Junction.

The report compared nitrogen dioxide levels obtained in 2002 with

those obtained in 2003, before and after the junction changes were made. The data showed that nitrogen dioxide levels had substantially increased at Duffield Road and slightly decreased at Belper Road monitoring sites.

A Comparison with other air quality monitoring sites across the city indicated that the increase in levels at Duffield Road was consistent with the increase experienced elsewhere in the city. It was concluded that there was little evidence to support the theory that the deterioration in air quality measured at Five Lamps in 2003 could be attributed to the junction changes. Julian DeMowbray confirmed that the Council would continue to monitor and would report on 2004 figures at a future meeting.

In response to the report members of the public raised the following issues:

- different figures being reported in different places, particularly in the environmental statement for the Connecting Derby planning application
- the Duffield Road annual mean was above recommended levels and at some times there would be variations above the mean
- there was no monitoring equipment provided at King Street
- benzene and other pollutants should be measured
- the connecting Derby exhibition suggested that the proposals would not result in an overall increase in air pollution.

In response to these concerns Julian DeMowbray confirmed that

- limited resources were targeted to monitor hotspots
- the Connecting Derby environmental impact statement had been redrafted to take account of 2003 figures
- in some places the environmental impact would be better and in some cases worse as the proposals redistributed traffic
- if levels were found to be above national recommended limits, air quality action zones were set up and the Council were required to produce and implement an action plan

Julian DeMowbray agreed to respond to any further detailed questions outside of the meeting and was thanked for an interesting and informative report.

Agreed to note the report and receive a report on 2004 Air Quality Monitoring at the Five Lamps Junction when the information was available.

**23/04 Planning and Environment Commission Work Plan
Topic Review 2004/5 – Enforcement of the Dog
Fouling Legislation and the Council's Tree Policy**

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which gave details of two topic reviews, which would be carried out by the Planning and Environment Commission during the current year. The reviews included the way in which the Council enforced the national legislation relating to the control of dog fouling and a review of the Council's tree policy and the way in which it was applied.

Members of the Public were invited to make representations on both the reviews.

Agreed to note the report.

**24/04 New Criteria and Application Procedures for Area
Panel Funding**

A report of the Director of Policy was considered, which gave details about the new criteria and procedures for making an application for Area Panel funding as agreed by Council at its meeting on 21 April 2004. The new criteria and procedure had been introduced from September 2004 onwards. In future, Area Panel Grants Appraisal Panels would appraise all applications for funding and make a clear recommendation to the area panel to approve or reject each application. The appraisal panels would meet a maximum of four times a year and they would appraise all applications for area panel funding. The appraisal panels would be made up of a range of funding experts from the Council and partner agencies. The schedule of meetings and the deadlines for applications for the next financial year were:

Date of Area Panel Grant	Deadline for applications for
Week commencing 4 October	Friday 17 September 2004
Week commencing 6 December	Friday 19 November 2004

2004	
Week commencing 7 February 2005	Friday 21 January 2005
Week commencing 16 May 2005	Friday 29 April 2005

Bill Reid confirmed who would participate in the appraisal panel and advised that individuals could apply for funding but the panel needed to have assurances that the work or project would be completed. It was agreed that more detailed questions on the procedure should be directed to the Area Panel Manager.

Agreed to note the report.

25/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

A report of the Director of Policy was considered, which updated the Panel on the current position of Area Panel 5's budget allocation and details of applications received. It was reported that the carry forward amounts had been amended to reflect that the carry forward was allocated by wards. Copies of the applications were attached to the report.

The Panel considered applications ward by ward.

Mackworth

Mackworth Estate Community Association

An application was received from Mackworth Estate Community Association. It sought £615 for assistance towards providing a memorial to Lonny Wilsoncroft by attaching a plaque to the Mackworth Clock. It was reported that £615 had been requested by the Association and not £250 as stated in the report.

Mackworth Estate Community Link

An application was received from Mackworth Estate Community Link for £400 assistance towards the costs associated with Link Day. The Link day to be held on 16 October was an opportunity for organisations to come together to display their activities to the community and to raise funds to be used in the community.

Allestree

Royal British Legion Allestree Branch

An application was received from the Royal British Legion for £800

assistance to fund the cost of repairing Allestree War memorials.

The applicant reported that the Legion had not been successful in obtaining funding from the Co-operative Association and requested a further £200 in funding for the project. It was agreed that this request should be the subject of a further application to the Area Panel.

Allestree and Darley

Allestree and Darley Live at Home Scheme

An application was received from the Allestree and Darley Live at Home Scheme for £2,000 assistance to fund one off set up costs to start a project in the Allestree and Darley Area. The live at home scheme was set up to support older people to remain in their homes rather than move into supported care.

Darley

Darley Park Café Awning

The Area Panel was asked to consider whether it wished to support the dedication of the awning at Darley Park Café to a member of the local community. On 2 April 2003, the Panel approved funding for an awning to be fitted to the café at Darley Park. Delays with manufacture and planning approval meant that the awning was only fitted during the summer. The Parks Service had been approached by friends and family of a local man who used the park regularly and who passed away recently. They had asked whether the awning could be dedicated to the memory of the resident. They proposed that a plaque be attached to the café inscribed with the words “in memory of C... A.... and all human and canine friends who loved Darley Park and the Terrace Café”. The plaque would be funded from the subscriptions from friends and family.

Options considered

1. The Panel considered the applications in line with the guidelines set out within the report. In deciding on the application, the Panel assessed funding against its priorities.
2. The Panel could have decided that it was not appropriate to dedicate the awning to the memory of the member of the local community. Views had been expressed both for and against the proposal. While it was clear that dedications had been supported in the past by the Panel, these had been for prominent members of the community. It had also been suggested that public money should not be used on projects which supported the memory of individuals.

Decisions

- 1 To award a grant of £615 to Mackworth Estate Community Association towards providing a memorial to Lonny Wilsoncroft by attaching a plaque to the Mackworth Clock.
- 2 To award a grant of £400 to Mackworth Estate Community Link for assistance towards the costs associated with Link Day.
- 3 To award a grant of £800 to Royal British Legion Allestree Branch to fund the cost of repairing Allestree War memorials.
- 4 To endorse the proposal to place plaque on the awning at Darley Park Café.

Reasons

- 1 The application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding and would enable local residents to participate within their community.
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- 3 The application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding and would enable local residents to participate within their community.
- 4 The Panel believed that it was appropriate to dedicate the awning to the memory of a former regular user of the park.

Key Decision

To award a grant of £2,000 to Allestree and Darley Live at Home Scheme to fund one off set up costs to start a project in Allestree and Darley.

Reasons

The application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding and would enable local residents to participate within their community.

26/04 Arrangements for the next meeting

**Agreed to note that the next meeting would be chaired by
Councillor Travis on Wednesday 1 December 2004 at 7pm at
Walter Evens Primary School, Darley Abbey Drive, Darley Abbey.**

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