

Time commenced : 6.00 pm  
Time finished : 8.55 pm

**AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON)  
17 MARCH 2004**

Present: Councillor A Kalia (Chair)  
Councillors M Burgess, A Hussain, F Hussain,  
A Jackman, B Lowe, A Nath, A Rehman and  
C Williamson

Derby City Council, Derby Homes and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Christine Durrant	-	Head of Transportation and Special Projects – Development and Cultural Services
Sarah Edwards	-	Area Panel Manager – Area and Neighbourhood Team
Matthew Hands	-	Area Renewal Manager – Housing and Advice Services
Wendy Jessop	-	Local Manager – Derby Homes
Inspector Gary Parkin	-	Police Inspector - Derbyshire Constabulary
John Stewart	-	Principal Planner – Development and Cultural Services
Katherine Taylor	-	Members Services Officer – Democratic Services

Also in attendance:

Pat Hill	-	Non-executive Director of the Central Derby Primary Care Trust
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60 members of the public

## 49/03 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

## 50/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

## 51/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 52/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 21 January 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Sarah Edwards reported that the cost of editing the Council video for the budget presentation at all area panels and for other future events was £4,000.

## 53/03 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

#### **Parking on Sutherland Road**

It was reported that as a result of a petition and further representations made by residents at the Area Panel on 21 January 2004 that Sutherland Road would be excluded from the proposed Normanton Home Zone.

Mr Denzel Brown asked whether it would be possible to be excluded from one particular element of the Home Zone, and expressed that not all residents of Sutherland Road were fully aware of what was being asked of them when they signed the petition against parking on Sutherland Road, as they believed that the Home Zone would still

be implemented but with the exclusion of the diagonal parking configuration.

Another member of the public, Sue Dean, expressed that she was dismayed that Sutherland Road had been removed from the scheme as she believed that the petition she signed was against the diagonal parking only and she believed that residents could opt out of the Home Zone Scheme after the period of consultation, but that as a result of this petition the consultation would not take place at all.

The Chair of the meeting emphasised that strong feeling against the Home Zone Scheme had been expressed at previous meetings of the Area Panel and that as a result of the views of the majority of residents of Sutherland Road would be excluded from the proposed Normanton Home Zone Scheme.

Mr Ron Harrison, the lead petitioner against the Home Zone Scheme thanked the Panel for proposing to exclude Sutherland Road from the Scheme and was pleased that the petition had been successful and for the prompt notification of the residents of Sutherland Road.

Sue Dean presented the Panel with a petition, requesting that the Home Zone Scheme be reinstated in Sutherland Road, which she passed to the Area Panel Manager.

### **Hartington Street**

Matthew Hands, Area Renewal Manager - Housing and Advice Services presented an oral update on the Hartington Street Renewal Area Action Plan. This was in response to a request from a member of the public at a previous meeting of the Area Panel.

A member of the public commented that a number of properties on Leopold and Hartington Street were boarded up and looked like an eyesore; she requested to know what was being done to tackle this. She also commented that she did not consider that the Women's Project against prostitution in the area was working.

Matthew Hands reported that officers had been instructed to commence Compulsory Purchase Order proceedings to acquire eight long-term empty, derelict and problem properties in the area with a view to them being brought back into use as satisfactory and well managed accommodation and that two or three Leopold Street properties were among the eight identified to date. He also reported that the urban funding used for property improvement would be a 50/50 split between occupiers and the Council, rising to a 75/25 in favour of owner-occupiers to encourage long-term occupancy.

On the prostitution issue, Councillor Williamson stated that the Area Panel should commit to thorough consultation with residents of the

area before the next meeting of the Area Panel.

### **Street Cleaning, Chatham and Brunswick Streets**

Mr Ron Harrison commented that street cleaning was not done frequently enough on these streets and requested whether it could be done more often.

Councillor Kalia urged those present to call the litter hotline as and when was necessary, which could go to affected areas in addition to the normal sweeping schedule.

**Sarah Edwards, Area Panel Manager committed to pass this to the appropriate team.**

### **Parking on Footpaths, Normanton Road**

A member of the public raised his concern that the Police did not do enough to tackle illegally parked cars on Normanton Road.

Inspector Gary Parkin responded that the Police would continue to tackle the issues of vehicles obstructing footpaths and those illegally parked on double yellow lines.

## **54/03 Public Question Time**

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

### **Home Help - Dover Street**

Mr Sid Deakin commented that he had still not received a response from Social Services regarding the travelling time of his Home Help, which was an issue raised at the Area Panel 3 meeting in September 2003.

Sarah Edwards, Area Panel Manager, assured Mr Deakin and members of the public present that this issue was dealt with by Social Services. She was aware that the Assistant Director of Social Services had contacted Mr Deakin and she confirmed that she had also telephoned Mr Deakin herself. She suggested that as this was a personal issue, she would speak to Mr Deakin at the end of the meeting.

### **Lights on Uttoxeter Road**

Mr Norman Clayton asked what progress had been made with regard to an issue around lights on Uttoxeter Road.

The Chair assured Mr Clayton that the matter was being pursued and will be reported back to a future meeting of the Area Panel.

## **"Floors To Go"**

A member of the public reported that she had found out that the new Floors To Go retail outlet, which had replaced Apples Garage on the corner of Mount Street, was not a legitimate retail outlet and asked for confirmation of whether this was true.

John Stewart - Principal Planner, Development and Cultural Services confirmed that this outlet did not have planning consent. The Council was gathering evidence with a view to taking enforcement action and would be sending a report to the Planning Committee in the future.

## **Car Park on Colwyn Avenue and Warwick Avenue**

Captain Spacey of Colwyn Avenue stated that the car park was monitored during the day, but that the anti-social behaviour took place in the evening and consequently the results of the survey were inaccurate. He commented that anti-social activity was more prevalent during the summer months and that monitoring had taken place more recently during the winter.

Councillor Williamson stated that a barrier across the car park on Colwyn Avenue and Warwick Avenue seemed to be the best way forward and considered that the Area Panel should agree to do this with money from its budget. He stated that the Council Cabinet would need to instruct the Parks Department to be responsible for opening and closing the gate or take up Captain Spacey's offer of being responsible for opening and closing it at the beginning and end of each day.

Captain Spacey stated that he would be happy to enter into a contract with the Council to negotiate the opening and closing of the barrier.

**Agreed to consider the feasibility of funding a barrier through the Area Panel budget and to look at a range of other potential solutions to the problem.**

## **Nursing Home Deliveries**

Louise Davies of Arboretum Street requested an update on the request for a resident only parking scheme at Arboretum Street/Square. She also raised her concern that an ambulance had recently not been able to get up the street to the nursing home. Grass verges were also being damaged as cars were being parked across the access, and also parking directly on the pavement. Councillor F Hussain acknowledged that the Council had agreed to put Arboretum Square on the list for future consideration for resident

parking scheme.

**Resolved to ask the Area Panel Manager to raise this with Development and Cultural Services and to respond at a future meeting of the Area Panel.**

### **Austin Estate – Housing Renewal Grants**

A member of the public asked why the issue of renewal grants of owner-occupiers on the Austin Estate that was previously raised did not appear on the update report. Sarah Edwards confirmed that she had not included this issue in the updates as a direct verbal response was given at the last meeting.

Councillor Burgess requested a full written response to be provided at the next meeting regarding grants.

## **55/03 Petitions**

To Consider Petitions Received Since The Last Meeting

### **Manor Road Junction, Petition from Residents of St Albans Road**

Mr John Riley and Mr Steve Grundy, both residents of St Albans Road presented a detailed report on road safety issues, a copy of which was passed to the Area Panel Manager for due consideration.

**Agreed to request the Highways Department to look at the Petitioners' detailed report and respond appropriately at a future meeting of the Area Panel.**

To Consider Responses to Petitions Received

### **Maintenance Issues on Swinburne Street**

Sarah Edwards reported that the lead petitioner had commented to her that he was happy with the report that was attached to the agenda, which gave the response to the various maintenance matters on Swinburne Street.

### **Duesbury Grange Alleyway and Road Speed Humps**

John Stewart - Principal Planner, Development and Cultural Services presented a response on the Duesbury Grange alleyway petition; the report was attached to the agenda.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### **Residents Only Parking Scheme, Harcourt Street**

Mrs Janet Shaw attended and presented her petition against proposals to pay for a parking permit to park in Harcourt Street. Councillor Burgess commented that the Scheme was experimental and that it could be reviewed in due course.

**Agreed to request that someone attend the next Area Panel meeting to present the report.**

### **56/03 Primary Care Trusts**

Pat Hill a Non-Executive Director of the Central Derby Primary Care Trust - CDPCT, attended the Area Panel Meeting and explained her role on the PCT Board. Pat explained that she was not a health professional, but would act as a link officer for the Area Panel and the Health Service. She reported that concerns raised at Area Panels could be fed back to the Health Authority. A leaflet on the role of the Patient Advice Liaison Service - PALS was made available at the meeting, which was aimed at giving help and advice to patients, their relatives, carers and visitors.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### **57/03 Connecting Derby**

Christine Durrant - Head of Transportation and Special Projects, presented a progress report on Connecting Derby. The report set out progress to date and proposed actions on future phases of the project.

**Agreed to note the report.**

### **58/03 Age Restricted Sales Review**

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which stated that the Commission was carrying out a review of the sale of age restricted items, such as alcohol and tobacco to young people. One objective of the review was to find out whether there were any ways in which the sale of age restricted items might be better controlled. The Commission also wanted to investigate what might be done to help to resolve the proof of age problems for retailers and young people. One possibility would be to offer all young people in the City a nationally recognised proof of age card. As part of its review, the Commission was gathering evidence of witnesses, which included Police and Trading Standards Officers, young people and representatives of proof of age card companies. The evidence was being used in preparing the Commission's

recommendations to the Council Cabinet.

**Agreed to note the report and that people's views could be submitted to David Romaine the Commissions Co-ordination Officer, by 9 April 2004.**

## 59/03 Area Profiles and Area Planning

A report of the Assistant Director - Community Policy was considered, which stated the one of the key functions of the Area Panels set out in their terms of reference was to draw up, implement and monitor action plans for the Area based on the Community Strategy and other local initiatives. A process of developing the action plans for each of the five areas of the City had now started. Partner organisations offered Derby City Partnership agreed timetables for area profiles and area plans in January 2004. The Area and Neighbourhood Unit would produce a draft area profile for each area by April 2004, as the first step towards the area plans. The draft profiles would be discussed at Area Panels as soon as they were available and each draft profile would provide baseline information about the services already offered in each area by a range of public service providers. The draft profiles would also reflect public opinion about services provided, including the issues raised at Area Panels.

Derby City Partnership had approved the development of integrated service development networks at both city-wide and area levels. The networks would comprise of representatives from the service providers, including Council Departments and they would play a crucial role in developing and implementing the plan. The area planning process would encourage services to become more integrated to ensure a joined up collective approach to service requests, rather than responses developed in isolation. As the planning process developed over the next two years, Area Panels would receive further reports and draft documents.

**Agreed to note the report.**



## 60/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

### **Applications for Area Panel Funding**

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 six applications for funding which had been received, three of which were key decisions, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Bal Sanskar group to provide cultural classes and organise social activities for Hindu children to encourage them to learn about their culture and cultural diversity. Grant requested - £1,199.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Amara-chi Youth and Community Development to refurbish the training and development rooms and equip them to make them suitable for training and development for young people. Grant requested - £2,600.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Ministry of the Light of Christ to purchase equipment to support the group to run a project to support asylum seekers. Grant requested - £2,243.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derby African Association to provide adequate disabled access to the centre, redecorate and provide a secure storage shed. Grant requested - £4,425.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Amnesty Congo Support Group to develop, print and edit a newspaper in both English and French in order to inform their members about their country. The group also wished to identify a building to rent for an office, which would be open to its members. Grant requested - £4,680.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association for community safety improvements at the centre through the installation of a metal screen, a metal gate and additional lighting. Grant requested - £1,467.

### **Options considered**

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities.

## **Key Decisions**

### **1 To award grants to the following applications:**

- Bal Sanskar to help the group run sessions to bring out cultural diversity in children to help them understand cultural activity within society. Grant awarded £1,199.

The decision reflected a 50% contribution from Area Panel 3. It was recommended that the group apply to Area Panel 4 for the remainder of the grant as their work also benefited residents within that Area Panel.

- Amara-chi Youth and Community Development to improve accessibility for local people to refurbish their training rooms for the young people that benefit from the work of the group. Grant awarded £2,600 to be split between Arboretum and Normanton wards.
- Ministry of the Light of Christ to enable them to purchase computer hardware to run English courses to provided support to advance the education of asylum seekers. Grant awarded £1,500 to be split equally between the three wards.
- Derby African Association to make the community centre accessible to disabled users as well as other items of refurbishment and décor. Grant awarded - £2,125 for refurbishment and décor, to be split equally between the three wards, subject to the Area Panel Manager checking that none of these works were the responsibility of the City Council as landlord of the building. The request for funding for the installation of a chair lift for disabled users would be reconsidered following a report from the Council's Access Officer.
- Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association to fund community safety improvements at the community centre. Grant awarded £1,467 to be split equally between the three wards.

## **Reasons**

- 1 The applications met the criteria for Area Panel Funding.
- 2 The applications provided a service in response to needs of local residents as raised at the meeting.
- 3 They contributed to improvements, which would provide a benefit

to all residents.

- 4 They were capable of rapid implementation, and could have a significant impact in a short time.
- 5 The panel considered that in the case of the Persian Cultural Association it would welcome the groups involvement in future multicultural events in the City.

**2 To refuse the following application:**

- Amnesty Congo Support Group to develop, print and edit a newspaper.

**Reasons**

The panel did not consider that this work should be a priority to receive Area Panel funding.

**61/03 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

**Agreed to:**

- 1 note that the next Area Panel 3 meeting would be held at 6pm on Wednesday 12 May 2004 at the Rykneld Activity Centre, Bedford Close, Abbey Ward.**
- 2 appoint Councillor Ann Jackman as Chair.**

Minutes End