

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.20pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
31 MARCH 2004**

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

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

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| Bill Reed | - Area Panel Manager – Policy Directorate |
| Peter Matthews | - Derby Homes |
| Christine Durrant | - Head of Transportation and Special Projects |
| Andy Smart | - Project Co-ordinator – Transportation and Special Projects |
| Neil Haslam | - Waste Management Officer (Strategy) |
| Richard Winter | - Assistant Waste Management Officer |
| Inspector Andy Stokes | - Derbyshire Constabulary |
| Moir Kerr | - Non-Executive Director – Primary Care Trust |
| Neil Oakden | - Public Information Pillars |
| Nikki MacDonald | - Members Services Officer – Corporate Services |
| Jody Kirkpatrick | - Members Services Assistant - Corporate Services |

27 members of the public were in attendance.

49/03 Election of Chair

Agreed that Councillor Gerrard be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Gerrard welcomed people to the meeting.

50/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beech, Webb and Wilsoncroft.

51/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

52/03 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

53/03 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.

Handford Street Multi-Sports Project

It was reported that the Multi-Sports Project was still an ongoing issue and had been outstanding for a number of months. Work on the project had been agreed with residents and would start in the next financial year. Unfortunately, the Contractors had been unable to provide an exact date but progress would be reported at the next meeting.

Litter in Broadway

It was confirmed that any initial problems with the new bin at Alstonfield Drive had been overcome, although one member of the public commented that it was not being emptied regularly and that litter was still spreading around the area. Bill Reed advised that there was a meeting arranged with Onyx where alterations to the service would be discussed and he would raise the issue then.

Five Lamps Junction – Rat Running through Strutts Park

It was confirmed that the traffic counts carried out before and after the junction was built at Five Lamps had shown that the traffic had reduced. Members of the public argued that it had increased, but were advised that Christine Durrant, Head of Transportation and Special Projects, was available to answer questions as part of Item 10 on the agenda.

Petition – Kedleston Road – Proposed New Pelican and Cycle Crossing

It was reported that the earlier traffic counts that had been carried out had concluded that a crossing was not justified at the junction of Kedleston Road and Allestree Lane. It was noted that at the last meeting of the Panel, Councillor Webb had felt quite strongly about the crossing and it was agreed to wait for his response.

Five Lamps Junction – Air Quality

It was advised that the air quality figures for comparison were not available to bring to this meeting of the Panel. Bill Reed confirmed that raw data had been collected, but it had not been possible to analyse the factors directly influencing air quality. It was doubtful that the correct information could be obtained before the meeting in July.

A member of the public suggested collecting data on the weather conditions in addition to air quality, but it was not considered to be a fair comparison and had never been mentioned before. It was asked if the raw data could be made public before the Options for Connecting Derby were considered by the Council Cabinet. Bill Reed responded that he would take all the comments and suggestions back to Officers working with Connecting Derby.

Parking on Prince Charles Avenue

It was confirmed that although cars were parked for long periods, this issue had been overshadowed by the Council's Local Transport Plan, which was looking at investing more money in local district centres such as Prince Charles Avenue in Mackworth. This was reported at the last meeting.

Car Parking at Markeaton Park

The Council had consulted members of the public on various different proposals and the outcome was confirmed to be that no charges would be made at the car park.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

It was reported that a Traffic Regulation Order was now in effect outside the school and that work was underway to work out the legalities before yellow lines were painted. There was no date scheduled, but an update would be given at the next meeting.

Darley Park Litter

It was advised that the Council had set some of the budget aside for dog bins throughout the City and proposals were currently being worked on. It was thought that Darley would be a priority for the bins but nothing had been confirmed.

Pavements – Peel Street, Stable Street and Brough Street

It was noted that work had commenced on the pavements, but it had not been completed.

Walking Routes into the City Centre

Members of the public were advised that as the area concerned was part of Connecting Derby, an update would be given as part of Item 10 on the agenda.

Community Centre – Cobden Street Area

Diane Hanrahan, Head of the Morley Action Group, reported that the project had been progressing quite well. She referred to a funding application which would be considered later in the meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing Near Whitecross Street and Leyland Street

Bill Reed confirmed that a traffic count had been carried out and results showed that very few pedestrians crossed the road at that point, which proved that a crossing was not required. Apologies were given to members of the public who had requested it at a previous meeting.

Roundabouts at Mackworth Estate

It was reported that work on the roundabouts had not been carried out. It was noted that Contractors had received the order and Bill Reed would chase up details before the next meeting.

Parking in Camp Street, Chester Green

It was advised that 'no waiting' measures could be used in the area, although a decision had not been made. Further advice on the issue was being sought.

A member of the public suggested marking out parking spaces on the street to avoid some of the current problems. Bill Reed asked them to leave their name and address for them to be contacted after the meeting.

Parking Near Stanley Street and Stepping Lane

Solutions to this problem were still being looked at and nothing had been confirmed. An update would be provided at a future meeting.

Darley Park

It was advised that the feasibility study carried out by the City Parks Service revealed that to replace the balustrade at Darley Park would cost an excessive amount and that the panel only had £830.00 to allocate. It was noted that the Council did not have the resources to address the issue at present.

Mrs Abreu, the original questioner, was given the opportunity to make suggestions as to how the money could be allocated. It was not considered to be sufficient as the balustrade was an extreme safety issue and funding needed to be found from somewhere. Councillor Repton suggested writing to the Head of Parks Services to bring to their attention some of the safety issues. The main concern was that people had fallen before. An update would be provided at a further meeting to report any progress.

Petition – Traffic in the Slack Lane/Cheviot Street Area

Bill Reed reported on the results of a survey carried out in that area and advised that the volume and speed of the traffic was not excessive. It was a possibility that queues had been made likely because of temporary roadworks on Ashbourne Road. It was also noted that the Origin/Destination Study that had taken place at the January had indicated that there was a lot of traffic coming off the A38, which could have added to the problem.

Woodlands School Site Development

It was advised that the school had agreed to act on this issue and assured the Council that there would be no further problems.

Traffic on Park Farm Precinct

Bill Reed advised the Panel that a Clear Way Order had been issued, which would restrict traffic from stopping except where permitted. A member of the public commented that nothing had improved in the area, but Andy Stokes informed him that tickets had already been issued as a result of the Order. The Police would continue to enforce it where necessary.

Allestree Hall

It was reported that there had been ongoing negotiations with developers and nothing had been confirmed. An update would be provided at a future meeting when a decision had been made.

54/03 Public Question Time**Crossings on Mackworth Estate**

A member of the public asked why there was a delay when crossings were requested in parts of Mackworth. Councillor Gerrard commented that nowhere in Mackworth meets the criteria specified for a crossing and gave the example of Prince Charles Avenue where Councillors considered it useful for a crossing near the shops, but the request was refused.

Asbestos Issues

Concerns were raised as a result of asbestos found at Silverhill Primary School in Mickleover. It was questioned if a property, recently demolished on Marylebone Crescent, could be at risk of containing asbestos.

Councillor Gerrard advised that before Derby Homes existed, an asbestos register was created and no properties in Mackworth had been listed. One member of the public commented that asbestos was only contained in shed roofs, most of which had been replaced.

Members of the public were advised to contact Commercial Services if they had any doubts about asbestos, especially if they were planning any renovations.

School Pupils Driving into Farmway

A member of the public raised concern over school pupils driving dangerously around the area, with one recent incident being that two of the young people were sitting on the car bonnet which was very dangerous whilst the car was travelling at speed. He had already reported it to the Police, but Andy Stokes advised that he would contact the local Beat Officer to monitor the speed of vehicles in the area to avoid any accidents.

False Charity Organisation in Mackworth

The panel were informed that there was an organisation in the area that was posing as a Charity, collecting bags of clothes from residents. The member of the public concerned had already informed the Police, but Andy Stokes agreed to take details after the meeting.

Derby Homes Tenants

A tenant of Marylebone Crescent complained that since their property had been refurbished, it was not sound proof as promised before the work had commenced and was causing a lot of problems. Pete Matthews agreed to take their details after the meeting to try and find

out exactly what the problems were and take them back to Derby Homes.

Another member of the public, also a tenant of Derby Homes, had problems with the sound proofing at his property and complained of people on motorbikes nearby, which they could hear quite loudly and was causing a disturbance. It was noted that the Police had been called and he had not been happy with their response. Councillor Gerrard advised that if it was a repeated problem, it could be classed as anti-social behaviour and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team could be contacted.

Street Lighting on St Brian's Walk

One member of the public commented on street lighting near his house. It was reported that John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, had responded to him in 2002 and said that two extra street lights would be put in place which had still not been done. Councillor Baxter assured him that he would contact John Edgar and get an update on what was happening.

Parking Across Newton's Walk Entrance to School

It was asked how to solve the issue of parking in front of an entrance to a school, blocking any access for emergency vehicles, should there be any emergency at the school. Andy Stokes advised that there had been issues in the past, but would inform the Beat Officer again to ensure this did not happen.

Land at Junction of Kedleston Road and Elm Street

A member of the public asked what was planned for the land at this junction as they had been informed by Derby Homes that it had been taken over by a security firm. Councillor Repton confirmed that he had attended the last Board meeting of Derby Homes where they had talked about selling off parts of the land but nothing had been planned yet.

Councillor Hickson commented that members of the public were against the Council selling the parking area to the Vet nearby as they had asked if they could have the land to extend the car park. Councillor Travis had received a letter informing her that the parking was used by residents and asked if there was the possibility of being rented by the Vet instead. It was reported that Derby Homes were going to ask what people thought by sending out a publication suggesting rental of the car park on a bimonthly basis, although it was felt by most that proposals would not be approved.

Litter on Prince Charles Avenue

It was commented that there were no litter bins on Prince Charles Avenue. There was a lot of litter, especially from the chip shop, but nothing to put it in. Richard Winter agreed and said that Inspectors had been sent out on a couple of occasions. He confirmed that there was a

need for a bin in the area which was hoped to be installed in the next few weeks.

Crossing Near St Mary's Bridge

One member of the public commented on the flashing amber lights that were promised on Mansfield Road. Temporary lights had been put in place, but were very awkward to see. It was agreed to try and find out when the permanent lights would be installed. An update would be given at the next meeting.

Alcohol Free Zones

Councillor Repton had been informed about people abusing alcohol on recreation grounds and streets in the Darley Ward. It was requested that Stuart Leslie, Chief Legal Officer, be contacted to get information on how to create more Alcohol Free Zones in the City.

55/03 Petitions

New petitions received by the Panel.

- a) Pedestrian Crossing on Ashbourne Road and Friar Gate at the Junction with Uttoxeter Old Road

The Panel noted a petition that had been received from residents of Mackworth requesting pedestrian crossings on Ashbourne Road and Friar Gate at the junction of Uttoxeter Old Road.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management which advised that the lack of pedestrian facilities provided across Ashbourne Road and Friar Gate had previously been identified. Bill Reed confirmed that if it was successful, a crossing could be implemented in 2006/7 subject to funding requirements.

Agreed to note the report.

- b) Improved Regular Bus Service to cover Darley Abbey Village and Broadway

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of the Darley Ward requesting an improved regular bus service to cover Darley Abbey Village and Broadway.

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management which advised that although the Council recognised the need for a bus service for Darley Abbey and Broadway, there was not enough revenue support funding available for a subsidised service. It was noted that the bid to the Urban Bus Challenge had failed and due to deregulation, the Council had even less control over the provision of services. Bill Reed agreed

to try and liase with bus companies to see if there were any possibilities for a bus service, but it was considered unlikely.

Agreed to note the report.

56/03 Public Information Pillar

Neil Oakden reported on the public information pillar that had recently been moved from Prince Charles Avenue. Members of the public had been outraged at the pillar which had been installed without public consultation. The company, Public Information Pillars, had got consent from the Planning Authority to install a pillar and were surprised that the Council had not informed anyone, including local shop owners.

It was advised that public information pillars were all over Derby, but had been overtaken by large scale commercial advertising. The company had started introducing them back into local areas as part of a community campaign, using local retailers to advertise. There was also the hope that they might prevent fly posting around local areas.

The panel were asked if they wanted a public information pillar and where they wanted it. Councillor Gerrard suggested including various locations in a leaflet to consult people in Mackworth as no-one wanted the pillar to be installed in the same place. It was also suggested that the pillar be placed on Mornington Crescent to prevent lorries reversing into the flags. Bill Reed advised that this could be a possibility, but more consultation was needed with local Councillors.

The Chair thanked Neil Oakden for the informative presentation and invited members of the public to make any more suggestions at the end of the meeting.

Agreed to note the presentation.

57/03 Rolling out Rethink Rubbish Recycling into Allestree

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management which gave details of the Rethink Rubbish Recycling Scheme which was due to be rolled out in Allestree in July 2004. Neil Haslam clarified that this was not just the Allestree Ward, but covered parts of the Darley Ward as well.

Neil Haslam reported that the trial for Rethink Rubbish, which took place in Chellaston, had been very successful. He explained the process, consisting of various bags for textiles and glass, and separate bins for household and garden waste. This would mean that up to 60% of waste could be recycled.

It was advised that at the beginning of May, leaflets would be posted

around Allestree to inform residents about what would happen. The equipment would be delivered at the end of June with instructions, ready for the collections in July.

It was asked how the project was going to be funded and would happen if it became unprofitable. It was explained that although it would be expensive in the short term, there would be sufficient long term gain in line with increases in landfill tax. Members of the public were advised that information booklets were available after the meeting.

Agreed to note the report.

58/03 Update on Connecting Derby

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management, which gave details of the current progress of Connecting Derby and showed the three options which would be taken to the next Council Cabinet meeting.

Andy Smart reported that many changes had been made as a result of public consultation although out of 14,000 invites being sent out to exhibitions, only 274 formal responses had been received. It was the general view of the public that traffic had reduced with the work done on Connecting Derby so far, but wished to see no further action.

Christine Durrant advised that Option 1 was going to be recommended to the Council Cabinet which would mean demolishing one property and required gardens from others, although this option had fewer disbenefits to the environment. It would also improve north bound bus routes. It was commented that the Council was aware of the listed buildings in the area and people were assured that every care would be taken with the choice of materials to ensure that the character was maintained.

A member of the public commented as one of gardens proposed for use in Option 1 belonged to him. Concerns were also raised about Five Lamps being more of a residential area and that traffic could be encouraged to travel even faster with wider roads. Other members of the public questioned the reliability of the consultation as the preferred option was Option 2, yet Option 1 was being recommended to the Council Cabinet. The Panel were advised that consultation was only part of the process and that with such a small response to letters, there was not much that could be done. It was assured that as a result of the consultation, many positive changes had been made and overall Option 1 was considered to be the best option for the City. Leaflets were available at the meeting for further information.

Agreed to note the report.

59/03 Area Profiles and Area Planning

A report was considered from the Assistant Director of Community Policy which explained how action plans had been developed for each of the five areas of the City.

Bill Reed reported how everything in each area would be profiled as a step towards area plans, with the aim of agreeing with the terms of reference in the Council's Constitution. The draft profiles would be discussed at Area Panel meetings throughout May and June, which would provide information about services already offered in each area by a range of public service providers.

It was advised that over the next two years, further reports and draft documents would be brought to the Panel and there would be numerous opportunities to give feedback to Members and Officers.

Agreed to note the report.

60/03 Planning & Environment Commission Age Restricted Sales Review

A report was considered from the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission which gave details on the Planning and Environment Commission's Age Restricted Sales Review. It was noted that a number of factors were being looked at which included controls over alcohol and tobacco.

It was reported that as part of the review, the Commission would take evidence from witnesses such as Police, Trading Standards Officers, Proof of Age card companies and young people themselves.

Members of the public were asked to contact Councillor Bolton, the Chair of the Commission or David Romaine, the Commission's Co-ordination Officer, with their opinions or suggestions on the review on 01332 256198 or 255598, or to write to them at the Council House.

Agreed to note the report.

61/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered, which updated the Panel on the current position of Area Panel 5's budget allocation and details of applications received. Copies of the applications were attached to the report.

The Panel considered applications ward by ward.

Mackworth Ward

Morley Action Group

An application for a grant of £500.00 to tackle the issue of the lack of community facilities in the area.

Mackworth Estate Crime Prevention Group

An application for pressure pads to be lent to the elderly whilst on holiday to detect intruders, should anyone step on the pad. The application sought £270.00.

Mackworth Friday Club

An application for a grant towards provision of a Friday Club where Mackworth residents with disabilities could meet. The application sought £300.00.

Allestree Ward

Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association

An application for a grant of £4,000 for refurbishment of the school community lounge.

Options considered

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.

Decisions

- 1 To grant the application for £500.00 from Morley Action Group to put towards a consultation/fun day and to encourage people to tackle community issues in the area.
- 2 To grant the application from Mackworth Estate Crime Prevention Group for £270.00 towards pressure pads.
- 3 To grant the application from Mackworth Friday Club for £300.00 towards provision of a Friday Club.

Reasons

- 1 The application meets the criteria for area panel funding and provided evidence of needs in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community.
- 2 This application meets the criteria for area panel funding and was considered to be a benefit to the community by preventing

crime in the area.

- 3 The application meets the criteria for area panel funding and provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents.

Key Decisions

- 1 To defer the application from Woodlands Community School Parents Friends and Teachers Association to the next meeting.

Reasons

- 1 It was felt that more contact needed to be made with the school to discuss details of how a service would be provided should the grant be made. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

62/03 Arrangements for Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Area Panel 5 would be held in the Darley Ward at Markeaton Primary School, Newton's Walk, Bromley Street, Derby at 7pm on Wednesday 2 June 2004.

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

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