

Time Started : 7.05pm
Time Finished : 8.55pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
4 APRIL 2007**

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

Also present: Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Colin Avison	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Gemma Barlow	- Constitutional Services Officer
Peter Price	- Transport Policy Manager
Andy Thomas	- Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit
Peter Matthews	- Local Manager Derby Homes
Rachel Walker	- Derbyshire Constabulary

23 members of the public were in attendance.

56/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Samra.

57/06 Late Items

There were no late items

58/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Richards and Webb declared a personal interest in minute number 62/06 as they were Trustees of the Liversage Trust.

Councillors Baxter and Richards left the meeting during consideration of part of minute number 64/06 as they related to issues that would be considered by the Planning Control Committee.

59/06 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60/06 Chairs Report

The Panel received a report from the Chair on current issues and successes within Area Panel 5.

Resolved to note the report

61/06 Petitions

Petitions received since the last meeting

Parking on Nuns Street

The Panel received a petition relating to the parking on Nuns Street.

Agreed to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

62/06 2007/2008 Highways and Transport Programme

A report was considered which stated that Area Panels had been consulted on the programme of highways and transport schemes for 2007/08. Each Area Panel put forward up to five priorities per ward for possible inclusion in the 2007/07 highways and transport work programme. Council Cabinet agreed the final programme on 20 February 2007. The report outlined the status of the priorities identified by the three wards in Area Panel 5.

Resolved

1. **To note the schemes, which would be undertaken in the wards, outlined in the appendix to the report.**
2. **To note that a further report would be presented to the September 2007 Area Panel meetings to commence consultation on the highways and transport programme for 2008/09.**

63/06 Update Report

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

Consultation – Barn Development at Darley Abbey

Councillor Travis reported that the resident that raised the issue was not happy with the response they had received.

Colin Avison advised that any resident who wanted to get involved in the consultation could.

Five Lamps Traffic Lights

A member of the public raised concerns that the Garden Street part of the proposed Five Lamps junction was not long enough to accommodate the number of cars that would use it. Concern were also raised that the stationary traffic was causing air quality issues.

A resident commented that at a previous meeting an officer had agreed to investigate the possibility of a permanent left turn from Garden Street into Kedleston Road. They added that that the fuel station at Five Lamps and the westerly winds put Benzene into the atmosphere at Duffield Road and needed monitoring

A member of the public stated that a signalised pedestrian crossing was shown for the crossing from Garden Street to Kedleston Road during consultation of the Connecting Derby and Five Lamps Scheme, and asked why it had been 'dropped'.

University Parking – Allestree and Darley

Councillor Webb commented that at a previous meeting a request was made that Councillors be invited to take part in regular meetings with the University but this had not happened. Councillor Travis stated that a robust suggestion needed to be made to hold meetings between the University, Councillors and local groups.

Councillor Wynn considered that a multi storey car park needed to be built on site in order to solve the problem of parking.

Inspector Walker responded that there were regular police liaison meetings and residents could raise issues there.

Councillor Baxter advised that the police had been proactive with stickering cars when parking illegally.

A resident raised concerns about the damage being caused to the grass verges from parking.

Councillor Wynn voiced his sympathies with residents but highlighted that it was difficult to prove who had had caused the damage to the grass verges and considered that better use could be made of bollards in the area.

Pedestrian Crossing, Markeaton Street

Councillor Gerrard advised that he had a map from 1948 that showed a proposed underpass and that this highlighted that there was a need for it then and the need was even greater now.

Peter Price responded that the Council needed to prioritise Highways

work based on criteria due to limited resources, even though the Council had more funding available than ever before. The Highways Agency work at Markeaton would not be programmed for several years but when the work was undertaken, it was likely that a crossing would be included.

64/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Yellow Advertising Signs, Darley

A resident stated that a number of yellow advertising signs were fixed to lampposts. The Bryant's signs advertised Highfield housing development. The number and positioning of the signs made them very visually intrusive. The resident asked if action could be taken to remove the signs and to prevent more being erected.

Parking Restrictions & Enforcement, Darley

A resident on behalf of Broadway Action Group stated that drivers were regularly driving their vehicles over the footpath to park during evenings Thursday to Saturday avoiding the double yellow lines. When she had enquired about parking enforcement officers she had been told that they were not available after 8.00 pm. The resident went on to ask if bollards could be installed to prevent the inappropriate parking. A second resident asked a similar question about enforcement in the Edward Street area during the evening / at night.

Councillor Wynn reported that while the parking enforcement officers were not generally available after 8.00 pm they could be available in exceptional circumstances, for example, when parking was considered to be very dangerous.

Councillor Hickson (with reference to the Edward Street area) stated that enforcement out of normal hours often required the active consent of local residents particularly in areas where residents did not have drives or garages where they could park off-road.

Council Tax Booklet, All Wards

A resident quoted from the introduction provided by Councillor Williamson in the Council Tax leaflet for 2007 /2008 received by all residents with their Council Tax bills. The passage quoted read "By working effectively in neighbourhoods, we intend to narrow the wealth gap between different parts of the city. "

The resident asked if Councillor Williamson could be invited to the next Area Panel 5 meeting to explain what he meant by the statement.

The panel agreed to invite Councillor Williamson to address the next Area Panel 5 meeting

Future of Area Panels, All Wards

A resident stated that he had heard that Area Panels were being

replaced by neighbourhood meetings and asked if the public would be consulted on this matter.

A further question was asked about what would happen to the Area Panel budget if Area Panels ceased to function.

Councillor Webb provided a brief summary of changes that were being discussed. Councillor Jackson commented on the experiences so far at Boulton ward and added that neighbourhood working seemed to be going very well.

Andy Thomas stated that neighbourhood working was being piloted in some areas of the city and councillors were being consulted about the next steps. Residents would be consulted about any changes. A report would be provided to the Council in due course and a report would be provided to the next round of Area Panels.

Councillor Hickson stated that Area Panel budget would continue and that there was a commitment to devolve even more decisions on Council spending to local areas.

10 St Helen's Street, Darley

A resident stated that following the fire approximately 3 months ago, he believed that the property had changed hands. The resident asked if the Council could do anything to protect the fabric of the building which is on the Local List, e.g. does the Council have the power to enter the property and enforce conservation of important features.

Panel members pointed out that the building was not a listed building but was on the Local List for Derby City. This meant the Council did not have powers to enter the building or enforce conservation actions.

Conservation Areas, All wards

A resident asked if there were any standards that applied when street furniture was installed.

Environment Agency emergency flood defences, Darley – Displaced rodents

A resident stated that a notice dated 16 March 2007 informed of works at Derwent House and Duke Street, Darley. Environmental works along the riverbanks have already disturbed mice and rats. The resident asked how the city will be defended from further displacement.

Bus Lanes, All Wards

A resident stated that the introduction of the Bus Lane on Duffield Road was at the expense of considerable cost to the resident and his family. The Bus Lane meant that he would need to alter his drive at a cost of £8-10000 to avoid the risks of entering / leaving his drive and colliding with traffic on the road. The resident asked if the council would contribute towards meeting these costs.

A second questioner asked if the panel would support the introduction

of a bus lane on the A52 – Ashbourne Road from the outskirts of the city into the centre, adding that she thought the panel should support such a proposal, as it was likely to improve traffic flow considerably.

Peter Price responded that there were proposals for the introduction of a Bus Lane on the A52 but only close to the city centre and not along its length.

65/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

Applications for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of one application for funding, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Midland Canoe Club towards a new Community Sports Coach - Amount requested £2,000

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Decisions

To award grants to the following application:

- Midland Canoe Club – Grant for £1500 towards a new Community Sports Coach as a one-off payment.

66/06 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

67/06 Events Diary

Resolved to note the report.

68/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed to note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 4 July 2007 at 7.00pm at Lawn Primary School, Norbury Close. Councillor Webb would be the Chair.

MINUTES END