

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 8.25pm

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

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, P Berry, Bolton, Brown, Gupta, Latham, MacDonald, Redfern, Roberts, Smalley and West.

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Sarah Edwards – Area Panel Manager
Jayne Peapell – Tenants Services Officer - Derby Homes
Mike Melliush – PFI Project Manager
Rachael Wright – PFI Support Officer
Nick Elliott – Derbyshire County Council
Hayley Ash – Derwent Community Team

22 members of the public were in attendance.

15/04 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

16/04 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

17/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Roberts and Smalley declared a personal interest in Minute 22/04, as they were Members of the Interim Executive Board for High View School.

18/04 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1 held on 7 July 2004 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment. Minute no 5/04 - Youth Facilities Spondon, to remove the word 'not' between the words 'would' and 'allow' so that the middle sentence now reads 'The site at Cambridge Street/Willowcroft Road would allow for this. Safer Routes to School – Chaddesden Park Infant and Junior School Chaddesden, to replace the word 'please' with 'pleased'.

**19/04 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 and various actions,

progress to date and details of which Council Officer was responsible for these issues.

Agreed to note the report.

Specific Issues

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

The Scout Leader reported that there were still problems with youths in the area who were both threatening people using the building and causing vandalism. Some parents were removing children from the scout group because of the fears about the youths. Older people living around the scout hut were being terrorised. The Scout Leader had contacted the Anti-Social behaviour team about the problems. The Scout Leader was keen to see steel fencing put around the area to keep the youths out.

Agreed to ask the Area Panel Manager to co-ordinate a multi-agency problems solving meeting to facilitate a joined-up approach to this problem and report back to a future meeting

Safer Routes to School – Chaddesden Park Infants and Junior School

Councillor Bolton reported that the white lines had now been painted.

Roe Farm Community Centre toilets - Derwent

It was reported that a grant had been given towards the cost of the toilets by Derwent Community Team.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Oakwood

It was reported that the police were due to move into their new office at Oakwood Community Centre in September. PC Steve Buckley was currently off sick and the area was being covered from Roe Farm Police Station on an ad hoc basis.

Dropped Kerbs – Chaddesden

It was reported that there were no funds currently available to complete the work. A site visit had taken place to Coniston Crescent, Derwent and this had been included in the programme of works for 2005/06.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Mansfield Road and Croft Wood – Derwent

It was reported that problems were still occurring over the last weekend. Residents had contacted the police to speak to Inspector McLaughlin but he was on holiday. It was suggested that people attend the police liaison meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 September 2004 at Park View Primary School. A member of the public reported that the field in question was owned by 'Durose' and that 'Durose' had said they would be happy to meet with Councillors to try and sort out the problems. Councillor Redfern

reported that the police had received funding for cameras from Derwent New Deal to try and prevent problems and that there was a group of people who had been coming to the field for many years to ride bikes. A member of the public reported that he had had mobile CCTV equipment from the Anti-Social behaviour team in his house to try and catch offenders but the quality of the pictures was not good enough to identify the culprits.

Agreed to ask the Area Panel Manager to co-ordinate a meeting between Councillors and residents and the Police to find ways of alleviating the problems.

Speed limit on Mansfield Road, Derwent

A resident from Elmwood Drive, Oakwood explained the difficulties of trying to get out of Elmwood Drive onto Mansfield Road as well as problems at the Stratford Road and Bishops Drive junction.

Agreed

- 1. To ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to re-consider the request to lower the speed limit on Mansfield Road and**
- 2. To ask the Area Panel manager to request a site visit with officers, residents, the police and Derwent ward Councillors to discuss the problems on site.**

Pedestrian Crossing on Mansfield Road, Derwent

A member of the public reported that surveys on this stretch of road had been completed on week days which had not taken into account busy times on the road.

Agreed to include this issue in the meeting to be arranged between the Councillors for Derwent ward and the police.

Traffic issues, Bishops Drive and Danebridge Crescent, Oakwood

A member of the public requested that the information relating to road accident statistics be made available at the next meeting.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide statistical information on Road accidents in the Bishops Drive and Danebridge Crescent area of Oakwood.

Litter, Oakwood District Centre, Oakwood

A member of the public was concerned that educating people not to drop litter did not work and that fining people was the best option. It was reported that the Council did not have jurisdiction on private land. Consideration was given to whether funding could be found to employ an enforcement officer.

Agreed to recommend Council Cabinet to consider, during the next budget round, the employment of a person to fine people on the spot for dropping litter.

Damage to Pavements on Haydn Road – Derwent

It was reported that this was now complete.

No Ball Games Sign Welshpool Road, Derwent

It was reported that the sign was reinstated on 26 August 2004. Councillor Latham asked Derby Homes to explain how they planned to enforce the rule of no ball games.

Provision of Litter Bins - Derwent Ward

It was reported that the first phase of bins would be installed by the end of the year. A resident was concerned that many bins were now dual purpose bins and there was a problem with people filling waste bins with dog waste.

Lighting on Jitty between Mansfield Road and Suffolk Avenue, Derwent

A member of the public reported that whilst the lights had been repaired during July, they were now not working again.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the matter and report back.

20/04 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Fencing at Scout Hut, Coniston Crescent, Derwent

The Scout Leader from the 145th Scouts asked if the Area Panel could do anything to help with fencing around the scout hut on Coniston Crescent, Derwent. It was reported that the scout hut was not in the New Deal for Communities area.

Agreed to ask the Area Panel Manager to set up a multi-agency meeting to try and get fencing put around the scout hut.

Bins on Chaddesden Park

The Chair of the Chaddesden Park Friendly Group reported that bins on the park were not emptied often enough. They were concerned that litter bins were now used for dog waste as well.

Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to consult the Chaddesden Park Friendly Group regarding the position of litter bins on Chaddesden Park.

21/04 Petitions

Resurfacing of Elmwood Drive, Derwent

Mrs Golding, Lead Petitioner presented the petition to the panel.

Agreed to note that action to clean out the gulleys had already taken place and that it was intended to include Elmwood Drive on next year's major maintenance programme.

Safety Issues at Acordis

A report of the Assistant Director – Development was considered, which set out a response to a petition received relating to safety issues at Acordis. Nick Elliott from Derbyshire County Council emergency planning team, attended the meeting to answer any detailed questions members of the public may have.

Agreed to note the report.

22/04 Derby Group Schools Private Finance Initiative (PFI): Construction Work at Da Vinci Community College (Formerly High View)

A report of the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of the project board was considered, which gave details on the progress of the construction of Da Vinci Community College, which was part of the Derby Grouped Schools Private Finance Initiative.

Agreed

- 1. To note the progress of the construction of Da Vinci Community College.**
- 2. To receive updates at future meetings as appropriate.**

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.

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. Sarah Edwards, the Area Panel Manager, explained that the new criteria and procedure would be 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 are:

Date of Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	Deadline for applications for area panel funding for all area panels
Week commencing 4 October 2004	Friday 17 September 2004
Week commencing 6 December 2004	Friday 19 November 2004
Week commencing 7 February 2005	Friday 21 January 2005
Week commencing 16 May 2005	Friday 29 April 2005

Agreed to ask the Area Panel Manager to consider how the new criteria and application procedure for area panel funding could be made less bureaucratic.

25/04 Area Panel Budget Proposal 2004/5

A report of the Director of Policy was considered, which set out details of an application for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the Derwent Luncheon Club had submitted an application for funding. They were seeking a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of minibus hire to transport residents to their regular luncheon club and to take them on a number of annual trips.

Options considered

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

Decision

- 1 To award an interim grant of £500 to the Derwent Luncheon Club to support lunches.
- 2 To note that the Panel was keen to support the group and work with them to achieve long term sustainability. However, they wanted to review options for the provision of transport from other sources and make enquiries about the extent of the area from which members were actually collected, before making a decision about the award of a further £500 towards transport costs.

Reasons

- 1 The application meets the criteria for Area Panel funding.
- 2 The application 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 and which would provide a benefit to all residents.
- 3 More information was required on the extent of the area from which members were collected.

26/04 Arrangement for the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at Chesapeake Community Centre on Wednesday 27 October 2004 at 6.30pm.

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