



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## **AREA PANEL THREE 19 JANUARY 2005**

Report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

### **Traffic Management Group Work Programme - Priorities**

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 The Traffic Management Group, as with all other areas of the Council, have many issues to which they need to respond. The Traffic Management Group have commitments to deliver the wider strategic objectives of the Council but they are also there to respond to matters raised directly by residents including those raised at Area Panel.
- 1.2 It is always a balance to ensure that we are able to deliver more significant work including:
  - contributing to the implementation of major schemes such as Connecting Derby, Riverlights and the Eagle Centre Extension
  - vehicular and pedestrian signing improvements
  - introduction of the Home Zone
  - continuing the application for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement
  - contributing/designing schemes that achieve the aims of the Local Transport Plan
  - operating and administering the Council's car parks, residents only parking and on-street charging areas.

while at the same time being able to help residents resolve their more localised concerns.
- 1.3 Because there are insufficient resources available to enable the Traffic Management Group to respond to every call for help, it is important that we prioritise where we spend our time and energy. We set aside time to investigate and respond to traffic management and parking issues that are raised at the meetings of the five Area Panels and through correspondence, but it is proving increasingly difficult to deal with all the requests received.
- 1.4 Area Panel Three tends to generate a larger number of issues for investigation than the other four Area Panels. This principally is due to the fact that the three wards encompass densely populated residential areas, close to the City Centre. While the Group has striven to provide a timely response to the questions that are asked, they do generally require a deal of thorough investigation.

- 1.5 The number of investigations that the Group is undertaking, and being asked to undertake, has become so significant that it is no longer possible, bearing in mind other commitments, to try and answer everything, as soon as it is asked. Consequently it is considered that it would be beneficial for Area Panel Three to give some indication as to the relative priorities of the matters that have been raised.
- 1.6 The schemes and queries that are currently being undertaken, are as follows:
- Arboretum Street – Consultation regarding a residents' only parking restriction
  - Empress Road – Introduction of one-way traffic restriction
  - Stockbrook Road/Westbury Street – Consultation regarding the introduction of a one-way traffic restriction
  - Baseball Ground – Proposed amendments to waiting restrictions
  - Portland Street – Accident investigation
  - Yates Street – Consideration of waiting restrictions
  - Violet Street – Consideration of waiting restrictions
  - Swinburne Street – Removal of unnecessary through traffic
  - Chestnut Avenue – Proposed amendments to waiting restrictions
  - Grove Street Car Park – Measures to prevent long term parking.
- 1.7 Some schemes are very near completion and some are only beginning, but it is anticipated that they will all be completed, in terms of design of any remedial measures and consultation with those affected, by the end of the financial year. However, there are a few other outstanding issues, and of course any new matters that are raised, which are unlikely to see any significant progress unless the Area Panel feels that they should enjoy priority over any of the issues listed above. These include:
- Molineux Street/Wilfred Street/Sale Street – Consideration of one-way traffic restrictions
  - Avondale Road/Renals Street – Consideration of one-way traffic restriction
  - Raven Street/Dean Street – Consideration of one-way traffic restriction
  - Dexter Street – Investigation into the provision of a turning head.
- 1.8 We are continually trying to raise awareness of the importance of being able to respond to requests from residents and from the Area Panels. We will investigate options to improve the resources available to us both within the Council and beyond.

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 Any advice or assistance that the Area Panel can give in terms of prioritising the requests that they receive would be beneficial in ensuring that residents concerns are dealt with in the most efficient manner.

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