

**AREA PANEL 2 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT
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1. Ref: 205017 – Petition – Installation of pedestrian crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street/Meadow Lane, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

On 4 February 2005, a petition signed by 216 people was received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on London Road near its junction with Burnaby Street and Meadow Lane.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2005 - A full report was available at the meeting which suggested that the request be refused, as the investigations that were carried out indicated that the threshold for the installation of a pedestrian crossing facility was not met at this location. Dave Taylor, Alvaston resident confirmed that 369 people had now signed the petition, and agreed with the Councillors that something is desperately needed, and asked that the panel rejects the officers proposals.

The area panel accepted the report recommendations to refuse a pedestrian crossing however they asked the Director of Development and Cultural Services to consider installing a refuge in next years budget. They also asked for the cost of installing the refuge to see if the area panel could fund it through their budget.

September 2005 – It was reported that Highway officers have surveyed the site for a refuge and they confirmed that there is enough room for a refuge at the location. The approximate cost to install the refuge would be £5,700. The Area Panel was asked to consider funding this from their budget allocation in 2005/6.

November 2005 - The Area Panel was asked to confirm if it wanted Development and Cultural Services to complete a funding application to the Area Panel for £5,700 to be considered at the area panel meeting on 11 January 2006. If the application for Area Panel funding is approved in January 2006 the refuge could be installed as part of the 2006/7 programme.

January 2006 - A funding application for a refuge is on the agenda for 11 January for the Area panel to consider.

Response on 11 January 2006

The funding application of £5,000 was approved at the meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update on installation programme.

Update:

The scheme has been designed and we aim to consult on the proposals in March. We have not agreed a start date with our contractor but anticipate that the works will be completed within the first quarter of the 2006/7 financial year.

2. Ref: 205014 – Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Derwent Parade, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

The panel noted that a petition had been received from individuals working at businesses on Pride Park asking that the Council provide a pedestrian crossing on Derwent Parade outside Derby County Football Stadium between islands 1 and 2 or close to them.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - The survey work has been taking place in October to assess the traffic and pedestrian flows on Derwent Parade near to islands 1 and 2. We will analyse the results and then report back to the area panel on 11 January 2006.

January 2006 - The survey has now been completed but regrettably officers have not had sufficient time to analyse the results. We will report the findings to the next Area Panel meeting in March 2006.

Response on 11 January 2006

Actions agreed:

To report the findings of the analysis to the meeting in March.

Update:

Report in response to this issue can be found on the agenda as item 5c.

3. Ref: 205027 –Detrunking Shardlow Road, Alvaston – received 21.09.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025.

Issue:

A representative from Alvaston Neighbourhood Watch, asked when Shardlow Road would be detrunked, as the Blue Peter and Raynesway are heavily congested every morning, and he was concerned that this would get worse, once developments take place.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - The Council has to decide its priorities, and how best to action them. Alvaston is one of the high priorities, and the Council Cabinet need to ratify this later in the year. Councillor Bayliss confirmed that the detrunking would be completed by 28 November. He also stated that the 30mph speed limit would be extended to the county boundary.

January 2006 - The proposals for the speed limit involve moving the 30/40 mph change in speed limit to 40 metres south-east of the junction with Keldholme Lane. The order is currently still being processed.

Response on 11 January 2006:

None.

Actions agreed:

To investigate and provide timetable for works.

Update:

The speed limit order has been progressed and we are proposing a series of improvements to signs on the A6 corridor. This will include provision of the new lower speed limit signs. We hope these works will be undertaken before the end of March.

A variable message sign, which warns drivers to slow down, has already been erected. This sign will be adjusted to suit the new speed limit and will help to enforce the change.

4. Ref: 206003 – Coleman Street Health Centre, Alvaston – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Debbie Jackson – Director, PCT. Telephone 01332 224000

Issue:

A resident asked for an update on the Coleman Street Health Centre and the closure of the Wyndham Street health facility.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Wynn advised that these were two different schemes and that a response should be given at the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide a full response to the next meeting.

Update:

Both the Meadowfields practice branch surgery in Upper Moore Road and Boulton Clinic in Wyndham Street will be moving to the new centre in Coleman Street.

The building company appointed for all current Southern Derbyshire LIFT schemes is Laing O'Rourke. They are due to start setting up on site during December and will start on construction in January. The new centre is scheduled for completion early in 2007.

The schedule was slightly delayed due to the discovery of ground and water contamination on site through leaking oil tanks, but this has now been cleaned to Environment Agency satisfaction.

In the meantime, the LIFT projects have a website if you would like to know about other projects taking place in south Derbyshire. The website address is www.sderbyshirelift.com

5. Ref: 206004– Footpath, Sandgate Close, Alvaston – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Michelle Spamer, Area Co-ordination Officer, Regeneration and Community. Telephone 01302 715064

Issue:

A resident raised concern over the state of the pathway from Moor Drive to Sandgate Close, as it had been neglected, although used on a regular basis. He asked the panel if something could be done to improve it.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 11 January 2006

Actions agreed:

To provide an update.

Update:

We have arranged for the area to be cleaned up.

6. Ref: 206005 – Recycling site, Sandgate Close, Alvaston – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716352

Issue:

A member of the public asked the panel why there was still a need for the recycling area in Sandgate Close now that the houses on using the twin bin scheme. He also raised concern over the state of the recycling area.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Jackson stated that there were no plans to remove the site.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update.

Update:

The recycling centre at Sandgate Close is in a small car park to the rear of some of the properties. This area has just come on to the recycling scheme Rethink Rubbish. The recycling site is used fairly well and we get very few complaints.

Prior to the Sandgate Close area joining the Rethink Rubbish scheme, we collected about half a tonne of recycling material from the recycling banks. The amount collected has dropped down to 275 kilos per week since Rethink Rubbish was introduced.

We will continue to monitor the amount of recycling at this site and may consider reducing the

number of recycling banks in the future if there is insufficient demand for the facilities.

7. Ref: 205019 – Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

A petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School. The main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at the parking, and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2005 - A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. This stated that Officers would work with Moorhead Primary School to develop a Travel Plan.

September 2005 - Work is still ongoing to develop a school travel plan. We are working towards completing the travel plan by March 2006.

November 2006 - A resident raised concerns that because it is the parents responsibility, the problems are not being dealt with. He stated that there are no signs or parking restrictions at the school, but highlighted that Moorhead Primary School is next to a comprehensive school, and therefore some kind of restrictions should be implemented. Councillor Jackson reported that the proposed shared car park with Merrill College would not be going ahead, as it was not agreed by the Governors. She stated the importance of re-educating the parents. She also suggested that she would be putting forward a proposal for the installation of a chicane.

January 2006 - School travel plan officers have contacted the head teacher at Moorhead to progress the development of the school travel plan. Parents have been invited to set up a travel plan forum and an initial meeting has been held to explain the travel plan process. Travel questionnaires have been sent to parents and pupils to identify travel patterns and barriers to movement. These are currently being analysed and a further meeting has been arranged with the forum to go through the results. Following this the travel plan forum will begin to prepare and develop a school travel plan. It is hoped that the travel plan will be signed off by colleagues in the Education Service before April 2006 following which the school will be eligible for a small grant of approximately £5,000 to support the travel plan. Once the travel plan is completed consideration will also be given to funding safety and accessibility improvements through the Local Transport Plan. With regard to the school warning triangles on Brackens Lane, there are signs, but some are in a poor condition. The school has requested that we replace the existing school warning signs due to their poor condition. We will replace the signs as soon as possible.

Response on 11 January 2006

Mrs Carter explained that they had been working with education and traffic to produce a travel plan, but there were still concerns. She reported that at Silverhill, the school safety zone signs did not seem to be doing much, and on Monday of that week there had been an accident outside the school. She stated that they are looking at replacing the school signs. At Alvaston Junior School, there are enforcement notices and yellow lines. She hoped that something could be done before September, and also suggested chicane like at Oakwood.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that he did attend and visit the site, and it was quite clear that there are a frantic 20 minutes in both the morning and evening, when it is a dangerous location. He agreed that something needs to be done, and agreed to discuss with Highways.

Actions agreed:

To report back.

Update:

As previously reported, Moorhead Primary are developing a travel plan. This is on track to be completed and signed off in April. The school will then be eligible for a small amount of reward funding in June from the government. No funds have been set aside from the Local Transport Plan for the 2006/7 financial year for off site improvements as this has been committed to schools that have already developed their travel plans.

The existing school warning signs and some yellow lines around the school have been reported as being in a poor condition. The Council's Streetcare Section is aware of the problems and the signs and markings will be renewed as soon as possible.

8. Ref: 205030 – Temporary bus lane, Allenton, Boulton– received 21.09.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

A resident asked the panel how long the temporary bus lane would be in use for, as she had seen three serious accidents since its installation due to the road not being wide enough.

Previous key points / action taken:

September 2005 – It was agreed to recommend Council Cabinet remove the bus lane in Allenton.

November 2005 - This issue is being referred to Cabinet on 8 November. However it was deferred to the cabinet meeting on 29 November, to allow a full report to be produced.

January 2006 - It has been agreed to bring forward the review of the bus lane and ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to complete a review in time for a response to Area Panel 2 on 15 March 2006.

Response on 11 January 2006

A local resident stated that there was currently no access to the bus lane due to the roadworks.

Actions agreed:

Produce a response to the review of the bus lane.

Update:

We have now completed the review and have agreed to remove the bus lane. The work will take place at the same time as the improvements to the footways and kerbs at the District Centre are completed. The work will be completed by the end of April 2006.

The bus lane is currently blocked off while the improvements to the footways and kerbs at the District Centre are completed.

9. Ref: 205035 – Vandalism, Field Lane Community Centre, Boulton – received 21.09.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Sarah Wheatley, Acting Community Development Officer, Environmental Services, telephone 715656

Andrew Beddow, Head of Sport and Leisure, Environmental Services, telephone 715513

Issue:

A member of the public asked the panel if it was a high priority that a long term solution is found to the ongoing vandalism of the Community Centre. He stated that serious vandalism has led to the closure of the facilities.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - The centre is currently closed. Councillors and officers met on 14 September to discuss the situation and the impact of the closure on centre users and the football teams. The preference would be to repair and reopen the centre as soon as possible if funding can be found. A survey has been carried out to determine the cost of repairs.

The Asset Management Group approved funding of £4,000 for measures to reduce vandalism and overnight security patrols are now being carried out. The Youth Offending Service and Youth Service are working in the area to try and reduce vandalism. Further damage has recently been caused to the building. The situation will be monitored prior to a final decision on the future viability of the centre and its priority for funding being made.

January 2006 - A meeting was held on Tuesday 6 December to discuss possible future use of the community centre. The meeting involved local councillors, user groups and members of the public. The meeting focused on the production of an Action Plan that will help to improve the usage, security and management of the centre. The Council has made a commitment to finding the money to fix the centre, however this is dependent upon the commitment of the local community to supporting the plan and the long term sustainability of the centre. The Action Plan will be circulated for comment in early January with a further follow up meeting to be organised in mid/late January. Anti vandalism measures have been put in place and levels of vandalism will be monitored.

Response on 11 January 2006

The panel were asked what work is being done on the site, and whether it was going to be finished or left as it is.

Councillor Jackson confirmed that there is a commitment from the Council to repair and reopen the centre, and it is hoped that this will be completed by the summer. It was hoped that a more detailed action plan would be available at the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide a detailed action plan.

Update:

A copy of the draft action plan will be circulated to local members of the community and user groups who attend the follow up meeting. The completed document will be used to progress action to improve the situation at Field Lane Community Centre.

A meeting was held on Tuesday 28 February at 6 pm at Boulton Lane Community Centre to receive updates from Property Services on planned work and to update the draft action plan.

10. Ref: 205040 – Roundabout, Brackens Lane, Crayford Road, Boulton – received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

A resident raised concern over the layout of the roundabout at the Brackens Lane / Crayford Road junction. He stated that motorists do not give way to the right at this roundabout. There is a through road with double dotted lines, which means motorists should give way to the major road – Brackens Lane. The police have told him that the road signs are correct, however, the insurance companies are treating it as a roundabout, and therefore should give way to the right. He asked for clarification.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 - Unfortunately, as investigations are required, we are unable to respond in time for the January 2006 meeting.

Response on 9 November 2005

None.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update on investigations.

Update:

At the junction of Boulton Lane, Crayford Road and Brackens Lane all approaches have give way markings on. Therefore any vehicle approaching the mini roundabout needs to give way to vehicles on the mini roundabout and the views of the insurance companies are in essence correct.

To clarify the situation we will amend the traffic signs on the cul de sac part of Boulton Lane to include the mini roundabout sign.

11. Ref: 205044 – Petition - Lighting for Mullion Green, Boulton – received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alan Jaques, Street Lighting Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715014

Issue:

A resident stated that there was a campaign to install lights on the footpath across Mullion Green, opposite the Cornishman Pub. He explained there would be a petition handed in and that an application for funding would be submitted to the area panel. He asked why officers had previously visited the site and acknowledged that lights were needed to reduce the level of antisocial behaviour but had not installed any lights.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 - A funding application has been received and is to be considered at the meeting. Derby Parks have confirmed that if the area panel approve the funding, they will provide all future maintenance.

Response on 11 January 2006

A funding application for £5,000 was approved at the meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide information on the likely timetable for works.

Update:

Three lighting columns have been installed on the footpath link Holbrook Road to Launceston Drive, Alvaston. These cover Mullion Place. The lighting will be maintained by the Street Lighting Section

12. Ref: 206008 – Antisocial Behaviour, Tilbury Place, Boulton – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.
Pam Stretton, Area Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 716578

Issue:

Concern was raised over the antisocial behaviour on Tilbury Place with particular attention of vandalism to cars. The panel were asked what could be done to deter and stop groups gathering around, and to stop antisocial behaviour in the jitties.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 11 January 2006

Inspector Gascoigne explained that there had been some dispersal notices in the Boulton ward for some time, but they have now expired. The police still do patrol the area.

Councillor Graves commented that the police do an excellent job in the area, and encouraged the residents to work with the police. He also suggested that with regard to the jitty, residents should carry out a survey to see if residents do want to close it., and encouraged them to report incidents to the police, so that they can record them and identify the area as a possible hot spot, which will be looked at.

Councillor Blanskby explained that when they were built, they served as a civic amenity, and people should be trying to protect the amenities.

Actions agreed:

Update:

Beat officers have increased patrols in the area and in the surrounding streets which are connected by a series of alleyways. In addition, a number of residents whose cars had been attacked have been visited and have been supplied with crime prevention advice. CCTV posters have been provided to some of the residents and these have been displayed on the front of their houses. Contact has been made with the Derby Homes Community Watch patrols, who will be paying attention to the area.

One of the residents mentioned that a specific address was attracting groups of kids and that these may be responsible for some of the nuisance behaviour. The beat officer has spoken to the tenant at this address, who stated that their grandson and his friends sometimes leave their bikes in her shed, but never cause any problems on the street. However, the other residents are adamant that the kids visit the house when the occupant is not at home and can be seen inside the address. This has been reported to Derby Homes who will be speaking to the tenant and advising them.

The beat officer PC Hawley has recently re-visited the residents and all are reporting a drop in nuisance behaviour and no incidents of criminal damage.

13. Ref: 205023 – Tree problems, Chellaston – received 15.06.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

Mrs Nixon spoke on behalf of a resident in Newbridge Crescent, who understood that the tree at the back of the property could be pruned. This has not yet been done, and is blocking light from the house.

Previous key points / action taken:

September 2005 - The Arboricultural Officer has investigated the tree which is actually in Hubert Shaw Close. He has spoken to the resident about the tree and explained that unfortunately the work that the resident feels is required would not be acceptable working practice for this tree. Heavily pruning the tree would not be good for the health and safety of the tree. It is likely to lead to weak branch unions and the possibility of allowing decay to further weaken such unions, other pruning that may have been acceptable such as crown lifting or thinning has already been carried out. The tree is in the garden of a Derby Homes tenant and not on open space and is therefore in the first instance the responsibility of the tenant. Therefore there is unfortunately no acceptable pruning that is likely to bring about an appreciable difference to the shade cast by the tree.

November 2005 - The Council Cabinet has decided to allocate each of the Area Panels £1,000 in order to commission cosmetic tree works in cases where the Arboricultural Officers had not been prepared to commission work requested by a resident. This work is restricted to trees on Council owned land and all work requested would have to comply with the conditions stated in the Tree Management Policy.

January 2006 - A tree on Hubert Shaw Close was due to be pruned on instructions from the Council using £100 from Area Panel 2 budget. However, in error, the sub-contractor felled the tree. When the error was pointed out, the contractor immediately acknowledged the genuine mistake and offered to prune the other three trees on Hubert Shaw Close at no charge.

Response on 11 January 2006

A member of the public asked that the work be confirmed as suitable, before closing this issue.

Actions agreed:

To confirm that the work carried out was to a suitable standard.

Update:

The Arboricultural Officer confirms that the trees have been suitably attended to.

14. Ref: 205038 – Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Issue:

A petition had been received from local residents complaining about trees on Church Close blocking out light of local residents. They also have concerns over root growth.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - The lead petitioner informed the panel that he had met with John Booth, who had informed him that the roots were not causing problems with the flats, even though slabs have already been moved away by root growth. He also had stated that they would not prune the trees, nor did they feel that the trees blocking bathroom lights was an issue. He asked the panel to put pressure on to cut the trees right back. He also stated that the fallen leaves are also very slippery and are proving dangerous particularly to elderly residents.

January 2006 - A meeting was held with the petitioner. The pruning necessary to overcome these problems will be completed by February 2006. There is no arboricultural solution to the leaf issue.

Response on 11 January 2006

A resident asked for an update to be provided at the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update at the next meeting.

Update:

In response to concerns relating to the potential for building subsidence John Booth advises that this is highly unlikely.

The trees have been pruned and it is hoped that this will in part, at least address the obstruction of light issue.

Where paving slabs have been disturbed it is the responsibility of Derby Homes to rectify these. Where root pruning is involved they will need to consult the Arboricultural Section. The heavy pruning of trees as originally requested is contrary to both best practice and DCC policy

15. Ref: 205039 – Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

Issue:

A petition signed by approximately 90 peoples was received from residents of Chellaston, requesting the re-routing of the number 68 and 68a bus service away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. As currently routed, the residents feel that the bus services cause unnecessary traffic and environmental problems, which if re-routed along Homeleigh Way would stop.

Previous key points / action taken:

A report appeared on the agenda, confirming that whilst there is no further action the Council can taking regarding the route of the bus service, the Council will continue to work with Arriva and local residents to determine the optimum sites for bus stops along the route of the bus service.

Response on 11 January 2006

A local resident from Marquis Gardens informed the panel that he had received a letter stating that a bus stop would be installed outside is house, which concerned him, as it was felt that this would reduce the value of his property.

Isabella Stone explained that the Council can speak and negotiate with Arriva about the locations of the bus stops.

Councillor Bayliss suggested that the matter be referred to Scrutiny, who would look into this issue and invite residents, Arriva and Council officers to discuss a way forward.

In general, residents were disappointed with the recommendations, informing the panel that nobody is getting on and office the buses in the area. The panel were asked if the roads in the area were actually built to take buses. Councillor Wynn confirmed that the roads were suitable for bus usage. He explained that because Arriva is an independent company, they use these routes to increase revenue. The Council do have a small budget to subsidies a number of routes.

A representative from Chellaston Residents Association stated that he hoped Arriva would attend the next meeting.

Actions agreed:

To report back to officers on residents disappointment at recommendations, and to look at the locations of the bus stops.

To contact the Marquis Gardens resident directly.

Update:

During the second week of January, residents close to sites of the proposed new bus stops for services 68 and 68A in Crown Way, Duchess Way etc were sent information showing the location of the new sites as part of a consultation process. Those people who received this information were asked to respond to the Council with their comments. Some people have already responded.

Local Councillors also received the information and a site meeting was held on 10th Feb with residents and Councillor Titley about the location of stops in Crown Way Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent. These new sites will be put in place shortly. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds. As has previously been stated, the Council has no authority to instruct Arriva to reroute the service via Homeleigh Way.

Arriva Customer Services contact number is: 0116 2581197.

16. Ref: 205046 – New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034,

Issue:

A resident raised a number of questions about traffic on Parkway and wanted to know what the Council can do to resolve them. These included concerns about the school entrance because it is on a bend, with a junction immediately before the entrance. She asked if it was the Council's responsibility to inform the test centre that Parkway is no longer a dead end, because it is still on the driving test route. She also asked why Arriva put their bus stops so near to the school entrance on both sides of the road. Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 - Early in the new year we will be working with the bus operators to consider moving some bus stops in West Chellaston. We will be undertaking consultation with local residents, Councillors and other interested parties as part of this review. The bus stops referred to by the resident will be included in this consultation. However, we expect that should these bus stops be moved, they would still need to be close to the school for the convenience of the passengers using the services.

Response on 11 January 2006

Actions agreed:

To provide an update.

Update:

During the second week of January, residents were sent information showing the location of the new sites as part of a consultation process. Those people who received this information were asked to respond to the Council with their comments. Some people have already responded.

Local Councillors also received the information and site visits have been arranged to discuss the proposals with them. The sites proposed have been chosen on safety grounds. However, we will of course take account of all the comments received before making any final decisions.

It should be noted that even if the bus stop does move, it will still be close to the school for the convenience of passengers.

17. Ref: 205050 – Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

At its meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel 2 identified the issue of traffic issues as one of its highest priorities. Issues had been raised at the area panel over the previous two years that all related to requests for improvements in traffic. These included parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane, the high volume of traffic using A514, traffic problems on St Peter's Road and traffic problems at the junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2005 - A report titled 'Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston' was presented to the area panel meeting in September 2005. It proposed that the issues are dealt with as part of a review of traffic issues in Chellaston. A meeting took place on 24 August 2005 that was attended by Councillors, residents including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association and the Police. A list of key traffic issues was developed and put into priority order. This included the four issues raised at area panel meetings:

Parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane – there was request in March 2005 for a range of measures in School Lane and High Street, including yellow lines.

High volume of traffic using A514 - a petition was received in January 2004 suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken

Traffic problems on St Peter's Road - a petition was received in June 2005 from residents of St Peter's Road, concerned about the road being used as a rat run. It asked that an investigation takes place to look at the possibility of it becoming a one way street.

Junction of Station Road and Derby Road – a petition was submitted in June 2005 asking for action regarding the Junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

A traffic review programme was presented to Area Panel 2 along with a questionnaire for residents to complete. The Area Panel supported the work outlined in the report and the traffic review programme. Residents were encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return it to Development and Cultural Services by the end of September.

January 2006 - We aim to have a meeting with Area Panel members and representatives of residents groups in the New Year to review the options available, prioritise any future improvements and draw up an action plan. Following this we will report our findings to the Area Panel for further discussion.

Response on 11 January 2006

Actions agreed:

To provide an update on the consultation activity.

Update:

We are drawing up options for improvements on High Street, Derby Road and at the traffic lights following earlier comments from residents. We plan to hold a second meeting in March with ward members and interest groups to talk through the findings and draw up a priority action plan for consideration by the Area Panel.

18. Ref: 206007 – Weight restriction signs, A514, Chellaston – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

Concern was raised that there was no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, stating that cannot turn right. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island There was also concern that the DET had stated that the police cannot enforce the restrictions, and the panel were asked their views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 11 January 2006

It was explained that the police are going to run some information days on the A514 with HGV drivers. Inspector Gascoyne confirmed that the DET statement was incorrect, and in fact the restrictions are enforceable, but there is a much wider issue – in terms of deliveries into the City, where they would have access.

Residents also explained that there were problems on Shardlow Road, and asked the police to look into that as well.

Inspector Gascoyne informed the public that a meeting was taking place on 30 January, and a policing enforcement plan would be agreed.

Actions agreed:

To provide more detail at the next meeting, and provide an update on the signage.

Update:

A meeting took place on Monday 30th January 2006 at Cotton Lane Police Station involving Cllr's Jackson, Wynn, Tittley, Willitts and Bayliss, together with Tim Banton DCC Highways Dept, Inspector Gascoyne and Inspector Andy Smith, who is in charge of the local Roads Policing Unit. From this meeting it was agreed that the Police and highways staff would undertake an assessment day at Chellaston and Alvaston to gauge the extent of the problem. If it is felt that there are grounds for further enforcement days then these will be planned. The date for the initial days activity is currently being determined. The results of the operation will be passed back to the councillors and the area panel.

Since the last Area Panel meeting Council Members and officers have met with the police to discuss enforcement of the weight restrictions on both the A514 and the A6. The Council will be erecting additional signage on both routes and we hope to do this before the end of March. On the A6 we will be amending the majority of direction signs to take account of the new weight restriction and also to better direct through vehicles to the by-pass. On the A514 we will be adding additional weight limit signs to the Merrill Way junction to reinforce the signing already in place.

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19. Ref: 205047 – Cycle provision, all wards– received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

A local resident asked how the £1.5 million match funding pledge for new cycling facilities would be provided, how it would be spent and when consultation will be carried out.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 - We are still working with Cycling England to finalise and refine our spending proposals. Chiefly we are using the funds to encourage young people to cycle in Derby. We aim to achieve this by improving cycle parking in schools, improving cycle links to and from schools, increasing the level of cycle training and coaching for young people and developing a marketing and promotions strategy. Our match funding is from a number of sources including the Local Transport Plan, existing Council and partner training and coaching budgets and developer funding.

We have arranged a public meeting, in partnership with Derby Cycling Group, to present and discuss our proposals in more detail. It is on Tuesday 17 January at 7pm in the Voice box on Forman Street.

Response on 11 January 2006

A member of the public asked the Council what could be done about reducing the number of cyclists using the pavements, as they were a menace to pedestrians – the panel were asked to include this issue in the response.

Inspector Gascoigne explained that this is a difficult issue, and even if signs are installed, they can be ignored.

The panel encouraged residents to attend the meeting at the Voicebox.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update.

Update:

The Cycle Derby meeting was hosted by Derby Cycling Club and attended by around 90 members of the public. The Cycle Derby development team gave a presentation outlining the aspirations and objectives of the project followed by a question and answer session. The attendees were asked to provide three ideas they would like to see progressed and whether they would be prepared to become child cycle trainers. This information will be reviewed and progressed if possible as part of the wider development of the project.

This year's school cycle shelter work programme remains on track for completion in mid March. We will be recruiting for new positions to help run the project shortly.

20. Ref: 206001 – Petition – Off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Issue:

Councillor Leeming handed in a petition signed by approximately 200 people, requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use in the area. This would help ease the problem of them using public footpaths and fields while still keeping them entertained and out of mischief.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Wynn asked which location was being proposed. Councillor Leeming suggested the derelict land at the back of the Wyvern, near to Pride Park, could be considered.

Actions agreed:

To provide a response to the petition.

Update:

A report can be found on the Agenda, item 5b

21. Ref: 206006 – Bus Station, all wards – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Malcolm Amatt, Implementation Team Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255075.

Issue:

A resident asked how much the works on the bus station is costing the Council, and asked why the £5m was not paid first.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Wynn explained that an agreement was signed between the Council and the developers to lease the bus station for the redevelopment. The £5 million was a bond, a guarantee to pay any damages, and was not a transfer of money. He stated that there was approximately 18 months left to run on the contractor where the developers have the lease on the site. He agreed that this was unsatisfactory and confirmed that as soon as possible, the bus station would be back in the Council's control. There are advanced negotiations with other developers who are interested in taking over the Riverlights project.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update on this situation.

Update:

The developer, MetroHolst, has provided all the funding for Riverlights. The works that have taken place on the bus station site since it's closure have been investigative and relatively minor. These works were to allow MetroHolst to establish the ground conditions and the cost of demolition. They could then better determine the cost of the development. This information was necessary before

MetroHolst could raise the finance for their bond.
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22. Ref: 206009 – Bus Fares, all wards – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

Issue:

Concern was raised about the increasing bus fares on the Arriva services in particular. The panel were asked what could be done to tackle this.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Wynn explained that because Arriva are a private operator, then they can charge what they like. He stated that the only way that the public could receive reduced fares would be if the Council subsidised the bus companies, which would ultimately result in an increase of Council Tax.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update.

Update:

The Council does already help subsidise fares for older people and the disabled through the gold card scheme and this is being improved from April 2006. Unfortunately, no details are available at this time. Other groups such as teenagers and certain unemployed people also receive reduced bus fares due to Council support.

23. Ref: 206010– Dangerous road surfaces, all wards – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Jim Connolly, Head of Engineering Design, Regeneration and Community

Issue:

A resident raised concern over the materials being used as a road surface in and around Derby. He stated that the SMA – Stone Mastic Asphalt, is actually contributing to accidents in the area, and this had been confirmed by a letter he had received from Government stating that the roads are potentially dangerous with this material.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 11 January 2006

Councillor Wynn stated that this had been an ongoing debate, and explained that the SMA material had been used on a six month trial basis, as it was a cheaper option to asphalt.

Actions agreed:

To receive an update.

Update:

Our Engineering Design Group assess each highway site individually for a required performance standard for skid resistance at the design stage and apply this to an end performance specification for the Works. The end performance specification is tested following construction and again at the end of the maintenance period (nominally 1, 2 or sometimes 3 years).

I am not aware of any site in Derby where SMA has been laid, where the respective standards have not been met. This excludes Developer, Highways Agency sites or the like where I have no information. Only HAPAS approved proprietary systems are used in our works - nationally certified/tested/quality assured production and laying systems adopted. The above standards tend to ensure that Early Life Skid Resistance of SMA for roads in Derby is met and will then increase over time.

There are no statistics relating specifically to this issue. So without a detailed study from the Accident Investigation Unit no comment could be made.