

ITEM 12

Time Started : 7.00pm

Time Finished : 9.50pm

AREA PANEL 5 (ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS) 7 JULY 2005

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

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Bill Reed	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	- Constitutional Services Assistant
Ray Dring	- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
David Dring	- Area Co-ordination Manager
David Gartside	- Head of Traffic
Katherine Taylor	- Assistant Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer
Pete Meakin	- Head of Arts and Events

70 members of the public were in attendance.

01/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hickson, Repton and Samra

02/05 Late Items

There were no late items

03/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

04/05 Petitions

There were no new petitions.

05/05 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Crazy Golf Course, Markeaton Park

A member of the public commented that the crazy golf course at Markeaton Park had become very tatty and asked whether it was due to be refurbished, if so when and if not, why not. An answer would be provided by the Parks department and brought back to the next meeting.

Crossing where Agard Street joins Ford Street

A member of the public commented that there was no pedestrian crossing at the junction of Agard Street and Ford Street and asked whether a pedestrian crossing could be put in. It was reported that new crossings would be installed as part of the next stage of the Connecting Derby scheme, and that this would be looked into further. The next stage of Connecting Derby should be completed within the next two years.

Removal of bins

A member of the public asked why the bins that were removed during the resurfacing work around then Mackworth campus had not been replaced. Bill Reed responded that the bins should have been replaced and every effort would be made to get them replaced.

Junction of Prince Charles Avenue and Ashbourne Road

A member of the public asked whether traffic lights or a roundabout could be installed at the junction as the current junction was dangerous and difficult to get out of at rush hour. Bill Reed replied that an analysis of the junction had already been done and the current set up was best solution. Councillor Higginbottom suggested that it be re-looked at as part of the extra traffic from Wilmorton College and that the survey should be done during school time.

Yellow lines at Penny Long Lane

A member of the public commented that cars parked on the yellow lines on Broadway at the entrance of Penny Long Lane which blocked the view of cars trying to leave the lane. He asked who was responsible for monitoring as the area was currently only monitored once a week which he felt was not enough, he asked for more consistent monitoring. Bill Reed replied that the monitoring of double yellow lines was currently the responsibility of the police however this would transfer to the Council in July – September 2005.

Open Parks Tennis Tournament

A member of the public asked why the open parks tennis tournament no longer happened. A response would be provided at the next meeting.

Moorways

A member of the public asked why Moorways swimming pool was closed for repairs again. A response would be provided at the next meeting.

Clovelly Development, Broadway

A member of the public raised concerns over the fact that the Clovelly development came right up to the edge of the pavement, which therefore blocked the view of people trying to cross the road to get onto Kedleston Road. The previous development had a car park at the front which increased the visibility. She asked whether this could be looked into so an appropriate solution could be found. Councillor Travis agreed and also felt that the vegetation on the other side of the road needed cutting back so that visibility would be improved on that side of the road as well. A response would be provided at the next meeting.

Narrowing of Broadway

A member of the public commented that two years ago there was a proposal to narrow Broadway and reduce the speed limit at the same time to 30mph. He asked whether the Council had considered doing what Nottingham had done around the Queens Medical Centre, which was two hour no parking in the middle of the day to ensure people could not park there all day. A response would be provided at the next meeting.

Crossing on Prince Charles Avenue

Mrs Lee asked when the survey on Prince Charles Avenue would be done. Bill Reed replied that advance warning would not be given or the data could be inaccurate, however, he would inform her of the week the survey was likely to happen when he knew.

Dropped Kerbs, Mackworth Road

A member of the public commented that since the building of the Merchants Corner Flats the existing dropped kerbs were disrupted. Bill Reed replied that this would be looked into and a response would be provided at the next meeting.

Road Repairs in Mackworth

A member of the public asked why the road repairs done in Mackworth were being ripped up by cars. Was it bad workmanship or the cars themselves. A response would be provided at the next meeting.

06/05 Outturn Report: Area Panel 5 Budget 2004/05

A report of the Assistant Director of Policy was considered, which stated that in 2004/2005, Area Panel 5 was allocated a budget of £22,000. The Panel also had an additional budget of £8,564 carried forward from 2003/2004, making a total budget of £30,564 available to allocate to projects during 2004/2005.

The Panel had allocated £19,514 which gave a carry forward budget of £11,050 to allocate to projects in 2005/2006. Details of the budget allocations during the year were set out in the report.

Agreed to note the report

07/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

Applications for Area Panel Funding

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

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Brackensdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Association to fund the cost of shed alarms for residents of Mackworth Estate – Amount requested £1,750
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Darley Abbey Society to fund plaques for the Mill View Garden – Amount requested £153
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Derby City Council Sport Development Team to fund an Area Panel 5 football tournament – Amount requested £385
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Community Association to fund a new floor – Amount requested £4,272
- To consider whether to support the application received from Morley and Mackworth Community Panel to fund anti-graffiti paint – Amount requested - £462
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Friday Club to fund activity support – Amount requested - £200

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.

Key Decisions

1. To award grants to the following applications:

- Brackensdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch Association – Grant for £1,750 for shed alarms for residents of Mackworth Estate.

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the local needs of local residents
2. It would improve access for local people to existing services

- Darley Abbey Society – Grant for £153 for plaques for the Mill View Garden

Reason

It would contribute to environmental improvements which would provide a benefit to local residents

- Derby City Council Sport Development Team – Grant for £385 for an Area Panel 5 football tournament.

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
 2. It would promote the area and neighbourhood coordination in the community
- Mackworth Friday Club – Grant for £200 for activity support.

Reasons

1. The application meets the criteria for area panel funding
2. It would improve provide a service in response to the needs of local residents

To refuse a grant to the following applications:

- Mackworth Community Association – Grant for £4,272 for a new floor

Reasons

The panel felt the new floor was the responsibility of the City Council as building owner and that Area Panel money should not be used to allow the Council to avoid its responsibilities in that way.

- Morley and Mackworth Community Panel – Grant for £462 for anti-

graffiti paint

Reasons

The panel felt that the application was effectively from Derby Homes and as such the work was their responsibility to fund and carry out.

Councillor Webb arrived at the meeting. Councillor Baxter left the meeting during the presentation by Derby University.

08/05 University of Derby Background, Development Masterplan and Local Impact, including parking.

Professor John Coyne, Vice Chancellor of Derby University gave a presentation on the future plans of Derby University including their transport plan.

It was reported that the University currently had 22,416 students, 10,529 of which were full time students, 8,043 part time students and 18,572 overseas students.

The University planned to close the Mickleover campus and move students to the Kedleston Road campus.

58% of the students that attended the University for courses lived within 20 miles of the campus and the majority of students were over 21 years old.

The University was encouraging the students to have a responsible attitude to travelling to University. The students were told that they didn't need to bring their cars and to walk or use the "uni bus" instead. Those that do have to drive are asked to park sensibly.

A member of the public asked whether it was the Derby City Councils transport policy that is preventing more parking being provided at the University.

John Coyne replied that the national planning regulations were being followed and that an equation is worked out to ensure that the best balance is provided in terms of the number of parking spaces.

A member of the public commented that charging students to park in the University car parks would push students to park on the streets as this was free.

A member of the public commented that the students attended the University for the few hours of their lectures then went home again, which caused a constant turnaround of cars around the local area.

A member of the public commented that the figures presented showed that an extra 2,000 students would be using the Kedleston Road campus once Mickleover campus closed. He felt the travel plan that the University had was very good, but that it was not working so something else needed to be looked at. He asked whether the University was willing to fund residents only parking schemes. John Coyne responded that the University was willing to explore all options and that they were willing to work with the Council to ensure that travel was a permanent part of the University's agenda.

A member of the public commented that many of the students parking on Broadway parked on the grass verges, that they dumped rubbish in the street and that some students even urinated in the street. John Coyne replied that this behaviour was unacceptable and he could not condone that behaviour.

A member of the public commented that in Cedar Street students were parking in the street even though there were signs saying no parking for students, they were parking there anyway and when they were asked to move they became abusive. John Coyne replied that this was why the University and local residents needed to work in partnership to come up with a workable solution, but that students were citizens and so the University could not tell that not to do things that were within their rights as citizens of the UK.

Councillor Webb commented that at a meeting last week between Councillors and the University a suggestion was made to have an exclusion zone around the University, which would work through the Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Residents own cars would be known to the scheme and visitor's tickets would be provided. Any other cars that were parked on the street could be ticketed by the local residents with a ticket that identified the car as a non resident's vehicle and the Police would then go round and check the streets as often as they were able. The Police had given their consent to this proposal. John Coyne replied that his concern was that the City had been supportive and that he was hesitant about this scheme as it could well damage the relationship. He reiterated that the University would be happy to consider all suggestions.

09/05 Culture and Prosperity Commission Topic Reviews 2004/05: Outcome of the Commission's Review of the way in which the Council promotes its part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

A report of the Chair of the Culture and Prosperity commission was considered which stated that the Culture and Prosperity Commission had conducted a review into the way in which the Council promoted its part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site – WHS.

The findings of the review were reported to Council Cabinet on 26 April 2005 and the Commission expected to receive a response on 12 July 2005.

The report was available for members of the public to view.

A member of the public commented that there was a gap in the report regarding the natural environment and that this should be looked at before a masterplan was drawn up. Councillor Travis replied that the review was not set in stone and that it was not definitive list of things to do. The point of the proposal was to promote interest and thought and that if the Cabinet adopted the recommendations a full consultation would then take place.

Resolved to note the report.

10/05 Darley Park Saturday

The Panel received a presentation from Pete Meakin the Head of Arts and Events on the Darley Park Saturday concert.

It was reported that the Council planned to make use of the stage already in place for the Darley Park Sunday concert by holding a day of entertainment on the Saturday. The Saturday concert would have a world music theme and would also include music from local artists.

A member of the public asked whether the park and ride scheme could be used and the bus extended to the park so that people could park away from the park. Pete Meakin replied that this had already been looked at, but that as so many people brought a lot of things with them to the concert, it was felt that the scheme would not be well used as people wanted to be nearer the site so they could carry their things easily to the park.

Resolved to note the report.

11/05 Proposed Operation of Trial for Cosmetic Work to Trees

The Panel receive a report from the Director of Commercial Services on the proposed operation of a trial for cosmetic work to trees.

The Council's Tree Management Policy allowed cosmetic work to trees such as pruning of no more than 15% of the crown usually when a tree is blocking light. The existing base budget was inadequate to accommodate cosmetic work and was fully committed to works addressing health and safety risk. Councillors had become frustrated that there was no means of appealing against the decision of the

Arboricultural Officers to not carry out work.

The proposal put forward was that a budget of £5,000 would be made available from the grounds maintenance budget to Area Panel 5 for cosmetic work to trees.

The proposed process was outlined.

Resolved to note the report.

12/05 Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Ray Dring, Station Manager at Kingsway Fire Station gave a presentation on the work of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, particularly in relation to community involvement.

Agreed to note the presentation.

13/05 Rolling Out Rethink Rubbish Recycling Into Darley Abbey

The Panel received a report from the Assistant Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management regarding rolling out Rethink Rubbish into Darley Abbey.

It was reported that bins had been delivered and the rotation of the fortnightly collections had begun the week of the meeting.

Resolved to note the report

14/05 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

15/05 Area Panel Review 2005

The panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Community Policy which stated that there was to be a review of Area Panels. Area Panels had been meeting since January 2002 and they had held their 100th meeting on 29 June 2005. It was suggested that there was increasing evidence that the public and Council partners were showing an interest in the development of the Area Panels.

It was considered good practice to review the Area Panels and actively seek the views of stakeholders. Details of the review were set out in

the report.

Agreed to note the report.

16/05 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.

Parking at Markeaton Primary School

It was reported that the consultation was underway and that as yet no objections had been received

King Street Subway

It was reported that the plans were being worked on to put a surface crossing in which would be in place by Christmas.

Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that the bollards were not yet in place and an update on progress would be provided to the next meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing, Blenheim Drive

It was reported that the pedestrian crossing further down the road had been put in as part of the school travel plan. The traffic flows differed in that location. The situation would be reviewed should Woodlands School develop a travel plan in the future.

Pedestrian Crossing, Mackworth Estate

It was reported that the survey was conducted at the busiest traffic times, during the morning and evening peaks. It was recognised that on occasions pedestrians might have had to wait some time for a safe gap in the traffic or use other facilities that might be less convenient. However, the very low level of pedestrians meant that the crossing fell well short of the Council's approved criteria. A member of the public commented that the count was low because no one even dared try crossing the road and asked if someone could look into this.

Garages, Darley Abbey

It was reported that a letter went out to all existing tenants and that none of the tenants had replied to say they wished to terminate their tenancy.

Rat Running on Church Lane, Darley Abbey

It was reported that around 13,000 households were invited to attend the exhibitions and make comments concerning the transport plans, including the Five Lamps junction improvements, as well as connecting Derby. Residents felt strongly that no further action should be taken in this area as most people felt that rat-running had reduced. The situation would continue to be monitored.

The Panel felt that this response was inadequate, and felt that another consultation was necessary.

It was agreed to refer this matter to Cabinet

Resolved to refer back to Council Cabinet to ask that a further consultation be done to determine whether further work was required.

Litter bins in Knightsbridge Recreation Ground

It was reported that the site had been included in a list from among which 20 new dog bins in the city would be chosen and that the location was still under review.

Litter, footway St Benedict School to Broadway

It was reported that the footway had been scheduled for a weekly litter collection each Wednesday. The situation would be monitored.

S106 monies, Darley Abbey

It was reported that Council Cabinet had discussed this on 26 April and agreed to identify £15,000 for appropriate use in Darley Ward when the 2004/05 budget outturn was known.

A submission to the Lottery for funding to improve Darley Park was to be made in the next two years. This would incorporate proposals to replace the balustrade.

Graffiti

It was reported that the Council's Commercial Services Department had intended to commence an enhanced graffiti removal service from mid to late summer. The new service would expand to removal from Private Property if it was safe to remove, it could actually be removed, that it would not damage the fabric of the building and that written permission had been received from the property owner.

Petition – Planning application for 24 flats, Duffield Road

It was reported that the application had been refused.

Bushes

It was reported that two locations had been agreed by the Community Association and that these were under consideration by the maintenance team and the anti-social behaviour team.

Speed limit of Broadway

It was reported that in 2005 Traffic Control officers consulted on a scheme to implement a new crossing, kerb buildouts and speed reduction of 30mph. A new crossing was implemented. However, the police did not support the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit as they believed the current 40 mph limit was appropriate.

Bollards, Darley Park

It was reported that there were no bollards replaced at the entrances to Darley Park in the evening, however the entrances to the park were inaccessible to vehicles at that time of day.

Petition – Prince Charles Avenue

It was reported that Tony Gascoigne – Traffic Control Engineer had met with the lead petitioner Mrs Lee. Mrs Lee felt that the last count was done during inclement weather and when some of the shops may have been closed. The Council was also aware that there could be increases in pedestrian and vehicle movements as a result of the restructuring of Mackworth College. It was felt that it would be better to wait until the college recommences in September to undertake investigations.

Petition – Restrictive Parking, North Street

It was reported that a report would be presented at the October meeting.

Petition – Crossing on Park Lane and Cornhill

It was reported that a report would be presented at the October meeting.

17/05 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/05 Arrangements for the next meeting

- 1. To note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 12 October 2005 at 7.00pm.**
- 2. To agree that the Chair for the next meeting would be Councillor Webb**

MINUTES END