

Area Panel 5 Community Issues Update Report

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	Cheviot Street Recreation Ground Brook, Mackworth	Report back July 2007

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Background papers:	None.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Area Panel 5 community issues update report, background information

1.1 Ref 506021 – Petitions – Toddlers play area, Coppice Park, Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition was received signed by 57 residents of Coppice Park, Allestree opposing the proposed toddler play area, on the grounds of increased antisocial behaviour, and health and safety.

A counter petition had also been received signed by 13 residents in favour of the play area, which had always been included in the development plans.

A report was presented to the meeting on 6 December 2006 in response to the petitions. The report outlined that a play area is one of the terms of the Section 106 Agreement for residential development of the site off Kedleston Road, which was granted planning permission in 2001. The play area was to have been provided prior to completion of the development, although problems with the operation of the on-site surface water drainage system, has delayed the works to carry out the landscaping of the public open space and introduction of the play area.

Councillor Wynn determined that it is appropriate for the play area to be implemented in the proposed location on the public open space. The works to complete the laying out of the public open space and implementing of the play area should be carried as soon as possible, such that the development can be finally completed. Local residents have been written to informing them of the proposed action.

Action: The panel approved the report.

Update: Area Panel approved the recommendations within the report and a meeting has been held with both lead petitioners. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information:

Duncan Inwood, Group Leader, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255926
Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.2 Ref 506042— Markeaton Park car park, Allestree - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident asked what can be done to improve the surface of the main car park and paths at Markeaton park. Many residents and park users are complaining. At the 6 December 2006 meeting, Councillor Baxter responded that he had already reported the need for action to the Chief officer and understood that an inspection of the surface will take place. He noted that the income from the car parking charges is about £100,000 a year and that this could contribute to the repairs.

Action: Investigate and report back to a future meeting and respond directly to the resident.

Update: We are still investigating options regarding re-surfacing of the car park and will report back at the April 2007 meeting. The resident has been informed. **Note.**

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.3 Ref 506039 — Waiting Restrictions on Park Lane and Main Avenue, Allestree – raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident asked when the parking restrictions that are planned for Park lane and Maine avenue junction are going to be implemented.

Action: To investigate and contact the resident directly with a date.

Update: A response has been sent to the resident. The response stated that following on from the Council taking over enforcement of all waiting restrictions in the City, the Council is currently in the process of transferring to a map based system for the purpose of introducing and identifying parking restrictions. As part of this process, all existing Traffic Regulation Orders relating to parking restrictions within the City boundary are to be replaced by a single order. This order will standardise the exemptions for all existing on street parking restrictions. Our Highways Solicitor has advised that we do not make any new orders until this lengthy and complicated procedure is complete. This is what has delayed the implementation of any new parking restrictions including Park Lane. **Note and close.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.4 Ref 506012 – Granite kerb stones on Darley Lane, Darley – raised 01.02.06

Issue: A resident asked what had happened to the granite kerbstones that had been removed on Darley Lane and had been replaced with concrete in a conservation area. Subsequently a resident reported damage to bollards by contractors.

Action: Update on replacing the missing setts and bollards.

Update: Our Contractor has been behind in his work programme. However, the setts and the bollards on North Parade have been replaced. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

Harry Hopkinson, Team Leader-Built Environment, Regeneration and Community,
telephone 255061

1.5 Ref 506015 – Darley Park – BBQ Notices, Darley – raised 05.04.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern about the use of disposable barbeques at Darley Park, as the grass and tree trunks were being damaged, and there were also problems with food remains being left on the ground. It was felt notices should be erected informing the public that barbeques are not allowed. Could a designated area be considered?

Action: The panel agreed to keep the item open until the guidelines and their enforcement are agreed

Update: The guidelines have been agreed and adopted across all Derby parks in the city. Any users of the park booking events or activities will be issued with the guidelines as part of the booking process. With Derby having in excess of 300 parks, the decision has been made not to erect signs outlining the policy and procedure. The number of parks across the city in addition to the number of entrances and exits to the parks prohibits the erection of signs. In addition, the Parks department has a policy of limiting signage in parks firstly for aesthetic reasons but also evidence shows where there is a plethora of signs, people are less likely to take notice of the information. **Propose to note and close.**

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Officer Community, Environmental Services, telephone 716272

1.6 Ref 506046 — Markeaton Street/Pybus Street University Development, Darley - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident was concerned about the amount of traffic and parking that will result in the Markeaton Street and Pybus Street area because of more students attending the new University development and Britannia Mill buildings.

Action: To update and respond directly to the resident.

Update: A letter has been sent to Mr Noakes. The University has a proven commitment to reducing single occupancy car travel. The development of the new site and associated traffic flows will be closely monitored. The parking is subject to a survey as part of a section 106 agreement. The benchmark survey has been undertaken in compliance with the 106 agreement. This survey was undertaken on the 6th November by consultants White Young Green and a copy of the report has been sent to the city council. The site has parking for residents of Pybus street and a scheme for the control of this parking will shortly be lodged with the council. **Note and close.**

Further information: Neville Wells, University of Derby

1.7 Ref 506043 — University Planning Application Sturgess Fields, Darley - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident, representing Friends of Markeaton Brook asked what the Panel intend to do that will retain the green wedge on Sturgess Field in light of the public consultation that was performed by Friends of Markeaton Brook last week. Another resident asked questions relating to the planning application, environmental impact assessments, assessment of alternative routes and details of the green wedge policy.

Action: Provide information on the planning application and progress to date.

Update: A meeting has been held between Council Departments and the University. The University has been asked to provide further information with regard to the justification of the needs for the proposal, and have also been advised of the comments that have now been received from the bodies that have been consulted. The University is likely to provide this further information in the next few weeks and may also submit revised detailed proposals once they have considered the consultees comments. The application will be held in abeyance until this further information has been submitted. If and when revised proposals are submitted and subject to the extent of the revisions, it is likely that a new round of consultations will be undertaken with the statutory consultees and a new round of notifications sent out to neighbours and those interested parties that have already made representations to us. The proposal will have to be reported to Planning Control Committee in view of the number of objections that have already been received. The date at which this can be reported will depend upon how soon the University is able to provide the further information. An application is likely to be presented to committee in the next two to three months. **Propose to note and put into outstanding issues until a decision has been made at planning committee.**

Further information: Brian Phillips, Senior Planning Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255085

1.8 Ref 506030 — Petition – Old Chester Road Traffic Offences, Darley - raised 4.10.06

Issue: A petition was received signed by 104 residents who are opposed to dangerous drivers on Old Chester Road and City Road. They are concerned about speeding 'rat runners' who abuse the one-way system between Kirk Street and the Coach and Horses mini roundabout on Mansfield Road. They have requested positive action from the Police and Council.

The problem is worst at the weekends when people leaving Darley playing fields use it as a short cut.

Action: The panel approved the proposed action outlined in the report. Put into Outstanding Issues table until April 2007.

Update: Following receipt of a petition from residents regarding the abuse of the one-way system and speed of through traffic, investigations were carried out and a report presented at the Area Panel 5 meeting on the 6 December 2006.

The Panel approved the proposed action to implement the construction of kerb buildouts outlined in the report with no amendments. The suggested alternative was not

supported by other local residents at the meeting who considered this is not what other local residents asked for and that a 'build out' would be preferred.

There is an alternate cycle route available on the adjacent Chester Green Road. This signed route is shown on Derby City Council literature and links with other on and off road cycling facilities. **To put in the outstanding issues table until April 2007.**

Further information:

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

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

1.9 Ref: 505040 – University Parking, Allestree and Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Over the past two years residents have raised a number of issues, concerns and petitions about student parking and traffic around the University of Derby. These include complaints about student parking on Oakover Drive and Amber Road in Allestree, Broadway and Penny Long Lane and around Markeaton Street. Complaints had also been raised about the amount of litter generated on Broadway due to flyers and posters being placed on the car windscreens. The University, Police and Council have put initiatives and campaigns in place to help address the issues since October 2005.

At the meeting on 6 December 2006, a resident referred to the petition submitted in February 2005 complaining about parking on Oakover Drive, when the response stated that because there were no major accidents no action was needed. She reported that people whom park and use Park Farm for shopping now regularly block in residents on Oakover Drive.

Action: The following actions were agreed.

- Update on action that can be taken to resolve problems on Oakover Drive
- Update on progress to resolve parking on the verges on Broadway by Newtons Walk
- Ask the University to investigate closing the gate over the footbridge.

Update: It was agreed that the University parking issues be one of the priorities identified by the area panel when they considered their highways and transportation priorities for 2007/8. We will report back in April 2007 on the decision from Cabinet as to whether this is part of the 2007/08 work programme.

The University is maintaining its liaison with the council on parking around the University. A meeting is being arranged to specifically develop strategies that compliment the parking regulations on and around the campus. The University has planning approval for a new car park on its Kedleston road campus and is currently planning the construction and operation of the 506046 car park

The response from the University outlined that there are a number of monitored CCTV units across the campus. The closing of the gate to the A38 footbridge at 10.30 is being carried out. Exception on the timing will be associated with other incidents that delay security locking the gate. Options to stop the practice of climbing the gate are being pursued. The University will endeavour to ensure security guards are aware of the sensitivity of the local residents to issues relating to the gate.

A letter has gone out to the properties bordering the A38 walkway advising the

residents that the University would like to treat the fence at the bottom of their gardens to cover the graffiti.

In response to the question regarding invitations to ward councillors to attend the liaison meetings. The meeting that was referred to is a meeting that essentially takes place between the Council's Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community and the University's Vice Chancellor. The meeting is attended by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation but it is not a public meeting and it is not directly relevant to the issue of student parking. **Note.**

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025

Inspector Rachel Walker, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

1.10 Ref 506029 – Pedestrian crossing, Markeaton Park, Mackworth/Allestree – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A local resident considered that the new skateboard park at Markeaton Park now meant even more residents from Mackworth were going to Markeaton Park. He considered this was more evidence for the need for a pedestrian crossing by the Prince Charles Avenue junction and he asked the panel to consider the request.

Action: Noted, but the Mackworth Councillors asked that a controlled crossing is installed rather than a refuge.

Update: Report back in April when the 2007/8 programme for highways and transportation schemes will be agreed. **Note.**

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

1.11 Ref 506037 — Traffic Flow in Mackworth, Mackworth - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident reported that the closing date for bids for St. Helen's House is 21 April and he asked if the Council will have to take the best bid or can they then offer it to the St. Helen's House trust.

Action: Investigate and include as a priority for Mackworth in the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme

Update: Report back in April when the 2007/8 programme for highways and transportation schemes will be agreed. **Note.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.12 Ref 506038 – Removal of Mobile Library in Mackworth – raised 06.12.06

Issue: A resident reported that a man was walking around Mackworth with a clipboard stating that the Mobile Library service was being removed from Mackworth. He asked the panel if this was true.

Action: None.

Update: Councillor Higginbottom approached the relevant Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries and has received assurances that Mackworth mobile library will not be removed. **Note and close.**

Further information: David Potton, Head of Library Services, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716602

1.13 Ref 506022 – Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk, Mackworth – raised 12.07.06

Issue: A petition had been received from the residents of Mackworth Estate living in the area of Balham Walk, requesting the urgent repaving of Balham Walk. A report was presented to the meeting on 6 December 2006 which recommended no action is taken other than to make sure Transco repair their reinstatement and that the six monthly routine inspections continue. Area Panel did not support the recommendations within the report and requested that the matter be referred to the Cabinet Member responsible for Planning and Transportation for reconsideration of the response.

Action: Provide clarification on what issues are considered to make the repair of a footway a priority and report back on the outcome of the Planning and Transportation Cabinet Member meeting held on 13 December.

Update: Decision at Individual Cabinet Member's meeting on 13.12.06 was that no further action be taken other than consider Balham Walk for future year's footway resurfacing programme and the condition of Balham Walk be monitored and repairs carried out as necessary. The following issues are considered when prioritising a footway for repair:- condition, usage, and frequency of repair and general age. There are currently no reports of trips or fall on Balham Walk. We contacted the Council's insurance department to find out whether there have been any claims made in the past and they reported that there had been no claims. In addition, Derby Homes has not received any claims. **Note and report back April 2007.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.14 Ref 506046 — Signage and Street Furniture, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A written question was submitted asking for a rationalisation of unnecessary and duplicate signs and street furniture in the area. It detracts from a positive visual experience and is a safety issue in some cases. This includes:

- 'Car Spaces' sign outside St Helens House
- A6 Matlock sign in footpath as approach Broadway roundabout from the city centre
- Two 'no through road' 'T' signs at the top of River Street and North Parade.

Action: To respond directly to the resident.

Update: A letter of response has been sent to the resident. There is evidence that an excess concentration and number of road signs distract drivers from the driving task, impairing safety and reducing the effectiveness of the essential traffic information they provide. However a balance needs to be achieved with signing as we have a duty to ensure the safe and appropriate movement of people on City roads.

The car park variable message sign on King Street is the first part of a larger system of

car park signing that is designed to improve journey planning, balance the popularity of car parks and help reduce circulating and queuing traffic. The chosen location was picked after much consideration of all available options and consultation with our Built Environment Team. The next stage in this car park signing will be the rationalisation of much of the signing around St Alkmunds Way as part of the Inner Ring Road Maintenance Scheme this should result in the tidying up of much of the other signing adjacent to St Helens House.

We recently reviewed the signing around the Broadway roundabout; this resulted in the removal of nine signs, which have been replaced with only four new signs. The post for the direction sign on the northbound approach to the roundabout to which you refer has not been placed exactly where we would have wanted it. The old sign near this location was partially hidden in bushes and trees so we wanted the new sign to be closer to the footway edge. Unfortunately because of services in the footway our contractor could not place it in the preferred location, which has resulted in the situation you have observed. However, although the post looks central in the footway the removal of an old illuminated post means that there is sufficient space for the passage of double buggies and wheelchairs.

The No through road signs on River Street were put up when the Street was closed to through traffic in 1967 and in an attempt to stop a 'rat-run' that developed to the factory via the car park and garage area. We are not aware of this being a problem any longer so will look at removing at least the post and sign that is against the corner property, as well as the no waiting at any time plate and broken Neighbourhood watch sign from the lighting column. **Note and close.**

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area Coordination officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064

1.15 Ref 506045 — Environmentally Friendly vehicles, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A written question was submitted asking for an update on the number of Council vehicles classed as environmentally friendly. Is there a strategy or policy of using environmentally friendly vans?

Action: To update and respond directly to the resident.

Update: In terms of 'environmentally friendly' vehicles the current Council position is:

1. Mayors Car – Powered by Liquid Petroleum Gas - LPG
2. Approximately 30 light commercial vehicles also powered by LPG
3. LPG tanks based at Stores Road Depot
4. All diesel powered vehicles run on Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel
5. All new light commercial vehicles are now specified as diesel powered with Common Rail - Euro IV engines
6. We will shortly be running a trial with our schools catering vehicles based on "bio-diesel" derived from redundant cooking oil from schools
7. The new Grounds Maintenance vehicles will run on "bio-diesel"
8. All new Large Commercial Vehicles, HGV's of 7.5 tonne and above are fitted with the most up to date – and cleanest Euro IV engines.
9. The Energy Savings Trust is to review the council's fleet of vehicles and advise on fuel savings and carbon reduction in early January 2007. The Council's vehicle fleet is also being reviewed as part of the authority's " Carbon Reduction Programme " in partnership Derbyshire County Council.
10. The Council has also investigated the feasibility of Refuse Collection Vehicles powered by Compressed Natural Gas and have recently returned their electric Citroen Berlingo after a prolonged trial with electric vehicles.

A response has been sent directly to the resident. **Note and close.**

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

1.16 Ref 506044 — Written Questions, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A written question was submitted asking how a resident receives a written answer to a question

Action: To update and respond directly to the resident.

Update: Richard Smail has written directly to the resident informing them that a written response is provided when a written question is submitted because there was insufficient time for the question at the meeting and when the questions raised are personal and specific. Written responses are also sent when the panel requests that a response is sent directly to the resident.

Further information: Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, telephone 258505

1.17 Ref 506041 — Council Policy on Global Warming, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident asked what steps the Council is taking to reduce its own use of energy that contributes to the overheating of the planet. How is it encouraging residents and businesses to do the same. He referred to the impact made by the film

'Inconvenient Truth'.

Action: No actions required.

Update: No further information to add. **Note and close.**

Further information: Andy Hills, Team leader, Environmental Coordinator, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255569

1.18 Ref 506040 — Derby Cityscape Governance arrangements, all wards - raised 6.12.06

Issue: A resident asked what authority residents in Derby have in Derby Cityscape issues and developments. She stated that Derby Cityscape had informed her that the authority has been deferred to the Council Elected Members.

Action: To invite John Cadwallader to respond directly to the residents.

Update: A letter will be sent to the residents.

Further information: John Cadwallader, Chief Executive Derby Cityscape,

1.19 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Petition – Crossing on Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree	Provide an update when the work has been completed	Upon completion
Pedestrian crossing, Markeaton Park	Provide a progress report on the request to install a signalised crossing	April 2007
Petition – Well repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street	Derby Homes to feedback on progress	April 2007
Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street, Darley	Provide progress report and outcomes of 2007/08 Highways and Transportation programme	April 2007
Petition – Street lighting on Nottingham Road, Darley	Provide an update on the Street Lighting PFI	July 2007
Cheviot Street Recreation Ground Brook, Mackworth	Report back once a options report is produced	July 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.