



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL THREE 30 MARCH 2005

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

### Petition from Residents of Harold Court, Reginald Street

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 In November 2004 a petition was received signed by residents of 22 of the 35 properties of Harold Court, Reginald Street. The petition states that 'you take some kind of action to prevent building workers, who are working on two separate projects (both next door and facing) from using our private car park to turn around their heavy goods vehicles, blocking off our car park when making deliveries and generally blocking off the pavements'. Mention is also made in the covering letter of teachers and parents cars from the nearby school causing access problems..
- 1.2 A number of site visits have been undertaken and on each occasion vehicles associated with the developments were parked on the footways causing access problems for pedestrians. Parking on the footway is not actually an offence. It is the driving onto and off the footway that is illegal. A police officer or independent witness would have to witness a vehicle driving across the footway for any action to be taken by the Police. The driver would also be liable for any damage caused to the footway or any services underground. The issue has been raised with the Police and they have said that traffic wardens have been requested to give the area some attention.
- 1.3 A letter has been written to the builders of Heart Wood Homes 'Park Gate' development, which is adjacent to Harold Court and one of the sites mentioned in the petition. The letter requested that every effort is made to limit inconvenience to the local residents during the building work. It also stated that the residents would be informed that issues of vehicles causing an obstruction is a matter for the police and that it would be raised at the next police liaison meeting.
- 1.4 The other building work being undertaken in the area is that associated with the Arboretum Park. Contact has been made with the Head of Parks Services however in December 2004 the majority of the works has been completed on site and the level of vehicular traffic has reduced.
- 1.5 The car parking situation in Reginald Street has been monitored a number of times over the past two years and, having taken this opportunity to do so again, it is still considered that the existing waiting restrictions are sufficient to provide safe and legitimate access.

- 1.6 In October 2004 a request was received for school keep clear markings and additional railings at the school in Reginald Street, which have now been installed. While the primary aim of school keep clear markings is to provide safe, unobstructed crossing areas for school pupils they will also provide a benefit in easing congestion in the vicinity of the school entrances.

## PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 The area will continue to be monitored and the issues will continue to be raised with the police as and when necessary. However the situation will begin to be eased by the near completion of the building works in the area and with the traffic wardens giving attention, as their resources permit.

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