

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.05pm

**AREA PANEL 5
(ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS)
6 DECEMBER 2006**

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

Also present: Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Gemma Barlow	- Constitutional Services Officer
Sarah Turner	- Constitutional Services Officer
Kully Raju	- Highways and Transport
Peter Matthews	- Local Manager, Derby Homes
Inspector Rachel Walker	- Derbyshire Constabulary

34 members of the public were in attendance.

29/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbon and Hickson

30/06 Late Items

There were no late items

31/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Baxter, Richards, Samra and Wynn declared personal and prejudicial interest in minute number 37/06, question on University Planning Application, Sturgess Fields as they were members of the Planning Control Committee.

32/06 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 October 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

33/06 Chairs Report

The Panel received a report from the Chair on current issues and successes within Area Panel 5.

Resolved to note the report

34/06 Petitions

The following responses to petitions were received at the meeting:

Petition – Old Chester Road traffic offences

The panel considered a report of the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation which responded to a petition received in August 2006, signed by 107 people asking for streetlights to be installed on Nottingham Road.

The report detailed the actions taken in response to the petition including the renewal of the 'No Entry Signs', the lamp on one of the signs being repaired and an additional sign stating 'No Access to Mansfield Road' being installed.

It was also reported that detailed design was being carried out on footway build-outs to be located at the start and end of the one way section on Old Chester Road to further deter vehicles from abusing the restriction.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the actions already taken to address the concerns residents had expressed in their petition and the further work to be undertaken on Old Chester Road to deter vehicles from abusing the one way restriction.**
- 2. to note that the investigation, consultation and possible implementation of a traffic calming scheme on City Road had been added to the list for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme.**

Petition – Toddlers Play Area Coppice Park, Allestree

The Panel considered a report of the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation which responded to two petition regarding the proposed toddlers play area, Coppice Park, Allestree.

It was reported that under the terms of the Section 106 Agreement relating to the residential development of the site off Kedleston Road a play area for toddlers was intended to be provided on the public open space to the north west of the new dwellings. It was reported that Councillor Wynn, as Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation chaired a meeting on 17 November , with both lead petitioners together with Officers of Development Control and Parks Section to discuss complaints and address the provision of the play area. Following this discussion, Councillor Wynn determined that it was appropriate for the play area to be implemented in the proposed location on the public space.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the decision taken to resolve the matter by Councillor Wynn, that the play area and landscaping of the public open space should be implemented.**
- 2. to note that the developers would be requested to provide details of the design and layout of the play area for consideration. It was intended that the residents of the Coppice Park development be invited to view these details and make comments on the proposals.**
- 3. to note that the developers would be requested to carry out the landscaping works during the current planting season and to undertake maintenance and monitoring of the open space prior to its adoption by the City Council.**

35/06 Derbyshire Police

The Panel received an oral report from Inspector Rachel Walker regarding the reporting of crimes. She advised the panel that if a member of the public reported a crime to the Police it would be recorded in the crime statistics. If it was then found not to be a crime it would be recorded as a 'non-crime' within the statistics.

Resolved to note the report

36/06 Update Report

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager introduced a report, which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street

The lead petitioner asked who had delayed the consultation work and when would the residents now be informed about the options.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that he, as Cabinet Member, had been responsible for delaying the work at Markeaton Street. It was reported that a letter would be sent to all residents in December.

Granite Kerb Stones on Darley Lane

A local resident commented that the granite setts had not been completed even though there was a commitment to replace them by the end of October.

Another resident commented that the metal bollards had not yet been replaced and this was due to have been completed by August 2006.

Another resident made a suggestion to extend the procedure to include an audit of all historic highway material, not just salvaged materials.

Agreed to note and agree the new procedure as outlined in the update report and to receive an update on replacing the missing setts and bollards at a future meeting.

Darley Park – BBQ Notices

Councillor Travis asked that this item be kept open until the guidelines and how these would be enforced were agreed.

Agreed to place the item in outstanding issues until the details of the procedure were known.

Petition – Street lighting on Nottingham Road

Councillor Wynn reported that the Council had recently been made aware of a change to the British Standard for street lighting that meant more columns would be needed to achieve the required revised lighting standard. This would have a corresponding increase in cost and maintenance. This was a nationwide problem and the impact was that it put back the PFI programme by 12 months. The pavement maintenance programme would now need to be reconsidered also.

Agreed to receive an update on the Street Lighting PFI scheme when more details were available.

Petition – Old Chester Road traffic offences

A local resident asked that an alternative be considered to the build-outs on the footways. She suggested that the yellow lines on the north side of Old Chester Road be removed and a cycle lane installed instead. The suggestion was not supported by other local residents who considered this was not what local residents had asked for and that a 'build-out' would be preferred.

Petition – Repaving of Balham Walk

Councillor Gerrard asked what issues were considered to make a repair a priority and asked for a report back to the next meeting.

University Parking

A resident commented that a petition had been submitted in February 2005 complaining about parking on Oakover Drive, the response to which had been that because there had been no major accidents no action was needed. She reported that residents on Oakover Drive were now regularly blocked in by people who parked to use Park Farm for shopping she asked what residents were supposed to do if they had visitors who wanted to park outside their house.

Councillor Webb stated that he was aware of the situation and while there was a car park and some shops had their own parking facilities, shoppers and students could only be prevented from parking on the roads by introducing schemes similar to the one on Carsington Crescent.

A resident asked for an update on the progress to resolve the issue of Broadway residents parking on the verge by Newtons Walk.

Another resident stated that a Broadway resident took their dog for a walk across the A38 footbridge at 10.45pm on Monday 4 December and went through the open gate. They were able to walk into the university and then crossed back over the footbridge and still the gate was open. He was concerned that the gate was not being closed as previously indicated that it would be.

Agreed:

- 1. to receive an update on action that could be taken to resolve the problems on Oakover Drive.**
- 2. to receive an update on progress to resolve parking on the verges on Broadway by Newtons Walk**
- 3. to ask the University to investigate closing the gate over the footbridge.**

Bus Lanes on Duffield Road

A local resident asked what would happen to the cars that parked on Duffield Road for the Broadway pub when 24 hour no parking was introduced on Duffield Road.

Councillor Wynn responded that it had been taken into consideration and that the 24 hour no parking would be reviewed after 6 months.

Pedestrian Crossing, Markeaton Park

The Mackworth councillors welcomed the outcome that the need for a crossing was recognised but considered that a refuge was inadequate as this was the only road approaching the roundabout that does not have a controlled crossing and providing a refuge for pedestrians to stand on while traffic passes at 40mph was not suitable.

37/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Traffic Flow in Mackworth

A local resident commented that there had been a considerable increase in the volume of traffic using the Mackworth estate as a rat run to bypass Markeaton roundabout. He asked if better road markings or Access Only signs be introduced at the Prince Charles Avenue/Ashbourne Road Junction and the A38 slip road/Brackensdale Avenue Junction.

Agreed to investigate and include it as a priority for Mackworth in the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme.

Removal of Mobile Library, Mackworth

A local 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 whether this was true.

Councillor Higginbottom assured the panel that it was not true.

Global Warming

A member of the public asked what steps were being taken by the Council to counter its effect on global warming.

Councillor Higginbottom reported that a conference was planned for staff in 2007 to learn more about how to save energy.

Councillor Wynn reported he would be looking to make a commitment on the Council's behalf of a reduction of 25% of the carbon footprint.

Waiting Restrictions on Park Lane and Main Avenue, Allestree

A local resident asked when the parking restrictions that were planned for Park Lane and Main Avenue junction would be implemented.

Agreed to investigate and contact the resident directly with a date.

Derby Cityscape Governance Arrangements

A local resident asked what authority residents in Derby had in Derby Cityscape issues and developments. She stated that Derby Cityscape had informed her that the authority had been deferred to the Council Elected Members. A question was also raised regarding who Derby Cityscape was accountable to and which Councillors were on the Cityscape board.

Councillor Webb responded that there was information on the Cityscape website about who all the members of the board were and it also provided other useful information and how the board makes

decisions.

Agreed to ask John Cadwallader, Chief Executive of Derby Cityscape to respond directly to the residents.

Markeaton Park car park

A local resident asked what could be done to improve the surface of the main car park and paths at Markeaton Park.

Agreed to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Councillors Baxter, Richards, Samra and Wynn having declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following question withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of the following question. Councillor Webb took the Chair.

University Planning Application, Sturgess Fields

A local resident representing Friends of Markeaton Brook asked what the Panel intended to do that would retain the green wedge on Sturgess Field in light on the public consultation that was performed by Friends of Markeaton Brook.

Another resident asked if any local Councillor had got involved with the planning application, if there had been an assessment of the wildlife in the area, if flooding had been assessed, if alternative routes had been assessed and what the green wedge policy was at the moment.

Councillor Webb assured the meeting that environmental impact assessments would need to be completed and he referred to a covenant that existed on the Sturgess Field land. Councillor Travis referred to the wildlife in the area and commented that she would like to think that the Councillors on the panel would support the residents.

Councillor Webb advised residents who wanted to make comments about the Sturgess Field planning application to submit them in writing to the Planning section.

38/06 Consultation on the 2007/08 Programme of Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel received a report from Kully Raju, Highways and Transport asking for each of the Members from the 3 wards to identify their priorities for 2007/8

It was agreed to note the report and the Members to inform Kully Raju of their priorities by the end of the week.

39/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

Applications for Area Panel Funding

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

- To consider whether to support the application received from Allestree Netball Club towards club development – Amount requested £1,990
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Live at Home towards activity equipment – Amount requested £374
- To consider whether to support the application received from Mackworth Estate Community Association for the Community Notice Board – Amount requested £610
- To consider whether to support the application received from Cricklewood Children's Home for Children's Home Furniture – Amount requested £1,000
- To consider whether to support the application received from a local resident for repairs to the Italianate fountain – Amount requested £1,369

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.

Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- Allestree Netball Club – Grant for £1,990 towards club development

Reasons

1. It would improve access for local people to existing services
2. It would enable residents to participate in their community

- Mackworth Live at Home – Grant for £374 for activity equipment

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents

2. It would enable directly benefit people living within the local area
- Mackworth Estate Community Association – It was reported that the final quote that had been accepted did not provide a suitable standard of work and that an additional £377 would be needed to guarantee the required quality of work. Grant for £987 for a Community Notice Board

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
2. It would enable directly benefit people living within the local area

To defer a decision on the following item

- Repairs to the Italianate fountain – to defer a decision to allow officers more time to assess an accurate cost for the necessary repairs to ensure the sustainability of the fountain.

To following item was withdrawn from the agenda:

- Cricklewood Children's Home was withdrawn as funding was found by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

40/06 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper

41/06 Events Diary

Resolved to note the report.

42/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed to note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 31 January 2007 at 7.00pm at Brackensdale Junior School, Walthamstow Drive, Mackworth. Councillor Higginbottom would chair.

MINUTES END