

ITEM 5

**AREA PANEL FIVE – UPDATE REPORT
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1. Ref: 503017 - Five Lamps junction – air quality – raised 05.02.03

Issue

Concerns were raised on the increase in stationary traffic around the Five Lamps junction and the effect this was having on air quality. It was suggested that air quality monitoring was needed as a matter of urgency.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It had been promised at the last meeting that information in relation to air quality would be provided. It had not been possible to provide the information to this meeting for the following reasons:

- validation of the raw data collected from the locations across the City has been very difficult. 2003 was an exceptional year across the country with weather and atmospheric conditions which have produced untrustworthy raw data. Validation has thus required more staff resources than had been anticipated.
- although work on validation has proceeded with all haste, it has not been possible to bring the figures into the public domain ahead of the Panel meeting. It is now anticipated that they will be made available at Cabinet in September, ahead of a report to this Panel.

However, the Council has published another report, entitled 'Air Quality Update and Screening Assessment', which is currently open for public consultation, having been considered by Cabinet earlier this month. One thing this report includes is predictions - using modeling rather than monitoring techniques - of what pollution levels are likely to be at various road junctions based on 2002 air quality and 2003 forecast traffic data. The report clearly shows that of the 20 busiest road junctions in the city which have residents living close by, 17 are predicted to have worse air quality than Five Lamps. Also the air quality for Five Lamps is predicted to fall comfortably within the governments air quality (nitrogen dioxide) objective for 2005.

The full report promised for the Panel will now be presented on 6 October.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

A member of the public felt that people should have been given the opportunity to comment on the figures before the decision on Connecting Derby was made.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was advised that, having had contact with the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Division, a report would be available at the next meeting of the Panel.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A full report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

Responsibility

Julian DeMowbray, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, telephone 715228

2. Ref: 503035 – Parking at Markeaton Primary School – raised 02.07.03

Issue

A member of the public raised an issue regarding the problems of parking on yellow zig zags outside the school, and on Bromley Street. She contended that the existing street markings were not enforceable and she suggested that parking be prevented from 8.30am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

The Council's two school travel plan officers have recently moved into new roles. The recruitment process is ongoing but until we have established new positions we will be unable to take forward the work to implement the Traffic Regulation Order. We will bring an update to a future Area Panel meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Bill Reed advised that the Council was now in a position to implement a Traffic Regulation Order, and would report progress at the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

We are currently reviewing the traffic orders on roads to the south of Broadway, including Bromley Street. As part of the broader project we will look to introduce traffic orders to back up the existing school keep clear markings at Markeaton Primary School, subject to the consideration of any objections. Because of the need to concentrate on other priority work we are not able to progress this work immediately. We aim to complete formal consultation with statutory bodies by the end of the financial year

Responsibility

Ian Butler, Senior Engineer, Accidents and Projects, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715021
Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

3. Ref: 503051 – Walking routes into the city centre – received 08.10.03

Issue

It was reported that footpaths into the City Centre were not safe. One example was near the Seven Stars Public House where there were no kerbs and, because of an uneven surface, flooded when it rained. The second footpath mentioned was underneath St Mary's Bridge where the lighting and policing needed improving, with a surface crossing from the inner ring road to Queen Street.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It is anticipated that the s106 agreement will be completed within the next month. Until it is completed we cannot say exactly what the terms will be. However, discussions have taken place on the provision of a pedestrian crossing, improvements to the subway and CCTV provision.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Members of the public raised concern in relation to the subway under King Street, and did not want it to be refurbished.

Councillor Repton agreed that it should be closed, and asked who owned it in order that they could be contacted. It was noted that an update would be given at the next meeting.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Bill Reed reported that the terms of the s106 agreement had not been determined and it was uncertain when it would be completed.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

To ascertain who owned land comprising the subway and footway through to the bridge across the Ring Road

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Subway, bridge and footpath under King Street are adopted highway and therefore the council's responsibility.

Responsibility

Duncan Inwood, Planning Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255926

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

4. Ref: 504002 – Traffic on Park Farm precinct – received 20.01.04

Issue

Members of the public were concerned about the volume of traffic around the Park Farm Precinct and thought it was very dangerous, especially on Birchover Way and Oakover Drive. It was most difficult during the mornings and afternoons at school times, with buses sometimes parking in the middle of the road due to parked cars.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

We have considered the suggestion for a one way system on Park Farm Drive but feel it is inappropriate at this location. One way systems tend to increase vehicle speeds and do not reduce volume of traffic. Furthermore, a one way system on Park Farm Drive would increase the traffic flows in Carsington Crescent.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Members of the public felt that the situation had not improved.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Sergeant Dawson reported that up to £3000 in parking tickets had been issued in the Allestree area, including the Park Farm area.

Councillor Webb felt that the situation had improved since the bus Clearway Order had been introduced.

It was also advised that the provision of Disabled parking spaces was also being consulted on, and that discussions were taking place regularly. It had been suggested that spaces at the rear of the precinct were created.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Any progress would be provided at a future meeting of the Panel.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A number of parking issues in Park Farm are being looked at in their totality. In order to progress this it has been agreed that a meeting between all interested parties including the access officer, highways officer, the Park Farm centre management, the Police and the head of the local school, will be held at Park Farm within the next few weeks.

Responsibility

Nicola Jagers, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074
Inspector McLaughlin, Divisional Police Headquarters, telephone 613131

5. Ref: 504015 – Alcohol Free Zone, West End side Derby – received 31.03.04

Issue

Councillor Repton asked the panel to write to Stuart Leslie to give this serious consideration, that the area be considered as an alcohol free zone.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was reported that this issue was still under consideration by the Police and the Council. Updates would be provided at a future meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Police Inspectors are considering the need for Alcohol Free Zones across the City and will respond to the Council with their suggestions.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Stuart Leslie, Legal Division, telephone 255450

6. Ref: 504019 – University Development – received 02.06.04

Issue

Concern raised about development at the University at Markeaton Street

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

The application for planning permission for a link road from Markeaton Street to Kedleston Road was withdrawn on 20 April 2004 DER/204/363.

An application for planning permission for the erection of an education building and construction of a car park at the Kedleston Road campus was received on 19 March 2004, code no. DER/304/537.

The application is currently in abeyance awaiting further information on traffic information. If this information is received and assessed in time, the next available Planning Control Committee is 29 July.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

To follow.

Responsibility

Duncan Inwood, Planning Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services tel 255926

7. Ref: 504020 – Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue – received 02.06.04

Issue

Need for bollards to stop vehicles driving over paved pedestrian areas.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

An initial site visit has taken place. This request is under consideration and a fuller response will be given, if available, at the meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

No response had been received, although it was a strong possibility that bollards could be provided to stop vehicles driving over paved pedestrian areas.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It is possible to access the area in front of the co-op from a number of places therefore a large number of bollards would be needed to fully prevent access. This would be both costly and visually very intrusive. There is adequate parking available in the car park and at the roadside.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Highway, Maintenance, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

8. Ref: 504022 – Speed limits on Broadway – received 02.06.04

Issue

Speed limit on Broadway

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

In 2002 Traffic Control officers consulted on a scheme to implement a new crossing, kerb buildouts and speed reduction of 30 mph. A new crossing was implemented. However, the police did not support the introduction of a 30 mph limit as they believed the current 40mph limit was appropriate for the prevailing conditions. In addition, surveys had been carried out and they found there was no major problem concerning speeds in excess of the existing 40mph. There are also few recorded personal injury accidents in this section of road. If the 30 mph limit were introduced there would be few parked cars to help keep the speeds below 30mph, especially at weekends. The introduction of any reduction in the speed limit needs to be self-enforcing and appropriate for the current conditions. For the above reasons, there are no plans at present to introduce a 30mph limit. We believe that the 40mph limit is appropriate for the current conditions

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Residents felt that the 40mph speed limit was excessive.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Bill Reed explained that there was no serious accident problem which gave the Council no obligation to do anything. It was felt that the introduction of a 30mph speed limit would not be enforceable.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Bill Reed agreed to report a response to the next meeting in relation to a further request for a reduction in the speed limit, particularly relating to the new school.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A response to a request to reduce the speed limit on Broadway from a 40mph restriction to a 30mph restriction was reported at the last Area Panel meeting. The location of St Mary's School was taken into consideration at this time and a 20mph restriction would not be appropriate for the reasons given.

Responsibility

Inspector McLaughlin, Divisional Police Headquarters, telephone 613131
Nicola Jagers, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

9. Ref: 504026 – Bus routes and shelters – received 02.06.04

Issue

Need for bus shelters on Broadway

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

At present there are nine bus stops on Broadway and two of those have shelters. In order to begin an assessment of the need for more shelters, we will ask the bus operator, Notts and Derby, to advise which stops are the most used. In the meantime, if the member of the public who raised the request has a specific location in mind, he or she is invited to contact Zoe Jones on 01332 715066, to discuss this further.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was reported that this issue was in progress, and a location for the new shelter was being decided.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

The request for a shelter has been placed on the request list. Unfortunately the road is served by only three journeys a day and as such this request will be treated as a low priority.

Responsibility

Zoe Jones, Public Transport Strategy Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715066

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

10. Ref: 504027 – Pedestrian crossing, Blenheim Drive – received 02.06.04

Issue

Need for a pedestrian crossing at Woodlands School

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was reported that the Council would carry out a site visit to make an initial assessment of the need for a crossing. This is likely to take place in September in order to avoid the school holidays. It should be noted that funding for new pedestrian crossing requests is not available during the 2004/05 financial year as all funding has already been allocated to outstanding requests.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

An update would be provided at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

An initial assessment and a traffic count will take place in the remainder of this financial year. The programme for works of this nature has been committed until next financial year. Hence an assessment will determine whether the location can qualify for inclusion in next years programme.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

11. Ref: 504031 – Newton’s Walk – received 21.07.04

Issue

A member of the public questioned whether Newton’s Walk was a public a right of way, as Derby University locked the gate which cut across it.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was advised that it was not a public right of way, although an application had been submitted several years ago, which was refused as it was closed for one day a year. In order to become a public right of way, footpaths have to have been in constant use for a period of twenty years.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Newton’s Walk is not on the Definitive Map which shows Public Rights of Way. However, in the old County Borough area, this Map was never concluded.

Responsibility

Ray Brown, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024
Councillor Webb

12. Ref: 504032 – St Benedict’s School Development – received 21.07.04

Issue

Members of the St Benedict’s Residents Action Group attended the meeting in objection to the proposed development at St Benedict’s School. The issues raised included the illuminated sports ground, proposed wind turbine and school expansion, which had not included any extra parking facilities. These proposals had not been submitted to the Planning Control Committee, so Councillors who were on the Committee refrained from speaking.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Members of the Action Group expressed serious concerns in relation to the noise that could be created by the wind turbine, along with the light pollution which would be emitted from the sports ground.

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Councillors Hickson, Repton and Samra had each spoken to members of the public on the subject and had taken on board these concerns. The lack of consultation on the issue was considered to be a problem in itself and people felt that the Planning Department could have made more contact with local residents.

It was felt that the proposal would be overdominant within the area and would set a precedent for other planning applications. A wide range of concerns were aired. Bill Reed advised that he would pass all the comments given to the Planning Officers concerned.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

To forward comments to the Planning Department

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A lengthy note of the discussion and written questions was submitted to the Planning Department. However, the applications were approved at the Planning Control Committee.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

13. Ref: 504033 – Darley Park Concert – received 21.07.04

Issue

It was requested that, during the Darley Park Concert, there could be parking restrictions on Broadway. Restrictions had previously been implemented, but never enforced, and residents wondered why this was. Another issue raised in relation to the concert was the litter left behind afterwards.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was explained that litter was the responsibility of the Park Rangers, although the resources to clear the area were sometimes strained. Members of the public were asked to put litter in free bags provided.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was advised that a response would be provided regarding both issues at a future meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It has been confirmed that Park Rangers are on site the morning following the Concert and that the Park is completely cleared of rubbish by the end of the day following. This was the case this year. Recycling bags were provided last year, but the experiment was unsuccessful and was not recontinued this year. 4,000 bags were distributed among 30,000 people, and all bags and residual rubbish were cleared the following day.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer, telephone 716272
Inspector McLaughlin, Divisional Police Headquarters, telephone 613131

14. Ref: 504034 – Barrier, Brackensdale Avenue– received 21.07.04

Issue

A member of the public asked if a barrier could be put in place outside the school on Brackensdale Avenue to prevent children from running into the road.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Councillor Baxter advised that there was a member of the school crossing patrol stationed outside the school and if a barrier was placed there, it was unlikely that the school crossing control would remain.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A visit took place in week of 20 September. The report was as follows:
Outside the school gates on Brackensdale Avenue there didn't seem to be a problem. All the pupils were well behaved and the school crossing patrol didn't encounter any problems when crossing the pupils/parents. In addition, the grass verge separates the pavement from the road allowing pupils/parents to disperse safely. Therefore, it is not appropriate to install a guard rail at this time. However, the site will be monitored as part of the annual risk assessment procedure for all school crossing patrol sites.

Due to the numbers exiting the Walthamstow Drive and narrow pavement there is a risk of children/parents over spilling onto the road. We will therefore look to install a guard rail outside the pedestrian entrance as soon as is practicable.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

15. Ref: 504035 – Pedestrian Crossing, Mackworth Estate – received 21.07.04

Issue

A pedestrian crossing was requested across the A52 between the Mackworth Estate and Markeaton Park as it was extremely dangerous, especially for children crossing.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

These concerns would be taken to the relevant Officer and an update provided at the future meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A review of police injury collisions on the length of Ashbourne Road from Prince Charles Avenue to the Ring Road reveals that there have been no collisions involving pedestrians in the last five years. Pedestrian facilities exist close to the junction of Prince Charles Avenue and at Markeaton Roundabout. However these facilities are not controlled and care needs to be taken when crossing at these points. Controlled pedestrian facilities exist on the other three arms of the roundabout but it is recognised that this is a less direct route to the park.

We will carry out a site visit to make an initial assessment of the need for a crossing. This is likely to take place in October as the signals team has two vacancies and there is a backlog of investigations for crossing requests. It should be noted that funding for new pedestrian crossing requests is not available during the 2004/05 financial year as all funding has already been allocated to outstanding requests. Once we have completed our investigations we will report back to the panel.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

16. Ref: 504036 – Drains, Brough Street – received 21.07.04

Issue

It was reported that when Brough Street was resurfaced, a lot of stones from the Tarmac had fallen down the drains and was creating a problem as water was not draining properly.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Bill Reed agreed to pass this complaint on the relevant Officer to be dealt with.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Two gullies were cleaned in mid August. With regard to street cleaning, a new contract will be issued later this year. We have proposed a number of changes to the contract, including increasing the cleaning frequency of the Morley estate. An Inspector has visited Ms Stubbs who handed in a written question about this issue. She was happy with our response.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services,
telephone 715064

17. Ref: 504037 – One way street, Stepping Lane – received 21.07.04

Issue

It was suggested that Stepping Lane be changed to a one way street. Members of the public explained that a lot of traffic was driving through Campion Street and Slack Lane, causing problems as cars were parked on each side of the roads. It was asked if the roads could be made access only to avoid rat running.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

The Council would look into this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Proposals to limit traffic to one way along Stepping Lane would not address the principal problem in the street, which is the absence of off street parking and the high number of resident's cars parked on street. This is the issue that has caused Arriva to consult the Panel about removing the 28 bus service from the area. A previous exercise has confirmed that the level of traffic using Slack Lane and Campion Street is not excessive for streets of this nature, but introducing a one way system on Stepping Lane might encourage more traffic to divert from Slack Lane onto Campion Street and Stepping Lane. The introduction of a one way can lead to increased vehicle speeds as drivers know they won't have to give way to oncoming traffic. An access only order would permit cars with a destination in the area to enter the area, and it would be difficult to distinguish between cars entering the area with a legitimate purpose and through traffic. For this reason they are notoriously difficult and time consuming to enforce. In addition the order leads to residents having high expectations and the reality is quite different as the restrictions are often ignored. Due to the problems highlighted and that the police would be unlikely to support the introduction of such a scheme it would be difficult for the police to enforce and is thus unlikely to be successfully pursued.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Nicola Jagers, Traffic manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

18. Ref: 504039 Bus service through Morley estate – received 21.07.04

Issue

A report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management was considered, which gave details on a proposal to re-route the bus service, currently running through Morley Estate.

It was reported that a number of problems with the current route had been causing a serious problem to the bus service, run by Arriva Midlands. Due to the width of the roads, parked cars narrowed them further, making it difficult for buses to gain access and had even caused some damage to cars. This affected the reliability of bus times, causing more customer complaints.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

The consultation exercise that was undertaken by Mr Simon Lysaczenko is acknowledged, but the consultation was limited in its scope, and finding a traffic management solution for the area would involve extensive consultation throughout the Morley estate. Any traffic management scheme in the area would also require significant levels of capital funding. The issues will be considered for inclusion in a future year of the Local Transport Plan's capital programme. The priority for such funding will depend upon how the proposed traffic management scheme would contribute to the wider objectives of the Plan, for example in improving accessibility and in enhancing safety.

The report to the last Area panel identified the problem of bus accessibility problems, caused largely by parked cars, and to an extent by the problems of opposing traffic flows along narrow streets. Arriva Midlands have so far not confirmed a date for any changes to the route of their service 28. If they do contact the City Council, the Area Panel will be informed immediately.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034

19. Ref: 504040 Written question – Darley Abbey bus service– received 21.07.04

Issue

What plans are in hand to improve bus and other transport facilities as part of the World Heritage site?

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

The demise of the former Darley bus service has been well documented through Area Panel 5 minutes. Briefly however, the primary reason for trent barton deciding to withdraw the bus was the fact that levels of usage were too low to sustain a commercial operation. Under the terms of the Transport Act 1985, the City Council as transport authority has a duty to consider whether to provide revenue support. There are currently no plans to upgrade the level of service that is provided through the diversion of service 17 through the village, as revenue funds are not available to meet the high costs involved.

Derby City Council does not have any powers to control the routes which operators choose to run commercially. The operator of the former services has confirmed it does not intend to resurrect the service. We are talking with bus operators about ways to secure better bus services throughout the city. We are also seeking views of trent barton on whether they could divert any of the existing commercial bus services that run along Duffield Road.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034

20. Ref: 504041 Traffic signals at Five Lamps– received 21.07.04

Issue

Can the traffic signals at Five Lamps be sequenced with the pelican crossing at St Helen's public house?

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Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

We link existing pedestrian facilities to the Five Lamps junction at critical traffic periods. An emailed response has given directly to the enquirer.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

21. Ref: 504042 Land alongside A38 – received 21.07.04

Issue

Pathway alongside A38 from Lyttleton Street to Sainsburys shops. Can overgrowth, weeds and trees be cut back. Who is responsible?

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Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

We are investigating land ownership. We have arranged for fly tipping to be removed, but we do not propose any action to over grown area as the path itself is clear. The complainant has been contacted by letter.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services,
telephone 715064
Ray Brown, telephone 255024

22. Ref: 504043 Written question - Traffic on Campion Street, Brough Street, Stepping Lane, Handford Street, Slack Lane, Stanley Street.– received 21.07.04

Issue

Amount and speed of traffic is seen as a problem. Lorries using inadequate streets.

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Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A petition requesting work to reduce the speed and volume of traffic on Slack Lane and Cheviot Street was considered in December 2003. Traffic counts were undertaken which established that the volume and speed were not excessive for a road of this nature.

Responsibility

Mel Bradfield, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

23. Ref: 504038 – Petition, Pedestrian Crossing, Brackensdale Avenue – received 21.07.04

Issue

The Panel noted a petition that had been received from residents of Mackworth requesting a pedestrian crossing be provided on Brackensdale Avenue. The reason was that the road served a school, and was near a small shopping centre and Kingsway Retail Park, and there was currently a heavy amount of traffic passing through daily.

Action reported at the meeting on 21 July 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Council response at the meeting on 21 July 2004

It was advised that a response to this petition would be provided as soon as possible.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 21 July 2004

Agreed to note the petition.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 6 October 2004

We will carry out a site visit to make an initial assessment of the need for a crossing. This is likely to take place in October as the signals team has two vacancies and there is a backlog of investigations for crossing requests. It should be noted that funding for new pedestrian crossing requests is not available during the 2004/05 financial year as all funding has already been allocated to outstanding requests. An existing School Crossing Patrol operates on this site. Once we have completed our investigations we will report back to the panel.

Responsibility

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