



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5 6 December 2006

Report of Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation

Old Chester Road traffic petition

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition from 107 local residents and was received in August 2006 expressing concerns about the abuse of the one-way system on Old Chester Road and the speed of through traffic travelling along Old Chester Road and City Road.
- 1.2 Following receipt of the petition, officers carried out initial on-site investigations. These investigations revealed that a number of actions could be completed over the short term to assist in the enforcement and observance of the 'No Entry' point and one- way system.
- 1.3 The petition was formally presented to the Area Panel meeting on 4 October and we reported that the following actions had been taken in response to the petition:
 - the existing 'No Entry Signs' which had become faded were replaced
 - the lamp on one of the signs which was not working was repaired
 - an additional sign stating 'No Access to Mansfield Road' was erected to give motorists advance warning of the 'No Entry' point.
- 1.4 In addition, the City Council's Streetcare Section has been contacted and requested to replace three existing No Through Road 'T' signs located towards City Road, as these have become faded. This work should hopefully be completed by the end of January 2007.
- 1.5 The police have also attended the area on consecutive weekends to carry out enforcement action against the drivers of vehicles contravening the one-way system. The City Council has been informed that Local Beat Officers continue to monitor the situation.
- 1.6 Detailed design is currently 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. It is hoped that this scheme will be implemented by the end of March 2007.

- 1.7 With reference to the complaint of speeding vehicles, the City Council have completed Speed Surveys on City Road over a total of six consecutive days. Although a small number of vehicles were travelling at excessive speeds the average vehicle speed was below the 30mph speed limit. The database of recorded personal injury accidents for the entire length of Old Chester Road and City Road shows no accidents in the last three years.
- 1.8 The request for traffic calming on City Road has been added to the list of schemes to be considered for funding from next year's work programme. This request will need to compete for priority along with other requests received from across the city.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To note the actions already taken to address the concerns residents have expressed in their petition and the further work to be undertaken on Old Chester Road to deter vehicles from abusing the one way restriction.
- 2.2 To note that the investigation, consultation and possible implementation of a traffic calming scheme on City Road has been added to the list for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme. A separate report appears elsewhere on the area panel agenda.

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