



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AREA PANEL 3
19 JANUARY 2005**

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

Petition requesting various improvements on Dexter Street

- 1.1 A petition has been received containing 35 signatures and reads as follows:

“The following is a petition by the residents of Dexter Street, who feel that they would benefit from the following improvements made:

Extra street lighting

A no parking zone at the end of the street (so turning vehicles around would not be a problem)

Double Glazing (to block out noise caused by passing trains)

Improvement to sewage pipes (nearly all cellars within Dexter Street have water coming in from the damaged sewage pipes, giving rise to damp)”.

- 1.2 The various requests made in the petition have been passed to the relevant City Council departments to investigate and the responses have been co-ordinated as follows:

- 1.3 Regarding the request for improvements to double glazing Environmental Health and Trading Standards have responded as follows:

The Council has no jurisdiction over normal railway noise and Derby Homes own no properties in Dexter Street. The Council therefore has no responsibility in this matter.

Residents wishing to install double glazing should be aware that standard (thermal) double glazing will offer limited protection against railway noise. To achieve a better standard of insulation, secondary glazing or acoustic double glazing is recommended, although this may be more expensive than traditional double glazing.

- 1.4 Regarding the street lighting improvements it has been recognised that the present lighting is not up to current British Standards, but unfortunately Derby City Council does not have any funds at the present time to rectify this. This request will be kept on file and reviewed should funds become available. Derby City Council is actively seeking additional funds for street lighting projects through PFI (Private Finance Initiative) and this may help to resolve this particular matter in the future.

- 1.5 The request for “a no parking zone” at the end of Dexter Street has been investigated. Dexter Street has no natural turning area, the street simply comes to an end, which does make it difficult for motorists to turn round. An option is to introduce waiting restrictions, however it is accepted that a turning area created by restriction parking would provide a substandard turning space and would prevent those residents which live within the restricted parking area from parking outside their properties. Another option is to investigate the creation of a turning area at the end of Dexter Street, off the public highway. It is anticipated that this option would be expensive but further investigation is needed to establish the ownership of the land at the rear of Dexter Street and whether it is actually feasible to create a formal turning area. Funding would need to be made available should this option be feasible, but an update will be given to a future meeting of the Area Panel.
- 1.6 The issue regarding improvements to the sewers has been forwarded to Severn Trent Water Limited who are responsible for damage to drainage/sewer pipes. At the time of compiling this report a response had not been received.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 That the request for improved street lighting be kept on file for future consideration and that further investigation is carried out to establish the feasibility of creating a turning area at the end of Dexter Street.

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