



AREA PANEL 2

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Report of Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership

Area Panel 2 Community Issues Update Report

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1.20 Petition – Match Day Parking, Wilmorton, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

Issue: A petition signed by approximately 136 people had been received from residents of Wilmorton, against the match day parking.

Actions: Report back in November on actions taken.

Update: Prior to the start of the football season, we installed the signs advising that parking for Pride Park is not permitted and the edge of carriageway markings around the kerb build-outs. We have also undertaken enforcement action with regard to waiting restrictions, on every home match day.

The Evening Telegraph ran this story on 21 August 2006:

“SIGNS INSTALLED TO DETER RAMS FANS FROM PARKING IN STREETS”

and included the following:

“About 10 signs, saying No Parking for Pride Park Stadium, have now been installed and residents say that, although the football season has only just started, they seem to be making a difference. The signs were first put to the test on Sunday, August 6, when the Rams played at home to Southampton.”

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, ☎716090

1.21 Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre - received 15.03.06

Issue: A petition signed by approximately 880 people was presented to the panel, requesting that the Council provide funding for the Alvaston District Centre scheme for the refurbishment of the shopping area, including better lighting, parking, pavements and CCTV.

Actions: Place in outstanding issues file and report back on progress to **November** meeting.

Update: We have received preliminary information from our consultants on the traffic model for the district centre. We have some queries about the findings and have asked the consultants to discuss in greater detail with the project team. Once this matter has been resolved we will discuss the findings with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation and local ward members. We remain on track to consult with the public prior to Christmas.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎715019

1.22 Changing properties from domestic to commercial use, Elvaston Lane - received 06.09.06

Issue: A member of the panel informed the panel that a domestic property in Elvaston Lane, changed to commercial use and became a nursery, which then closed down and went back to a house. However it is now being used for commercial/industrial use for a taxi firm, and car selling. The panel were asked if the Council gave consent for the change of use, and did local people have a chance to comment.

Actions: Investigate and report back.

Update: The activity at the property has been the subject of an ongoing investigation by the Planning Enforcement Team since June 2006. The property has been visited on several occasions and evidence of any vehicles on display for sale at the property has been gathered. A letter has been sent to the person believed to be responsible on 26 September 2006 advising that all vehicle sales and repairs from the property should cease. Should there be no compliance with the Council's request, enforcement action may need to be considered. The matter continues to be monitored.

Further information: John Stewart, Principal Planner, ☎ 255934

1.23 Indiscriminate parking on pavements, Elvaston Lane – received 06.09.06

Issue: Concern was raised over people parking on the pavements, and causing obstruction to both pedestrians and other vehicles. The police had informed them previously that this was not an offence, unless they were actually caught doing it. They asked the panel who they should complain to.

Actions: To get local beat officers to discuss the issue with the resident directly.

Update: Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

Further information: Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, ☎ 290100

1.24 Petition – Parking on London Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition was received containing 28 signatures requesting the Council remove the yellow line car parking restrictions on London Road from the new Lakeside School to Hollis Street. The restrictions have not been enforced for over 16 years, and the flow of traffic in the morning and evening has not been adversely affected by cars being parked outside properties.

Actions: To provide a report for the next meeting.

Update: A separate report is on the agenda of this meeting. Action will be taken to remove the parking restrictions.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.25 Criminal damage at hair salon and public house, Chellaston Road – received 14 06.06

Issue: A resident asked what could be done about the criminal damage that is taking place at the hair salon near the Crown Public House on Chellaston Road. The hair salon had been refurbished and had been refurbished. Police and anti-social behaviour officers had been working with the owners. Problems were also occurring at the rear of the properties with discarded needles and burnt out cars. Can gates be erected so

access is only allowed for residents? Could the NEAT Team clean up the area. The resident stated that he would like to be involved in any actions that are planned. Another resident stated that he had become increasingly concerned over violence at his home to his person. He went on to state that many of these issues were being caused by Derby Homes residents.

Actions: Report back to the November meeting

Update: The gates have been made and are waiting installation. Letters have been hand delivered to all owners/shops/businesses affected regarding the gates by the Crime Prevention Team. All residents will receive two keys. Total cost is in the region of £2,200.

The Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team will undertake a final clearance in terms of graffiti and fly-tipping prior to the gates being fitted. Discussions are taking place with Allen Park School for them to cut back their foliage adding to safety precautions in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Further information: Sharon Sewell, Neighbourhood Coordinator, ☎ 258541

Mark Kennel, Adult Crime Initiatives, ☎ 222077

1.26 Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School – received 15.06.05

Issue: A petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School. The main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at the parking, and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

Actions: Councillor Banwait to report back on situation at November meeting.

Update: Councillor Banwait to provide a verbal update

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, ☎ 715019

Merrill College, Jubilee Road, Shelton Lock, DE24 9FE ☎ 734500

Moorhead Primary School, Brackens Lane, Alvaston, DE24 0AN ☎ 571162

1.27 Car Park, Sandgate Close – received 15.03.06



Issue: A request was made from a local resident for a 'no ball games' sign to be installed in the car park on Sandgate Close. It was reported that the previous one had been vandalised and not been replaced. Concern was also raised about cars coming into the road in the late evening and dumping rubbish.

Actions: To report back at the next meeting

Update:

The recycling point has been removed. Signs were placed on the banks on

Monday 2 October to inform users of their removal and the location of other banks in the area.

There were 6 recycling bins and 1 standard bin located on some housing land adjacent

7 Sandgate Close, Alvaston. There had been many complaints from local tenants to the Allenton Local Housing Office and Police due to nuisance and anti-social behaviour caused by children and youths. They were targeting the bins and trying to set them on fire.

Derby Homes have placed this area as a 'hotspot' with the Community Watch patrol.

The site was not used that often and did not produce much recyclable material.

The surrounding area is now included in the kerbside recycling scheme, which allows residents to recycle paper, card, plastic, cans, glass, garden waste and glass from the kerbside.



Further information: Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes ☎ 71 8115

1.28 Bus services to Allenton Shopping Centre – received 06.09.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern that young mothers with babies, the disabled and elderly would not be able to use the new facilities unless they have their own transport, as the 44 and 45 bus services have not extended their services to the shopping centre for Boulton Moor residents.

Action: Report back to the next meeting.

Update: The 44/45 bus service like the majority of bus services in Derby are operated by the private bus companies on a commercial basis without any direct financial support from the City Council. This is a result of the 1985 Transport Act which deregulated and led to the privatisation of the bus industry. Therefore the route a service takes, the frequency it operates, the type of vehicle used and the fares charged are all decided by the bus company themselves to meet their own business objectives.

In the main this system has resulted in most suburbs of the city having a reasonable bus service with very few areas of the city being more than 400m walk from a bus stop which has at least an hourly daytime service (the national standard set by the Department for Transport). In this particular case, people could get to and from Allenton district centre from the Boulton area provided they were willing to change buses from the 44/45 on to the 40/41. The bus company are themselves potentially willing to look at introducing a direct service from the Boulton area to Allenton district centre, however some changes to road layout maybe required. However, introducing such a service could potentially affect the commercial viability of the other bus services in the area i.e. the 40/41/44/45 which could result in the frequency of them being reduced.

The Council does have a small amount of money to support some socially necessary but commercially un-viable bus services. Demand for this type of support is however, greater than the funding available, so the costs and benefits of every request have to be investigated to see which of the services proposed offers the best value. At the moment, the Council's officers are investigating a number of requests for new services and we will ensure that this suggestion is looked at as well as part of the process.

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, ☎ 715034

1.29 Petition – Blocking either end of Bentley Street, Allenton – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition signed by 33 people was received requesting the one end of the street be permanently blocked off, due to the ongoing traffic problems faced on Bentley Street.

Actions: Investigate and report back.

Update: We are consulting with local residents and will hopefully be able to provide a report in response to the next meeting on 17 January 2007.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.30 Crossing for school children, Crayford Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A local resident informed the panel that she has attended four assemblies at Noel Baker School to discuss a 'keep your school safe' campaign. She reported that the children had highlighted that they need a crossing to help them to cross Crayford Road safely. The resident informed the panel that she had carried out a survey, and had counted 154 children crossing the road with 381 cars over a 25 minute period. She asked the panel to consider the installation of a crossing on Crayford Road at the junction of Holbrook Road and Bracknell Drive. She had previously submitted a report to area panel 2 in 2004, and was told that this would be under review.

Action: To find out why this is still under review, and report back. To respond by letter to the resident.

Update: In August 2004 we responded to correspondence we had received from a local resident in which we indicated that we would evaluate this junction during the next school term. However, with the imminent installation of the crossing outside the shops, it seemed prudent to wait until this was completed as it was likely that this new crossing would satisfy some of the demand further down Crayford Road.

We advised the resident of this by telephone and assume this is what is meant when the resident says she was told the crossing was "under review".

We will arrange for the junction to be assessed during the current school term and will respond to the Area Panel once that is complete. We have written direct to the resident.

A petition on this issue will be presented at the meeting.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.31 Pathway between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road - received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition was received regarding the condition of the pathway between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road. It was reported that since the pathway was installed, the Council have marked the path for resurfacing, and sorted the graffiti out. The only ongoing problem is the lighting, as the overgrown bushes are restricting the lighting.

Action: To report back at the next meeting. Arrange a visit by the inspector.

Update: The work to the footway surface is due to be completed within the next couple of weeks. The overgrown bushes are growing from a garden. The resident at the property has been contacted and asked to cut them back.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager ☎ 715067

1.32 Traffic issues, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

Issue: A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over various traffic issues in Chellaston. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on.

All Chellaston traffic & highways issues are now referred to the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) for consideration and recommendations. CHTIWG will be reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis.

Membership of CHTIWG is flexible but generally will include: all Chellaston Ward Councillors, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Planning or a representative, relevant officers from Highways and Transport, representatives from the community (this can include lead petitioners) and other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

Action: To amalgamate all Chellaston traffic issues under one new item. To provide details of the speed surveys on Parkway, Chellaston. CHTIWG to report back to the next meeting.

Update: The Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) met on 16th October 2006. Summary notes of the meeting are included in the Community Issues Appendix 2 which is available on the Council's Management and Information System (CMIS) at www.derby.gov.uk.

The **key priorities** for action were identified as:

1. **Parkway** - Suitable traffic calming (not speed bumps) and monitoring of traffic speed along the length of the road. Reason: To improve road safety.
2. **High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane** – Ian Butler to establish details of any speed monitoring that has been undertaken and provide results. Design and implement measures to reduce speeding. Reason: To improve road safety.
3. **A514** - Volume of traffic using the road is causing congestion. a. Relocate inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion, b. Create a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop on Swarkestone Road to accommodate shop customers and buses, c. Relocate the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers. Reason: To reduce congestion.
4. **Junction of Station Road and Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion along A514 caused by vehicles queuing back from the traffic lights. Consider options for better management of parking and rationalisation of access to and from off street facilities in front of Derby Road shops. Try giving more priority to A514 at traffic lights (Double Green solution) and report back on effect. Reason: To reduce congestion.
5. **Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion and disruption of local residents caused by obstructive parking including lorries unloading / loading during peak traffic flow periods. Introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times. Reason: To reduce congestion.

Further meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station ☎ 290100.

1.32 Dog bins, Chellaston – received 15.03.06 / Petition - received 06.09.06

Issue: A resident explained that he lived on an unadopted road, and David Willson homes were responsible for the upkeep of the dog waste bins. He had been informed that they would be emptied once per week. The panel were asked if this was normal, and to confirm whether the Council dog waste bins would be emptied this frequently. He also asked whether dog fouling signs could be used, as they would be more cost effective than supplying the actual bins.

A petition signed by 56 residents requested the installation of dog waste bins along the new cycle path in the vicinity of Sinfin Moor Lane was received at the meeting on 6 September 2006.

Action: Provide a report to the next meeting

Update: Currently the Council cannot install dual bins on this site as it is unadopted. However once it has been adopted the area panel has the option to install two bins if they allocate money for their purchase, installation and five years revenue costs. Alternatively the request will be added to the list for which there are presently no financial resources.

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services ☎ 715778

1.33 Library building at Chellaston – received 14 06.06

Issue: A resident stated that despite the large scale growth of Chellaston in recent years, the area was still only served by a mobile library vehicle. Can Chellaston be considered for a new public library?

Action: To update at the next meeting.

Update: We have been unable to identify a source of funding to cover the capital cost of a new library; therefore no progress has been possible.

Further information: David Potton, Head of Library Services ☎ 71 6602

1.34 School children from new housing in Chellaston – received 06.09.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern over the Merrill College being demolished for housing, and asked what visions the council had for children moving into the area for their future education.

Action: To provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: The Council continues to monitor potential developments inside and outside the city boundary, while liaising with planning departments in Derby and South Derbyshire, and with Derbyshire County Council. There is sufficient capacity in the area for primary and secondary school places, taking account of all known and currently planned developments. All schools have been able to admit all children who live in their 'normal area'. Where a new development brings additional pressure for school places, the Council is able to obtain funding from a developer to contribute to the necessary building work.

Further information: Simon Longley, Assistant Director, Children and Young People ☎ 716891

1.35 Right of way, Woodminton Drive – received 06.09.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the ongoing dispute regarding the right of way on the canal path to Woodminton Drive, as it needs resurfacing. He stated that the area has a high water table, therefore after heavy rain and during the winter, the path is very muddy and disabled people were unable to use the path on their electric buggies. Three entrances have been barred by residents and have not cleared the area to allow access. The resident considered that the entire right of way needed to be resurfaced.

Action: To provide an update at the next meeting.

Update: The old school playing field across which the right of way passes is due to be transferred to the Council's Environmental Services Department. However when the legal transfer has been completed there will not be any funds to lay out the field with a surfaced path.

There is a possibility that the right of way could be converted in the future into a bridleway as part of the cycle route network but there are currently no funds available for this either.

Further information: Alf Bousie, Environmental Services ☎ 715778

1.36 Weight restriction signs, A514 – received 11.01.06

Issue: Concern was raised that there was no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, stating that cannot turn right. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island There was also concern that the DET had stated that the police cannot enforce the restrictions, and the panel were asked their views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

Action: Provide update report to next meeting.

Update: Discussions are ongoing.

Further information: Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station ☎ 290100.

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.23 Rolls Royce site closure, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

Issue: A resident raised concern over the initial plans for the redevelopment of the Rolls Royce site in Osmaston, in 2007. The panel were asked when the plans / ideas would be shared with local residents, and when how local residents would be consulted. A steering group has been established to act as a link between the community, Rolls Royce, the Council and other relevant organisations.

Action: Keep issue live to receive future reports from the steering group..

Update: Verbal updates to be provided at the meeting.

Further information: John Stewart: Principal Planner ☎ 25 5934

Robert Orgill, Rolls Royce

Ken Whitehead, Chair, Osmaston Community Panel

1.38 Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

Issue: The panel were asked if Councillors were prepared to support the development in the area, and when would it happen. They were also asked if there were any other plans going to be put forward for the future use of this land. A master planning exercise

for the area was being developed.

Action: Keep issue live to receive future reports.

Update: Verbal updates to be provided by Councillors at the meeting.

Further information: John Stewart: Principal Planner ☎ 25 5934

Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes ☎ 718115

1.39 Petition – Installation of cycle path on Osmaston Park Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition has been received from 36 residents of Osmaston Park Road requesting the installation of a separate cycle path. Concerns have been raised about the danger that cyclists using the footway here present to children and adults stepping out from their front gates.

Action: Provide update at the next meeting

Update: A site meeting with residents was held in October. Residents explained their concerns and possible ways forward were discussed.

The issue has been included on the list of Highways issues in the report from Highways on this meeting's agenda.

Further information: Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer ☎ 715019

1.26 Petition – Removal of Yellow Lines, Grosvenor Street – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition was received and signed by 17 people requesting the removal of the yellow lines on Grosvenor Street, as there is no adequate parking facilities on the street, and the yellow lines are no longer needed since there is now a car park facility for Rolls Royce.

Action: To investigate and report back.

Update: A separate report is provided at this meeting. Action will be taken to remove the parking restrictions.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.41 Petition – Residents Parking, Nightingale Road – received 06.09.06

Issue: A petition was received from residents of Nightingale Road, requesting the installation of residents parking.

Action: To provide a report to a future meeting.

Update: We are currently consulting with the emergency services and hope to be able to report back to the next meeting on 17 January 2007.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer ☎ 716090

1.42 School transport to Derby Moor Sports College, Sinfen – received 06.09.06

Issue: A member of the public asked how students from Sinfen and Stenson Fields would get to Derby Moor Sports College once the service is terminated by the Council

Action: Report back to the next meeting.

Update: Derby City Council supports services for students attending the normal area school who live within the qualifying distance that would allow them free transport - this

is currently 3 miles for students over the age of 11 years.

We inherited all of our supported services when Derby became a unitary authority in 1997. One of these services was from Sinfin to Derby Moor Community Sports College. None of the students using this service would be entitled to free transport as they are attending Derby Moor School as a parental preference. All students attending Derby Moor and using our supported services transport need to apply for an identity card, which is shown at the start of each journey when the student pays the appropriate fare. From the application forms received for the 2006/07 academic year we identified that only 1 student was attending his normal area school and lives 1.7 miles away from school. 19 of the applications came from students living in Derbyshire with a further 18 students living in the City.

A report went to Cabinet on 15 August 2006 with a recommendation that the service be withdrawn either at October half term or at the end of the autumn term 2006. A decision was made to withdraw the service at the end of the Autumn Term so that parents could be given as much notice as possible to make alternative arrangements. Parents have all been notified in writing that the bus will finish at Christmas and were all sent copies of the relevant commercial timetables. A copy of the letter that went to parents 18 August 2006 is reproduced below.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT – 2006/07 ACADEMIC YEAR

I refer to your application for an identity card for your child to travel to and from Derby Moor Community Sports College on a Derby City Council contracted service.

Following a review of transport during the summer break I am writing to inform you that service 272 will be withdrawn from the end of the Autumn Term 2006. Numbers of students using this service have fallen and there is currently only one student travelling who is attending their normal appropriate School.

Please find enclosed an identity card for your child to use for the Autumn Term 2006 whilst you look to make alternative arrangements from January 2007. I also enclose copies of timetables from your area that you may find useful.

Yours sincerely

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager ☎ 715034

1.43 Petition – Off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06

Issue: Councillor Leeming handed in a petition signed by approximately 200 people, requesting that off-road motorcyclists be provided with a suitable area of land to use in the area. This would help ease the problem of them using public footpaths and fields while still keeping them entertained and out of mischief.

Action: To report back after a report has been received by the Council.

Update: Councillor Leeming to provide a verbal report at the meeting.

Further information: John Winters, Director of Environmental Services ☎ 716401
Kiran Dhanda, Action Area Coordinator, Community Safety Partnership, ☎ 256933
Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station ☎ 290100

1.44 Alleyway Issues, all wards

Issue: A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over the closure of various alley ways across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item.

A working group has been established to consider these issues and report back to the Area Panel on a regular basis.

Action: Provide a report from the Alleyways Working Group.

Update: The Alleyways Working Group met on 11th October 2006. The following is a summary report of the meeting.

Present: Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager, Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, Tim Banton, Area Traffic Engineer; Sharon Sewell, Neighbourhood Coordinator; and 2 residents.

Colin Avison explained that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 made provision for gating Rights of Way when inappropriate use such as anti-social behaviour and / or dumping of rubbish could not be dealt with effectively by any other way. He went on to point out that in order to use the Act there needed to be current or recent evidence as well as.

a. Alleyway: Baker Street to Shardlow Road – A resident from an adjoining property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. The following actions were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

1. Security Audit to be undertaken at resident's property [Action: Craig Keen]
2. Designation of the path to be clarified [Action: Tim Banton],
3. Request any evidence of inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway from Streetcare [Action: Craig Keen],
4. Request Police to task PCSO's (when in post) to target the alleyway for patrols to collect evidence of inappropriate behaviour [Action: Craig Keen],
5. Conduct survey using letters to adjacent residents to collect evidence of current and former inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway [Action: Craig Keen].

b. Alleyway: Waldorf Close to London Road – A resident from a nearby property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. Actions 2 - 5 above were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

c. Alleyway: Beech Avenue to Raynesway – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A & B above. Paul Bayliss handed over a file of issues from 2004 for this alleyway to Craig Keen.

d. Alleyway: Kynance Close to Coronation Avenue – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A & B above.

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic ☎ 71 5025

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Rights of Way ☎ 25 5024

Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader ☎ 25 8640

1.45 Tree issues, all wards

Issue: A number of issues have been raised, over various tree issues across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item. A Tree Management Working Group has been established to consider these issues and will report back to the Area Panel on a regular basis making recommendations on actions to be taken. Recommendations that require expenditure will be included within the Area Panel Finance report for agreement.

Action: Provide a report from the Tree Management Working Group and recommendations and report within the Area Panel Finance Report

Update: The Tree Management Working Group met on 19th October 2006 to consider tree issues raised within the area. Summary notes of the meeting are included in the Community Issues Appendix 2 which is available on the Council's Management and Information System (CMIS) at www.derby.gov.uk.

The Area Panel Finance Report includes information in Appendix 4 on cosmetic tree management work proposals.

Further information: John Winters, Director of Environmental Services ☎ 716401

1.46 Increasing bus prices within Derby, all wards – received 06.09.06

Issue: A member of the public raised concern over the increase in bus prices of Arriva, and yet the actual service was not of a high standard. He informed the panel that he had written to Mark Todd MP, who had informed him that Arriva are a private service, and can therefore charge what they like. The letters were passed to the Chair of the meeting, and the resident requested a full investigation in to this, and a report back at a future meeting.

Action: To respond in writing to the resident, and report back to the next meeting.

Update: The majority of bus services in Derby are operated by the private bus companies on a commercial basis without any direct financial support from the City Council. This is a result of the 1985 Transport Act which deregulated and led to the privatisation of the bus industry. Therefore the route a service takes, the frequency it operates, the type of vehicle used and the fares charged are all decided by the bus company themselves to meet their own business objectives.

The Council does help certain groups such as the elderly, disabled, under 19s and people on the employment service new deal scheme, with bus passes which gives them discounted or free bus travel. Passengers can also get lower cost fares if they buy weekly or monthly tickets which are available directly from the bus companies.

Introducing a city wide low cost bus fares scheme would require the agreement of the bus companies themselves and for the Council to pay large subsidies to both the main bus companies which, at present, we simply cannot afford.

We have written direct to the resident.

Further information: Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager ☎ 715034

1.47 Outstanding issues

There are currently no outstanding issues that are not included within the updates above.

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

**For more information
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Background papers:

Area Panel 2 community issues update report, background
information

List of appendices:

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None