

**AREA PANEL 2 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT
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1. Ref: 206026 – Petition – Match Day Parking, Wilmorton, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

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

Previous key points / action taken:

A report is available. See agenda item.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2006 – A report was prepared for the meeting. Ward Councillors contacted the Parking Services section in 2004 concerning the parking problems in the area. The details of the current residents parking policy were discussed including likely timescales and costs. Ward Councillors sent letters to 500 residents in the area asking if they would be interested in such a scheme. The majority of residents were not in favour of paying for a Residents' parking scheme. However, without some mechanism to cover the ongoing administration and enforcement costs a scheme could not be implemented.

The on-street signing of the "Prohibition of Driving Except for Access" order had been checked and was all in place, additional signing was not necessary for enforcement to be carried out by the Police. Recognising residents concerns the introduction of a number of informatory signs stating 'No parking for Pride Park Stadium' would be considered to reinforce the message not only to football supporters but to anyone attending an event at the Stadium.

Concerns were raised in the Petition about parking in a number of turning areas and at the pinch points on Taylor Street, Dickinson Street, Beverley Street and Warwick Street. Previously the issue of parking on the pinch points had been raised as the Refuse vehicle had some difficulty with access on Taylor Street. Edge of carriageway marking to indicate the areas that should be kept clear of parked vehicles would be implemented when combined with increased enforcement this should help stop cars parking inappropriately.

Proposed Actions that agreed were:

- Introduce a number of informatory signs stating "No parking for Pride Park Stadium".
- Place edge of carriageway marking to indicate the areas that should be kept clear of parked vehicles at the pinch points on Taylor Street, Dickinson Street, and Warwick Street area.-
- Monitor the situation when the Council takes over the responsibility for parking enforcement from the Police on 3 July 2006.
- Conduct consultation with residents when a workable scheme relating to the development of the old Wilmorton College campus has been developed.

Response on 8 November June 2006

The report's recommendations welcomed and agreed.

Actions agreed:

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.”

Note and Close

2. Ref: 206027 – Petition – Refurbishment of the Alvaston District Centre, Alvaston – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Councillor Wynn explained that funding had been secured to restart the scheme, and that consultation would be taking place in the next few months.

Julie Jones, Traders of Alvaston, raised her concern about the state of the centre, and asked for assurances that this development will be done.

A local resident asked that the traders make their areas more accessible to disabled users.

June 2006 -As part of the Derby Local Transport Plan, funding has been set aside to improve district and neighbourhood shopping centres. The aim of this programme is to improve the vitality of local shopping centres, improve accessibility particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users, and to improve the safety and security of shoppers, traders and residents.

Due to the complex nature and scale of the work, improvements at district centres are costly and time consuming. Significant resources are needed to identify problems, carry out consultation and design and deliver improvements. Typically, improvements may cost in excess of £1million and may need to be phased over a number of years. Whilst the Council will look to secure grant funding from external sources the major source of funding is likely to be from the Local Transport Plan. Additional funding streams may also need to be identified in order to manage public car parking and CCTV.

We are currently delivering improvements at Allenton and are committed to completing these works in the next 12 – 24 months. This represents a significant level of expenditure and until the works are complete we are unable to deliver large scale improvements at other district and neighbourhood centres. We have however set aside funds to plan the improvement process at other district centres to enable major investment to take place in the future.

Cabinet recognising that Alvaston is a priority for such works have allocated £50,000 from the Local Transport Plan to begin the preliminary design process and carry out consultation. Work is taking place to develop proposals and we plan to discuss these with Councillors, shopkeepers, residents and visitors over the coming months so that a future improvement plan can be agreed. Following agreement we will work up the detailed design and cost estimate so that a scheme can

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be considered for funding in future years. .

Response on 14 June 2006

Councillors noted the report.

Actions agreed:

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.

Place in Outstanding Items file and report back to April meeting on results

3. Ref: 206059 – Changing properties from domestic to commercial use, Elvaston Lane, Alvaston – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Stewart, Principal Planner, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255934

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn confirmed that a change of use would require consent, and if an application was received the Council would be required to advertise.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

4. Ref: 206060 – Indiscriminate parking on pavements, Elvaston Lane, Alvaston – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

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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.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Inspector Gascoyne confirmed that if no obstruction and no yellow lines then it is not an offence. If it is actually obstructing the pathway, then the police can remove the vehicle.

Actions agreed:

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

Update:

Verbal update to be provided at the meeting

Note and Close

5. Ref: 206046 – Petition – Parking on London Road, Alvaston – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

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

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn stated that the petition had come at a very opportune time with the decriminalised parking taken over from the police. There are currently 26 traffic wardens across the city, and there will be a total review of all parking restrictions across the city and will include London Road.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

6. Ref: 206036 – Criminal damage at hair salon and public house, Chellaston Road, Boulton Ward – received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Sharon Sewell, Neighbourhood Coordinator, Area & Neighbourhood Unit Telephone 258541
Mark Kennel, Adult Crime Initiatives, Derby Community Safety Partnership. Telephone 222077

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

The Neighbourhood Team asked the Crime Reduction Manager to visit the site to the rear of the shops with the resident to discuss the necessary requirements for added security. This visit took place and we are in the process of receiving quotes for the cost of gates. We are also waiting for confirmation of ownership of the land to establish whether the gating procedure needs to be followed.

Actions agreed:

Place in outstanding issues and 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.

Note

7. Ref: 205019 – Petition – Parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton – received 15.06.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019
Merrill College, Jubilee Road, Shelton Lock, DE24 9FE Telephone 734500
Mrs M Rogers, Headteacher, Moorhead Primary School, Brackens Lane, Alvaston, DE24 0AN
Telephone 571162

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2005 - A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. This stated that Officers would work with Moorhead Primary School to develop a Travel Plan.

September 2005 - Work is still ongoing to develop a school travel plan. We are working towards completing the travel plan by March 2006.

November 2006 - A resident raised concerns that because it is the parents responsibility, the problems are not being dealt with. He stated that there are no signs or parking restrictions at the school, but highlighted that Moorhead Primary School is next to a comprehensive school, and therefore some kind of restrictions should be implemented. Councillor Jackson reported that the proposed shared car park with Merrill College would not be going ahead, as it was not agreed by

the Governors. She stated the importance of re-educating the parents. She also suggested that she would be putting forward a proposal for the installation of a chicane.

January 2006 - School travel plan officers have contacted the head teacher at Moorhead to progress the development of the school travel plan. Parents have been invited to set up a travel plan forum and an initial meeting has been held to explain the travel plan process. Travel questionnaires have been sent to parents and pupils to identify travel patterns and barriers to movement. These are currently being analysed and a further meeting has been arranged with the forum to go through the results. Following this the travel plan forum will begin to prepare and develop a school travel plan. It is hoped that the travel plan will be signed off by colleagues in the Education Service before April 2006 following which the school will be eligible for a small grant of approximately £5,000 to support the travel plan. Once the travel plan is completed consideration will also be given to funding safety and accessibility improvements through the Local Transport Plan. With regard to the school warning triangles on Brackens Lane, there are signs, but some are in a poor condition. The school has requested that we replace the existing school warning signs due to their poor condition. We will replace the signs as soon as possible.

Mrs Carter explained that they had been working with education and traffic to produce a travel plan, but there were still concerns. She reported that at Silverhill, the school safety zone signs did not seem to be doing much, and on Monday of that week there had been an accident outside the school. She stated that they are looking at replacing the school signs. At Alvaston Junior School, there are enforcement notices and yellow lines. She hoped that something could be done before September, and also suggested chicane like at Oakwood. Councillor Wynn confirmed that he did attend and visit the site, and it was quite clear that there are a frantic 20 minutes in both the morning and evening, when it is a dangerous location. He agreed that something needs to be done, and agreed to discuss with Highways.

March 2006 - As previously reported, Moorhead Primary are developing a travel plan. This is on track to be completed and signed off in April. The school will then be eligible for a small amount of reward funding in June from the government. No funds have been set aside from the Local Transport Plan for the 2006/7 financial year for off site improvements as this has been committed to schools that have already developed their travel plans.

The existing school warning signs and some yellow lines around the school have been reported as being in a poor condition. The Council's Streetcare Section is aware of the problems and the signs and markings will be renewed as soon as possible.

A local resident informed the meeting that the school had carried out a 'walk to school' scheme during the week of 21 February, where children were given stickers and certificates if they took part in the scheme. He confirmed that there had been a good turnout to this.

Councillor Wynn confirmed that he had spoken to Merrill College about the travel plan, and also about making sure that the start and finishing times did not clash with Moorhead. He confirmed that he would be arranging to speak to Moorhead Primary.

June 2006 - Councillors expressed the view that this issue was primarily an education issue and not a highways issue and commented that the principle people needed to be contacted, i.e. Moorhead School and the Merrill College to make sure that times are coordinated.

A resident explained that there were signs installed at Alvaston Junior School which the Police can enforce. They asked why this couldn't be done at Moorhead. Councillor Wynn explained that there were just two schools in the entire city with enforceable restrictions, and agreed that this does need looking at, with particular attention to those schools on main routes.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Banwait informed the meeting that to date he had received a response from the head teacher of Merrill, but not Moorhead. He stated that he was trying to get dialogue between the two schools. He stated that there was a 20mph speed limit now in force, and the zig zag lines had been repainted and extended.

A local resident reported that although only the teachers had returned to school during the week,

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the car park was full.

Councillor Wynn explained that legislation allows the schools to choose start times, and they are not accountable.

Actions agreed:

Councillor Banwait to report back on situation at November meeting.

Update:

Councillor Banwait to provide a verbal update

Note

8. Ref: 206020 – Car Park, Sandgate Close, Boulton – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes. Telephone 71 8115

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - Paula Solowij, Derby Homes informed the resident that although signs can be erected, they are not enforceable. She also stated that they were expensive to put up, and therefore Derby Homes prefer not to install them, and instead ask people to complete diary sheets of issues, which can be sent onto the watch patrol, and police.

With regard to the rubbish, residents were asked to take down the registration numbers and complete the diary sheets. Derby Homes would then work with the police to deal with these issues.

June 2006 - Councillor Jackson reported she had spoken to Derby Homes and action would be taken. She also stated that the community watch patrol would be stepping up the surveillance in the car park.

September 2006 - A hotspot request was placed for this area on 09.06.06 to monitor this land.

Two incidents were recorded :

8/6/2006 - six youths had gathered outside 7 Sandgate Close and were on skateboards, talking in the road.

15/6/2006 - two youths approached the Community Watch Patrol to inform they have previously witnessed ASB in the close, the patrol officer considered unlikely for these two youths to be involved in any ASB. Area swept again later that evening no trace of youths.

No further incidents have been reported to the housing office or by the Community Watch Patrol.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Jackson reported that the area is currently being reviewed due to vandalism.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

9. Ref: 206054 – Bus services to Allenton Shopping Centre, Boulton – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Jackson confirmed that there is an ongoing campaign to get a bus service there, and the possibility of a 'use it or lose it' type of service in the Boulton area.

Actions agreed:

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).

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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 unviable 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.

Note and Close

10. Ref: 206047 – Petition – Blocking either end of Bentley Street, Allenton, Boulton – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Actions agreed:

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.

Note

11. Ref: 206057 – Crossing for school children, Crayford Road, Boulton – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Jackson informed the resident that she had been in touch with the Council Officer, but to date had not received a response.

Councillor Wynn stated that it should be assessed through safer routes for school. The resident stated that she had tried this, and was continually told that it was under review.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note

12. Ref: 206050 – Petition – Pathway between Cranwood Close and Chellaston Road, Boulton - received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Highways and Transport. Telephone 715067

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn explained that there is a major street lighting project for the whole city, but agreed to get the inspector to visit.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

13. Ref: 206061 – Traffic issues, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019
Inspector Adrian Gascoigne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

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:

Ref: 205046 – New traffic system, Parkway, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

A resident raised a number of questions about traffic on Parkway and wanted to know what the Council can do to resolve them. These included concerns about the school entrance because it is on a bend, with a junction immediately before the entrance. She asked if it was the Council's responsibility to inform the test centre that Parkway is no longer a dead end, because it is still on the driving test route. She also asked why Arriva put their bus stops so near to the school entrance on both sides of the road. Parkway has become a rat run for people going to the new estate with 2,500 homes on it.

Ref: 205050 – Review of Traffic issues in Chellaston – received 21.09.05

At its meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel 2 identified the issue of traffic issues as one of its highest priorities. Issues had been raised at the area panel over the previous two years that all related to requests for improvements in traffic. These included parking restrictions on High Street and School Lane, the high volume of traffic using A514, traffic problems on St Peter's Road and traffic problems at the junction of Station Road and Derby Road.

Ref: 206049 – Petition – HGV restrictions on Parkway, Chellaston – received 06.09.06

A petition signed by 65 people was received, requesting the erection of signage at the both ends of Parkway restricting HGV's construction traffic, the introduction of suitable traffic calming measures – but not speed bumps – and the monitoring of traffic speed, and the resurfacing of the roads.

Ref: 205039 – Petition – Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a, Chellaston – received 09.11.05

A petition signed by approximately 90 peoples was received from residents of Chellaston, requesting the re-routing of the number 68 and 68a bus service away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. As currently routed, the residents feel that the bus services cause unnecessary traffic and environmental problems, which if re-routed along Homeleigh Way would stop.

Previous key points / action taken:

Due to the number of issues raised about highways, traffic and transport within Chellaston ward the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Amalgamate all Chellaston Highways and Transport issues into a single update under the title Chellaston Traffic Issues.
2. Refer all Chellaston traffic highways issues to a Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) for consideration and recommendations.
3. The CHTIWG will report back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis.
4. Membership of CHTIWG will be flexible but generally will include:
 - a. All Chellaston Ward Councillors,
 - b. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Planning or a representative,
 - c. Relevant officers from Highways and Transport,
 - d. Representatives from the community (this can include lead petitioners),
 - e. Other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

Also see the separate report to Area Panel 2 at this meeting.

Response on 6 September 2006

Actions agreed:

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 at the end of these updates as Appendix 1.1

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.

Note

14. Ref: 206018 – Dog bins, Chellaston – received 15.03.06 / Petition - Dog waste bins along new cycle path, Sinfin Moor Lane, Chellaston received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

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

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path in the vicinity of Sinfin Moor Lane was received at the meeting on 6 September 2006.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2006 - The new dual use bins that Environmental Services are now installing are emptied twice a week in summer and once a week in winter. Propose to note and close.

September 2006 - Dog fouling signs can be installed in areas where this is a particular problem and residents can ring the Environmental Health Department Contact Centre telephone 255260 to request these. However they would not be installed on unadopted roads.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Tittley stated that he would be trying to get dog bins in, and influence the developers to install them while it is unadopted land.

A local resident said it was unfair that unadopted land did not benefit, as they pay the same amount of council tax as people on adopted roads. Councillor Wynn confirmed that it is a question of legal responsibility.

With regard to the petition, Councillor Ingall confirmed that whilst some dog bins had been installed, still need more.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

15. Ref: 206038 – Library building at Chellaston, Chellaston Ward– received 14 06.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Potton, Head of Library Services, Telephone 71 6602

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?

Previous key points / action taken:

Chellaston is one of several District Centres in Derby without a library building, and in principle we should like to open one there. The capital cost could be anywhere between £500,000 and £1.5 million, depending on the scale of the project, and annual running costs would be around £100,000.

A bid for PFI funding to develop library services across the city, including Chellaston, failed last year, and therefore we have no funds to expand our network of libraries at present. Unfortunately there is no prospect of this situation changing in the foreseeable future, although we will continue to watch out for opportunities.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Tittley stated that the library was key to the area, as there is currently no adequate provision with the mobile library.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

16. Ref: 206058 – School children from new housing in Chellaston – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Simon Longley, Assistant Director, Children and Young People, telephone 716891

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

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn confirmed that the new Merrill School was built with increased capacity to allow for additional children. He confirmed that the school was currently under subscribed.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

17. Ref: 206056 – Right of way, Woodminton Drive, Chellaston – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

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. At present, disabled people are unable to use this path on their electric buggies. Three entrances have been barred by residents which is illegal but the Council, although informed on several occasions have not cleared the area to allow access. The entire right of way needs to be resurfaced, and the resident understood that approximately £3million has been made available for this type of work to be carried out.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Tittley reported that there was talks about changing the ownership of this pathway from Merrill College to the Council, and once this has been done, then work can be carried out.

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

18. Ref: 206007 – Weight restriction signs, A514, Alvaston and Chellaston – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

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 theirs views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2006 – It was explained that the police are going to run some information days on the A514 with HGV drivers. Inspector Gascoyne confirmed that the DET statement was incorrect, and in fact the restrictions are enforceable, but there is a much wider issue – in terms of deliveries into the City, where they would have access.

March 2006 – A meeting took place on Monday 30th January 2006 at Cotton Lane Police Station involving Councillors Jackson, Wynn, Tittley, Willitts and Bayliss, together with Tim Banton DCC Highways Dept, Inspector Gascoyne and Inspector Andy Smith, who is in charge of the local Roads Policing Unit. From this meeting it was agreed that the Police and highways staff would undertake an assessment day at Chellaston and Alvaston to gauge the extent of the problem. If it is felt that there are grounds for further enforcement days then these will be planned. The date for the initial days activity is currently being determined. The results of the operation will be passed back to the councillors and the area panel.

Since the last Area Panel meeting Council Members and officers have met with the police to discuss enforcement of the weight restrictions on both the A514 and the A6. The Council will be erecting additional signage on both routes and we hope to do this before the end of March. On the A6 we will be amending the majority of direction signs to take account of the new weight restriction and also to better direct through vehicles to the by-pass. On the A514 we will be adding additional weight limit signs to the Merrill Way junction to reinforce the signing already in place.

The police have stated that they will undertake a series of vehicle stop checks on both routes. Supported by Council officers the police will stop vehicles to find out why they are using the route. We will use this information to determine how many vehicles are using the routes illegally and hence whether further enforcement is needed.

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The police have stated that they will undertake a series of vehicle stop checks on both routes. Supported by Council officers the police will stop vehicles to find out why they are using the route. We will use this information to determine how many vehicles are using the routes illegally and hence whether further enforcement is needed.

June 2006 – The next operation is planned for the 17 May 2006. There is some dispute over the results of the surveys from the previous operation on the 30 January 2006, which initially indicated that none of those lorries stopped could claim an exemption. Following a closer examination of the results from the first operation, it is now believed that most of those lorries stopped could claim an exemption, or would at least have had a strong defence had the matter progressed to court. It should also be noted that an infringement of these signs does not carry any penalty points for the offending driver, and if dealt with at the scene results in a £30 fine being issued.

September 2006 - An additional sign has now been erected on Merrill Way, in advance of its junction with the A514 and the direction signing in the vicinity of the Blue Peter has now been amended to encourage through traffic to use the A6 Alvaston Bypass.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Tittley stated that they need permanent restrictions on the A50.

Councillor Wynn explained that they had been struggling to get the Highway Agency and the County Council to put permanent restriction signs in. The temporary signs have been put there by the Council at their expense. Will continue with the temporary signs in the mean time.

Actions agreed:

Update on progress.

Update:

Discussions are ongoing.

Note

19. Ref: 206013 – Rolls Royce site closure, Sinfin – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Robert Orgill, Rolls Royce

Ken Whitehead, Chair, Osmaston Community Panel

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2006 - We will not have publicly available details until a planning application is made OR until the proposals are advertised by the developers.

Rolls Royce have agreed to attend a meeting in the Autumn to provide an update on the current situation.

Councillors noted that there were several initiatives taking place in the area which they were involved in including the development of a steering group, a master planning exercise led by Derby Homes and the development of neighbourhood working.

Response on 6 September 2006

Verbal report presented by Robert Orgill of Rolls Royce and Ken Whitehead of Osmaston Community Panel.

Actions agreed:

Keep issue live to receive future reports.

Update:

Verbal updates to be provided at the meeting.

Note

20. Ref: 206015 – Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfon – received 15.03.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Paula Solowij, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 718115

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2006 - We will not have publicly available details until a planning application is made OR until the proposals are advertised by the developers.

Derby Homes are currently undertaking a Master Planning exercise for the Osmaston / Allenton area focussed on the Glossop Street area. Propose to note.

September 2006 - Initial meetings have been held regarding the master planning and consultants are being selected.

Developments at the Rolls Royce site will affect planning across the area.

Redevelopment at Glossop Street is still intended to go ahead however until a consultation process is carried out with the travellers currently on site, decisions have been made about the Rolls Royce site and the master planning has been completed there cannot be a resolution at this site.

It is proposed to note and close this issue at this stage, recognising that reports will be made to Area Panel 2 by Councillors, community representatives and other organisations over time.

Response on 6 September 2006

None.

Actions agreed:

Keep issue live to receive future reports.

Update:

Verbal updates to be provided by Councillors at the meeting.

Note

21. Ref: 206045 – Petition – Installation of cycle path on Osmaston Park Road, Sinfon – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715019

Issue:

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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.

Previous key points / action taken:

A report was prepared for the meeting, with the following proposed action:

A scheme to construct a shared pedestrian cycle path along this route is considered for implementation, as part of a future work programme, subject to favourable consultation and other priorities on the strategic cycle network.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn stated that in principal there is a good cause for this cycle path. He explained that there is a facility for councillors to put forward five priority schemes for the year.

Councillor Turner expressed concern at the proposed action of a shared pedestrian cycle path, stating that there was not enough room, nor adequate lighting. Councillor Wynn agreed that it should be a separate cycle path.

Actions agreed:

Petition report presented to the meeting.

Report actions were accepted.

Update:

The Area Panel Manager held a site meeting with residents 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.

Note and Close

22. Ref: 206048 – Petition – Removal of Yellow Lines, Grosvenor Street, Sinfin – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Actions agreed:

To investigate and report back.

Update:

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

Note and Close

23. Ref: 206051 – Petition – Residents Parking, Nightingale Road, Sinfin – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

Issue:

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

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Actions agreed:

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.

Note

24. Ref: 206053 – School transport to Derby Moor Sports College, Sinfen – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

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

Previous key points / action taken:

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn stated that this service duplicates a commercial route, and the Council can offer discounted cards. He explained that most of the students who use the bus service are from outside of the City.

Actions agreed:

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 Sinfen 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

Note and Close

25. Ref: 206001 – Petition – Off road motorcyclists, all wards – received 11.01.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Kiran Dhanda, Action Area Coordinator, Derby Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256933

Inspector Adrian Gascoyne, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

March 2006 - A full report in response to this petition was presented to the meeting. It was considered that a positive response to this petition could not be given at this point in time, and it was therefore proposed that no further action be taken. It was suggested that if the area panel requires further investigations, then the issue could be referred to the Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Commission.

Councillor Leeming explained that both Radio Derby and Leicester had run an interview, asking for any landowners willing to come forward to allow bikes to use their land. So far, no response had been received. He explained that one of the parents is forming a group to make this a serious legal effort. Councillor Bayliss explained that this is not a Council priority, but would consider looking at this issue should a formal committee be formed, and they part-fund the purchase of land.

Another resident emphasised that this is an illegal activity, as the bikes are neither taxed or insured, and supported Councillor Bayliss.

September 2006 - Derby is one of 28 areas around the Country that is taking part in a national summer mini motos enforcement campaign as part of the RESPECT campaign. The campaign is two-fold: education and enforcement. Households in 'hot spot' areas are being leafleted about the dangers and consequences of using these vehicles on public roads and parks.

Derbyshire Constabulary have also mounted dedicated patrols in key hotspots throughout the City including in Alvaston, Shelton Lock, Sinfen, Chaddesden and Spondon where calls from the public are consistently the highest in the City.

Trading standards have written to petrol retailers with regards to their responsibilities and not selling petrol to under 16s.

As a result of the targeted enforcement operations so far

Machines that have been seized	25
Section 59 Warnings served	8
Parents spoken to advice given	11
Summonses for offences	
i.e. no licence or insurance	17
Drink driver caught	1
Arrests made during operations	2

Regarding mini-motos, these machines are often bought for children by parents as a toy. However, many of these vehicles are powerful so the driver is putting their own life and the lives of other people at serious or deadly risk. Unless they are driven on private property with the permission of the landowner – the parent and the child are breaking the law.

If someone is caught using such a vehicle on the road or in a public place, they risk:

- prosecution for offences such as dangerous driving
- fines of up to £1,000 or even a prison sentence
- having the vehicle seized. It will cost £105 to get it back and an extra £12 every day the vehicle is impounded
- banned from driving for 12 months and points put their licence. If too young for a licence this will come into effect when they get one
- an Anti Social Behaviour Order - ASBO
- a claim in the civil courts, especially if someone is injured damage is caused.

Mini-motos can NOT be used:

- on public roads
- in public places - including parks, footpaths or cycle routes - under ANY circumstances

Under the umbrella of Operation Trenton attempts have been made to combat this problem.

Operation Trenton has been run in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership. The CSP have provided a number of information leaflets and signs that have been distributed around the hotspots. There are two main aims to the operation, the first being visible and effective enforcement, the second issue being to educate riders (and their parents) of the dangers of road activities.

From late July officers from Derby East Section and the Roads Policing Unit have conducted four enforcement days. On these days officers have visited the known hotspots with a view to seizing any machines being used illegally. On the first day 8 machines were seized from a variety of locations in the area. The subsequent planned dates have had little return, but information from members of the public and calls for service indicates that the problem has subsided for the time being.

Derbyshire constabulary are continuing with their targeted enforcement operations and anyone with information about the illegal use of mini motos, go-peds scooter etc can ring the **Police none emergency number 0845 123 3333** and the information will be passed on to the relevant Police section or call **Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Leeming confirmed that a company was putting together a package together which could be acceptable to the Council. The package is due to be put forward during the next month.

Actions agreed:

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

Update:

Councillor Leeming to provide a verbal report at the meeting.

Note and Close

26. Ref: 206043 – Alleyway Issues, all wards

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Telephone 71 5025

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Rights of Way. Telephone 25 5024

Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader. Telephone 25 8640

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 to be updated on:

Ref: 205001 – Alleyway – Baker Street to Shardlow Road, Alvaston - received 12.01.05

Residents have requested the closure of the alleyway between Baker Street and Shardlow Road.

Ref: 205022 – Alleyway – Beech Avenue to Raynesway, Alvaston – received 15.06.05

Ann Garfield asked that because recent legislation had been introduced that allowed Councils to introduce Gating Orders, could residents resubmit petitions requesting the closure of alleyways such as the one from Beech Avenue to Raynesway.

Ref: 205037 – Petition - Alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Boulton – received 09.11.05

A petition was received from the Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch, requesting the closure of the alleyway between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close because of the level of antisocial behaviour and it being used as a 'rat-run' for criminal behaviour.

A counter petition was also received from residents of Kynance Close, Holbrook and Coronation Avenue objecting to the petition to close the alleyway on the grounds that it is a public footpath and used by residents in the area who suffer from infirmity and use it for the school run. They also stated that they were not consulted with the original petition.

Ref: 206031 – Gating of alleyways, all wards – received 14.06.06

A resident asked when does the Council intend to issue gating orders for the locations identified in the updates and went on to state that if gating orders were not issued by the next meeting then the Director of Regeneration and Community should attend the next Area Panel meeting to explain why they haven't been issued.

Previous key points / action taken:

See closed report for further information on Ref: 205001, Ref: 205022, Ref: 205037 and Ref: 206031.

Response on 6 September 2006

The Area Panel were recommended to agree the following actions:

- Amalgamation of all current and Area Panel 2 'alleyway' items, i.e. References 2050001 / 205022 / 205037 / 206031
- Referral of future issues of this type into the amalgamated update.
- Establishment of a working group to develop actions on issues of this nature for Area Panel 2.
- The working group to include representatives from: Highways, Anti-social Behaviour Team, Area Panel Manager, Neighbourhood Teams, Ward Councillors.
- Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

Actions agreed:

Recommendations agreed.

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.

Note

27. Ref: 206044 – Tree issues, all wards

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Winters, Director of Environmental Services, telephone 716401

Issue:

A number of issues have been raised, over various tree issues across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

Ref: 205038 – Petition - Pruning of trees, Church Close, Chellaston– received 09.11.05

A petition had been received from local residents complaining about trees on Church Close blocking out light of local residents. They also have concerns over root growth.

Ref: 206039 – Tree problems, rear of Chellaston Junior School, Chellaston – received 14 06.06

A resident stated that her property was adjacent to the rear of the school grounds. A tree within the school's boundary had grown large and the resident was concerned that if the tree was damaged and fell onto her property who would be responsible for the damage.

Ref: 206055 – Tree, Victory Road, Sinfen – received 06.09.06

Concern was raised over the state of a tree on Victory Road, as it is obstructing visibility, and may cause a future accident.

Previous key points / action taken:

None.

Response on 6 September 2006

The Area Panel are recommended to agree the following actions:

- Amalgamation of all current and Area Panel 2 'alleyway' items, i.e. References 2050001 / 205022 / 205037 / 206031
- Referral of future issues of this type into the amalgamated update.
- Establishment of a working group to develop actions on issues of this nature for Area Panel 2.
- The working group to include representatives from: Highways, Anti-social Behaviour Team, Area Panel Manager, Neighbourhood Teams, Ward Councillors.
- Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

Actions agreed:

Recommendations agreed.

To respond in writing to the resident regarding the tree on Victory Road

To confirm that the tree at the rear of Chellaston Junior School has been removed.

Update:

The Tree Management Working Group met on 19th October 2006 to consider tree issues raised within the area. Notes of the meeting are included at the end of these updates as Appendix 1.2.

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

Note

28. Ref: 206052 – Increasing bus prices within Derby, all wards – received 06.09.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715034

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.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item.

Response on 6 September 2006

Councillor Wynn welcomed the letter, and agreed that this would be responded to. He explained that it was a mistake selling the bus service many years ago.

Councillor Jackson also reported that she had submitted a request for a bus service from Brackens Lane to Harvey Road

Actions agreed:

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.

Note and Close

Appendix 1.1: Notes of the Chellaston Highways and Traffic Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) Meeting held on 7.00 pm on 16th October 2006 Chellaston Community Centre in the Club Room.

Present:

Councillor Mark Tittley,
Councillor Phil Ingall,
Adrian Gascoigne, Derbyshire Constabulary,
John Boden, Chellaston Residents Association [**Chair of the meeting**],
Linda Winter Chellaston Residents Association,
Andrew Ioannides (Resident),
Dean Pearce Chellaston Residents Association ,
Ian Colder Chellaston Residents Association,
John Mooney (Parkway Residents),
Ian Butler, Senior Engineer Accidents and Projects,
Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Co-ordinator,
John Evans, Public Transport Strategy Officer,
Tim Banton, Area Traffic Engineer,
Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager.

Apologies:

Councillor Ronald Liversedge

Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Background and round table discussion:

A general discussion took place and the reasons for the establishment of the working group, previous discussions and the purposes of the meeting.

Itemised issues:

Each issue was discussed.

For each issue, the nature of the problem was identified, any further information was discussed. Consensus was sought on actions to be agreed.

A summary of the discussions is provided in the table below.

Issues to be referred to 2007/8 Highways programme and prioritisation of same:

The relative priority for action of each issue was discussed. The priority issues are identified in the summary table below along with the primary reason for inclusion.

Next steps:

It was agreed that the meetings would continue of a quarterly basis.

Ian Butler considered that future meetings to be attended by one representative from the Highways and Transport Division.

Table 1: Summary of Issues

Area	Issue	Information	Actions Agreed	Primary Purpose
1. Parkway	HGV restrictions - erection of signage	Signs have been erected	Monitor effects	
2. Parkway	Surfacing	Repairs will be carried out in near future	Await repairs	
3. Parkway	Suitable traffic calming (not speed bumps) and monitoring of traffic speed	Speeding is not confined to area near school but to the length of Parkway	MAKE A PRIORITY. Design and implement measures to reduce speeding along the road. Indicative measures may include: Road signs, traffic flow control mechanisms, coloured tarmac and on-road markings, etc. But should not include road humps	Improve road safety
4. Parkway	Parking at the school entrance	While an inconvenience, this slows cars down and tends to deter rather than cause accidents involving pedestrians (children) as drivers take more care.	Road Safety Unit will distribute leaflets to parents / children. No further action at this time.	Improve children's awareness. Improve drivers awareness. Encourage appropriate parking.
5. Parkway	Driving schools and the test centre using the area.	This problem has now abated	No further action required	

Area	Issue	Information	Actions Agreed	Primary Purpose
6. Parkway	Positioning of bus stops	Not a major issue for most people	No further action required	
7. Re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent	Number of buses using the roads	DCC have no powers to direct routes. Arriva have been involved in discussions. Issue is a commercial operating decision for Arriva. It is an inconvenience rather than a major safety issue	No further action required by DCC	
8. High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane	Speeding	Parking by shoppers, unloading vehicles causes congestions. But speeding further up is the real problem. Vehicles are not slowing down early enough. Speeding is a problem further up from the zebra crossing. Vehicles haven't slowed down by the time they reach the crossing. Part time parking restriction could be employed, single yellow lines but removing parking would allow cars to travel faster for longer.	MAKE A PRIORITY. Ian Butler to find out details re. Speed if speed monitoring has been undertaken, or arrange if not, and to provide results. Design and implement measures to reduce speeding. This may include automated signs that light up. Question – could sign be made to alter the speed that lights up dependent on time of day? Can a 'school zone' be designated with 20mph restrictions at start and end of school day – or permanently?	Improve road safety.

Area	Issue	Information	Actions Agreed	Primary Purpose
9. A514	Volume of traffic using the road	To large extent this is dependent on the T12 'New Road between Sinfin and Chellaston - A514/ A50 to Wilmore Road Link' Three issues / solutions were identified in the September 2006 report to Area Panel 2.	MAKE A PRIORITY. Combine all three issues in the September 2006 report to Area Panel 2 and treat as one priority issue, i.e. a. Relocating inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion b. A lay-by outside the fish and chip shop on Swarkestone Road to accommodate shop customers and buses c. Relocating the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers	Reduce congestion
10. St Peter's Road. / Glenwood Road	Vehicles using the routes as a rat run and speeding	Cars are using the residential roads to bypass the junction of Derby Road because of the time it takes to get through the junction at peak times.	Not considered a priority at this time. No further action at this time.	
11. Junction of Station Road and Derby Road	Traffic congestion along A514 caused by vehicles queuing back from the traffic lights		MAKE A PRIORITY. 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.	Reduce congestion

Area	Issue	Information	Actions Agreed	Primary Purpose
12. Derby Road	Traffic congestion and disruption of local residents.	Obstructive parking including lorries unloading / loading during peak traffic flow periods. Particular reference was made to Tesco's.	MAKE A PRIORITY. Introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times	Reduce congestion

Appendix 1.2 Notes of the meeting of the Area Panel 2 Tree Management Working Group

Held at Meeting Room 3, the Council House on 19th October 2006 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors Mark Tittley (MT) **[Chair]**, Phil Ingall (PI), Prem Chera (PC) and Robin Turner (RT).

Colin Avison (CA) (Area Panel Manager)

John Booth (JB) (Arboricultural Manager)

Geoff Gossage (GG) (resident)

MT explained the background and context to the meeting.

Tree management issues were discussed individually. A summary of the discussions and actions agreed are provided in the table below.

PI stated that he wanted the gratitude of ward councillors for the work of David Beadle, Assistant Arboricultural Officer to be noted.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on **13th December 2006 at 6.00 pm in Meeting Room 3** at the Council House.

Itemised Issues

Chellaston Ward		
Location	Issue	Action Agreed
Fernhill Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planting of 11 trees.	Area Panel to make contribution of £220 towards cost. JB will proceed with works upon Area Panel approval.
Church Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pruning of trees. Pruning has been undertaken. Still concern about root issue. PI would like three trees removed when they next need pruning.JB stated this was against the Council's Tree Management Policy however re-siting the trees or replacements would be considered.Slabs were being lifted by roots. JB stated that this was a Derby Homes issue	JB would check the situation and report back to next meeting. JB has referred roots issue to Derby Homes and report back to next meeting.

Chellaston Ward		
Location	Issue	Action Agreed
Shelton Junior School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large tree at rear of school overshadowing a residents house 	<p>CA to refer to school. Carlton Avenue, Shelton Lock, DE24 9EJ. Telephone 01332 701212. email: admin@sheltonj.derby.sch.uk Copy of Tree Management Policy to be included.</p>
Newbridge Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree / Bush on canal bank overshadows number 43. JB stated that this was part of an ancient hedgerow and that the entire hedgerow needed appropriate management, however this would be very expensive and was not a priority for funding at this time. 	<p>JB to assess and provide a quote for pruning overhanging branches of tree/ bush.</p> <p>Recommend funding of £107.00 from Area Panel 2 Tree Management budget.</p> <p>JB to undertake work following Area Panel approval.</p>
Breydon Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GG spoke of the tree overhanging his drive (Silver Birch). Branches were falling onto his drive and could potentially hit someone and damage his car. JB confirmed that the resident was within their rights to remove branches and roots that encroached across their property. GG was worried about root damage. JB stated this would be unlikely to be a problem The tree was generating a lot of seeds that infiltrated throughout GG's house and car. 	<p>JB to assess and provide quote for thinning to a maximum of 15% of the crown.</p> <p>Recommend funding of £139.05 from Area Panel 2 Tree Management budget.</p> <p>JB to undertake work following Area Panel approval.</p>
Maple Drive – within the old people's quadrangle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The very large tree needed taking out and replacing with another as it appeared to be in poor health and blocking out the light to the building. 	<p>Recommend funding of £339.90 from Area Panel 2 Tree Management budget.</p> <p>JB to undertake work following Area Panel approval.</p>

Chellaston Ward		
Location	Issue	Action Agreed
Moyne Gardens / Boyd Grove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overgrown trees were damaging residents cars. There was uncertainty over ownership of land. 	JB to arrange investigation and report back to next meeting
Lime Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollarded trees needed pruning. JB stated that normal practise was to visit trees managed this way were usually visited every three years. 	<p>JB to arrange for an early revisit due to excessive growth this year.</p> <p>Recommend funding of £100.00 from Area Panel 2 Tree Management budget.</p> <p>JB to proceed with works upon Area Panel approval.</p>

Sinfin Ward		
Location	Issue	Action Agreed
94 Victory Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bush needs cutting back. JB will arrange inspection 	JB will undertake any works necessary.
Moorside Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Poplar tree makes a mess when the blossom falls off. The flowers are abundant and people cannot open windows or doors without being inundated. They make a mess everywhere not just in the gardens 	JB to investigate and report back to next meeting on possible actions.
Ashcroft Primary School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree is blocking lights out at adjoining flats and hedge needs cutting down to six foot in height 	<p>CA to refer to school. Deep Dale Lane, Sinfin. DE24 3HF. Tel: 01332 764160 email: admin@ashcroft.derby.sch.uk</p> <p>Copy of Tree Management Policy to be included.</p>

Boulton Ward		
Location	Issue	Action Agreed
Corner of Gilbert Street and Holbrook Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree reported to be undermining wall. 	JB to investigate and report back to next meeting