

The Resident

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Dear Resident

## MARKEATON STREET - THROUGH TRAFFIC

Many residents have expressed concern, over a number of years, about road safety in Markeaton Street. The use of the road by through traffic, the high levels of onstreet parking and poor visibility at the Brick Street junction can all create difficulties. In 1994 traffic calming was introduced along Markeaton Street to help control vehicle speeds but this has only been partially effective and has not reduced the amount of through traffic.

More recently a petition requesting that Markeaton Street be made one-way was considered by Area Panel 5. Council Members resolved that the issue should be investigated and a detailed response provided. As part of this process we need your views. We will use your comments to help determine what we need to do to improve things.

Some residents have suggested that Markeaton Street should be made one-way with traffic only being permitted to travel from Brick Street through to Merchant Street. This will help reduce the volume of through traffic, particularly in the morning, and will also mean that the limited visibility at the Brick Street junction will no longer be an issue. There are some potential downsides to this. Residents will need to travel towards Ashbourne Road or Kedleston Road when leaving the area by car and these routes are often congested. Markeaton Street forms part of the City Council's strategic cycle network and is a popular route. If a one-way system were introduced, it would mean that no vehicles, including cycles could enter the street from its junction with Merchant Street/Mackworth Road.

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An alternative solution may be the introduction of a 'No Entry' restriction, except for cycles, at the junction with Merchant Street/Mackworth Road. This would still mean that all vehicles, except cycles, would not be allowed to enter Markeaton Street, at this end, but two-way traffic would still be allowed on the rest of the street. This would mean that residents and visitors would still be able to leave the street towards either Brick Street or Merchant Street/Mackworth Road. The attached drawing No TM 13/01/06 illustrates this option. This would not address the issue of visibility at the Brick Street junction.

I would like to know what you think. I have enclosed a questionnaire that I would hope every household will complete. To help you complete the questionnaire and to give everyone the chance to discuss the issues that are important to them I also propose to make myself available on Monday 15 May. I have reserved Markeaton Bowls Club between 6pm and 7pm. Feel free to drop in at anytime. My colleagues and I will be pleased to talk to you

Please complete the reply slip and return it to me in the enclosed freepost address by Friday 19 May 2006.

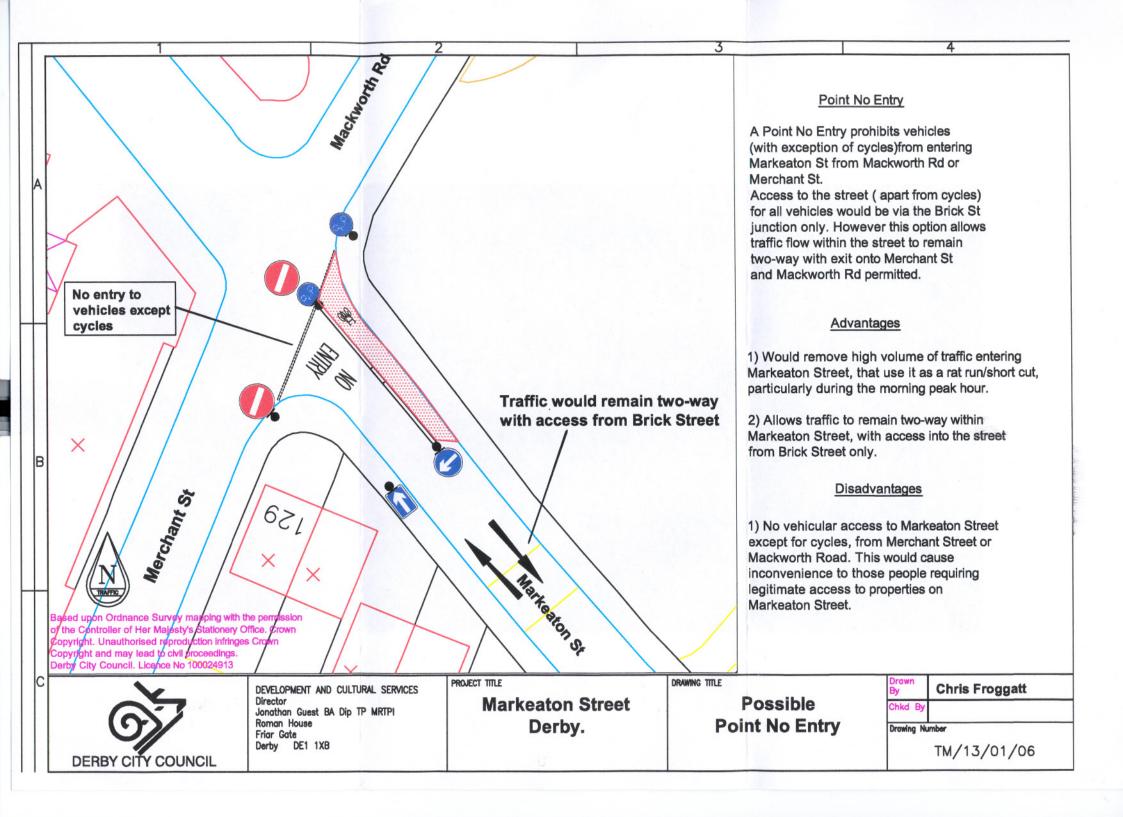
I will write to you again when all the returned responses have been analysed.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Shardlow Area Traffic Engineer

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## QUESTIONNAIRE Would you like changes made to the way traffic can use Markeaton Street? Yes No Do you use a vehicle? No/ Yes daily/ yes at least once a week/ yes but infrequently Is this a Car/van/ bicycle/ motorcycle/other

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Would you support the introduction of a No Entry restriction as shown on todaying?
Yes No
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Additional comments