



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2
6 SEPTEMBER 2006

ITEM 7a

Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Petition – Installation of separate cycle path on Osmaston Park Road

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition has been received from 36 residents of Osmaston Park Road requesting the installation of a separate cycle path. The petitioners have expressed concerns about the danger that cyclists using the footway here present to children and adults stepping out from their front gates.
- 1.2 Osmaston Park Road forms part of the outer ring road of Derby and consequently carries a large volume of traffic including many heavy goods vehicles. Although the petitioners do not make it clear which footway is of concern, all except three of them live on the south western side of the road.
- 1.3 The footway on this side of the road is set back approximately 15m from the road and is tree lined. It is understandable why cyclists would prefer to use this route purely because of the high volume of traffic and the feeling of vulnerability on the main road. There have also been four reported injury accidents involving cyclists in the last three years, two of which were serious.
- 1.4 Clearly there is a desire for cyclists to use this route and the formation of a segregated cycle route along Osmaston Park Road could be considered for some future work programme. A 3 metre wide shared path is likely to cost in the order of £75,000 for the 1.3 km stretch between Victory Road and the Mitre Island. However, this part of the ring road is not part of Derby's Strategic Cycle Network and therefore any work here would need to fit with other priorities on the recognised network.
- 1.5 The panel will be aware of the report 'Consultation on the 2007/08 programme for highways and transport' in which the panel are being asked to consider their priorities. The panel will need to consider where cycling fits within those priorities in order that appropriate attention is given to this issue.
- 1.6 Cycle Improvements have already been secured as part of a development for the northern end of Osmaston Park Road from the roundabout to Victory Road. These improvements are welcomed and it is understood that a further sum of money has been negotiated for additional cycle and pedestrian improvements in the area.
- 1.7 Although funding is not immediately available, a site visit will be carried out with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to determine in more detail the suitability of the route.

- 1.8 Cycling on the footway here is illegal and the police will be advised of the resident's issues.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 The petition for a separate cycle path along Osmaston Park Road is noted.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The police are made aware of this issue through the monthly City Council/Police liaison meeting.

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Background papers: File held in Traffic Control Section
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