

## **AREA PANEL FIVE – UPDATE REPORT FOR 12 OCTOBER 2005**

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**1. Ref: 504027 – Pedestrian crossing, Blenheim Drive, Allestree – received 02.06.04**

Issue

Need for a pedestrian crossing at Woodlands School

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

The pedestrian crossing on referred to was put in place as part of the school travel plan. The traffic flows differ in this location, as a lot of traffic turns left before reaching the point where the request has been made for a further crossing. We would review the situation should Woodlands School develop a travel plan in the future.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

A pedestrian crossing has been installed further along Blenheim Drive near to Portway School. The request for a pedestrian crossing near to Woodlands school will be reviewed if the school develops a school travel plan.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

**2. Ref: 504060 – Petition - Parking, Oakover Drive, Allestree - received 07.12.04**

Issue

A petition signed by 362 residents had been submitted, asking for action to prevent double parking, illegal and obstructing parking on Oakover Drive, Allestree.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

In February 2005 a report in response to the petition was presented to the panel and the request to introduce waiting restrictions was turned down. The report outlined that legislation surrounding traffic regulation is very clear in that parking restrictions can only be considered where safety is unduly compromised or traffic flow is significantly affected.

It was agreed that Derby City Council and the University of Derby continue to work together to encourage students to use alternative forms of transport to the private car. The University has implemented a Travel Plan and appointed a Travel Plan Manager. It was confirmed that officers would keep the situation under review.

In April it was confirmed that at the area panel meeting on 6 July there would be a discussion with the University on traffic issues relating to the University.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

This issue will be included as part of the work being carried out by the Council, the University, and the Police in preparing a response to the presentation made by the University and the resulting discussion on 6 July 2005.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**3. Ref: 505014 – Petition – Crossing on Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree - raised 06.04.05**

Issue

A petition was submitted which asked for a risk assessment and action relating to the hazard of crossing the road at the junction of Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

The investigations had not been completed and the report will be available at the October meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Provide report to the October meeting

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

A report responding to this petition can be found on the agenda under item 5d.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**4. Ref: 503035 – Parking at Markeaton Primary School, – raised 02.07.03**

Issue

The need to introduce parking restrictions outside Markeaton Primary School.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported in July that the order is not yet available. We are mid-way through the process and still undertaking consultation. No objections have been received to date. We hope to have the order in place for the October meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The Traffic Regulation Order came in to force on 20 September 2005. The double yellow lines around the junctions and the “no stopping” signs at the zig zags near the school were all installed in September.

Responsibility

Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715019

**5. Ref: 503051 – King Street Subway, - received 08.10.03**

Issue

Residents voiced concern about the safety of the subway under King Street and asked that it be closed.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

We are currently working on detailed plans to put in a surface crossing and close the subway at Kings Street. It was reported that it is planned to complete the work prior to Christmas.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

We are waiting for a start date from our contractors. Consultation with residents on the project will take place shortly. More information will be available at the meeting on 12 October.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**6. Ref: 504054 – Rat running on Church Lane, Darley Abbey, – raised 07.12.04**

Issue

A number of residents raised concern about vehicles using Church Lane to avoid traffic queues on Duffield Road. It was reported on behalf of the Darley Abbey Traffic Committee that the Council had agreed to put in additional traffic calming measures, but that these had been withdrawn two years ago. The money had apparently been spent on coloured paving instead.

A resident felt that the situation would only improve if the A38 junctions were improved at Mackworth and on the A61.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

In total, around 13,000 households were invited to attend exhibitions and make comments concerning transport plans, including the Five Lamps junction improvements, as well as Connecting Derby. As indicated in the report to Cabinet, residents felt strongly that no further action should be taken in this area as most people felt that rat-running had reduced. Cabinet recommended that no further action should be taken. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public asked when the consultation was done, and suggested that all Darley Abbey residents should receive a questionnaire.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported that consultation took place in November / December 2003, and the strong preference identified in that consultation was taken to Cabinet, who recommended that no further action be taken. This will be continually monitored.

Councillor Travis explained that the consultation was part of the Connecting Derby scheme.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

The panel agreed to refer this back to Cabinet.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

This issue was considered by Cabinet on 27 September 2005. Cabinet agreed to conduct further consultation.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064



**7. Ref: 504058 – Litter, footway St Benedict School to Broadway – raised 07.12.04**

Issue

A resident raised concerns about the amount of litter deposited on the footpath between St Benedict School and Broadway. He was also concerned that the hedges on this footway were only trimmed when he requested.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

This footway has now been scheduled for a weekly litter collection each Wednesday. This is a high cleansing frequency. We will continue to monitor the area.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public stated that the problem was not just with the footpath, explaining that a lot of elderly people in the area are becoming nervous due to trespassers on their gardens. He asked that the Council take this issue up again. They also informed the panel that the bushes from the school on the Park Farm Way footpath are growing over the path, which is preventing access, and therefore more regular cutting is required.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

To continue monitoring the footpath

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

Highways or Parks does not own the footway from St. Benedict School to Broadway, but in response to the issues with litter it has now been added to the regular weekly street cleaning route.

However, because it is not a Highways footpath they are unable to take enforcement action for the overgrowing bushes. The bushes along the path belong to the school and we have contacted the school and written to them asking that the bushes be trimmed back.

Responsibility

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352  
John Edgar, Maintenance Manager – Highways and Footways, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

**8. Ref: 504059 – Balustrade at Darley Abbey Park and S106 monies in Strutts Park, – raised 07.12.04**

Issue

A resident asked what had happened about the balustrade at Darley Abbey Park. The Area panel had agreed a feasibility study and temporary measures were in place to prevent accident.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Council Cabinet discussed this on 26 April and agreed to identify £15,000 for appropriate use in Darley Ward when the 2004-5 budget outturn was known. They also agreed to ask Planning Control Committee to make sure full consultation takes place with ward members before final decisions are made about the allocation of funds received under S106 agreements for use in connection with environmental or community purposes.

It is intended that an application will be made to the Lottery within two years to enable improvements to be made to the Park.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public asked if it isn't now going to be on the balustrades.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported that the Council would identify money for a project in Darley Ward, which would not necessarily be the balustrade. Funding for works in the Park including the balustrade would be sought from the Lottery.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

Funding is still being sought from the lottery to complete the work on the balustrade.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716272

**9. Ref: 505011 – Speed limit on Broadway, - raised 06.04.05**

Issue

A local resident raised concern about the 40mph speed limit on Broadway. He asked the panel if they were aware that the public entrance to Highfields has been closed. The only entrance is by St Mary's school, where there is conflicting traffic.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported in July 2005 that this issue was previously raised in 2004 and that the same response still applies. The response was that:

In 2002 Traffic Control officers consulted on a scheme to implement a new crossing, kerb buildouts and speed reduction of 30 mph. A new crossing was implemented. However, the police did not support the introduction of a 30 mph limit as they believed the current 40mph limit was appropriate for the prevailing conditions. In addition, surveys had been carried out and they found there was no major problem concerning speeds in excess of the existing 40mph. There are also few recorded personal injury accidents in this section of road. If the 30 mph limit were introduced there would be few parked cars to help keep the speeds below 30mph, especially at weekends. The introduction of any reduction in the speed limit needs to be self-enforcing and appropriate for the current conditions. For the above reasons, there are no plans at present to introduce a 30mph limit. We believe that the 40mph limit is appropriate for the current conditions.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

No further action is proposed.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**10. Ref: 505012 – Bollards, Darley Park, - raised 06.04.05**

Issue

A member of the public asked the panel if the Council are responsible for making sure that the bollards are put up at night at the entrances to Darley Park. She raised concern that people have been able to access the park in their cars late at night.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

There are no bollards replaced at the entrances to Darley Abbey Park in the evening. However, the entrances into the park are inaccessible to vehicles at that time of day. No vehicular access is available from Strutts Park or from Darley Abbey, and the entrance from Duffield Road is closed by a barrier.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

No further action proposed.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

**11. Ref: 505013 – Petition – Restrictive Parking, North Street, - received 06.04.05**

Issue

Lead petitioner stated that there were ten houses affected, and five of those houses were represented at the meeting. He stated that problems had arisen since the new housing opened. He informed the panel that the residents pay £25 for residents parking, and £50 for a second parking permit, but currently cannot park outside their homes. The petition was therefore asking for a residents only permit scheme.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A report is currently being prepared but unfortunately this report cannot be presented until the October meeting. Investigations are still under way.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Provide report to October meeting

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The investigations are continuing into this complex issue. The report will now be provided for the meeting in December.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**12. Ref: 505017 – Pedestrian Access, Agard Street / Ford Street, - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

Colin Underhill raised the issue of the Agard Street junction with Ford Street, left hand turn, there is no pedestrian access – could this be appraised to have a crossing.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Bill Reed explained that the wider proposals for the Connecting Derby development includes Ford Street and the pedestrian crossing facilities are all considered as part of the proposals.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

Under the Connecting Derby proposals, Stafford Street will become two-way and Friary Street closed off at its junction with Stafford Street. Pedestrian facilities will be provided at the junction of Stafford Street and Friar Gate and also at the new signalised roundabout at the Stafford Street/Curzon Street/Uttoxeter New Road junction.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**13. Ref: 505020 – Parking on Broadway, - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A resident was concerned about parking on Broadway. People park on double yellow lines at the exits from Penny Long Lane. Who is responsible for monitoring this – police or traffic wardens?

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported that the yellow lines are there to protect the visibility of the junction. The enforcement of this is currently with the police but will transfer to the council in 2006. We will draw it to the police's attention.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Update from the Police

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The Police have been visiting the area and 29 fixed penalty tickets were issued in one week in September on Broadway. These include any vehicles breaking the law near Penny Long Lane. The Police anticipate that over 100 tickets will have been issued on Broadway in September.

Responsibility

Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Derbyshire Constabulary, telephone 613131

**14. Ref: 505022 – Clovelly Development, - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A resident of Longford Street raised concern that the new Clovelly development blocked the view of people trying to cross the road. She stated that there was a path on the other side of the road that leads to Kedleston Road, but you can no longer see the traffic coming around the corner. She asked that this be investigated.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Councillor Chris Wynn, member of the Planning Control Committee, told the meeting that the redevelopment complies with planning guidance.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Councillor Travis agreed about the state of the pavement, and stated that vegetation needs to be cut back. She also agreed that the builders traffic also needs to be looked at, and asked if the pavement could be reinstated.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

We have looked at the plans for the development. Visibility for pedestrians crossing the road at this point is not significantly worse than that before the development. The alternative route for pedestrians from Longford Street would be towards the junction with Kedleston Road and then along Kedleston Road.

We have inspected the footway and found that it is in an acceptable condition. There are no plans to undertake any work. We will continue to monitor the condition of the footway every six months and if any repairs are identified as a result of the inspections, they will be carried out at that time.

We will arrange to have the vegetation cut back.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064



**15. Ref: 505023 – Restrictions on parking on Broadway, - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A member of the public stated that two years ago a proposal was put forward to narrow Broadway and to reduce the speed limit to 30mph, but to date nothing has been done.

He asked whether the Council had considered a scheme that allows two hour no parking in the middle of the day to ensure people could not park there all day. This is what Nottingham Council had done around the Queens Medical Centre.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

As a result of consultation in 2002 no action was taken to reduce the speed limit to 30mph or narrow Broadway, as previously reported to the area panel.

Regarding the suggestion to restrict parking, parking is tolerated on the public highway and all members of the public are able to park providing they do so in accordance with the Highway Code and that their vehicle is taxed and insured. Parking restrictions are only ever installed where they are absolutely necessary.

Yellow lines are not a tool to prevent unwanted people parking on the public highway. They are generally only considered where there is a road safety hazard or serious congestion. It is not considered that either of these cases apply on Broadway.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**16. Ref: 505024 – Dropped kerbs, Mackworth Road and Merchant Street - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A local resident raised the issue of damaged dropped kerbs since the Merchants Corner flats on the corner of the Mackworth Road and Merchant Street were built. She stated that she had to assist a wheel chair user, and it was impossible to negotiate the kerbs without being in a dangerous position on the road.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Agreed to look into this issue and report back to a future panel meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

We have been out to inspect the dropped kerbs. Our assessment showed there to be no problems with the dropped kerbs. They meet the current standards.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**17. Ref: 505025 – Resurfacing, Mackworth Road - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A member of the public asked the panel to find out why the road repairs on Mackworth Road have been ripped up so quickly by the traffic. She asked if it was due to bad workmanship or the materials used.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The work carried out was a temporary repair until such time as we are able to carry out full resurfacing. Inspections have indicated that there are no problems with the standard of work. We expect that the resurfacing will be done during the financial year 2007/08. Until this time, the road will be inspected on a six-monthly basis and any necessary repairs carried out.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**18. Ref: 504020 – Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth – received 02.06.04**

Issue

Need for bollards to stop vehicles driving over paved pedestrian areas. In particular, vehicles servicing the cash machine were driving on the paved areas. Agreed to ask the Co-op whether they could make alternative arrangements with the cash machine suppliers.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

The bollards should be in by the end of June and before the meeting on 6 July.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public confirmed that the bollards were not in place.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The concrete bollards have now been installed.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager – Highways and Footways, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

**19. Ref: 504035 – Pedestrian Crossing, Mackworth Estate, Mackworth – received 21.07.04**

Issue

A pedestrian crossing was requested across the A52 between the Mackworth Estate and Markeaton Park as it was extremely dangerous, especially for children crossing.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

In February 2005 it was reported that it is not recommended to install a crossing on Ashbourne Road on the approach to Markeaton Roundabout. It was reported that observations during the morning and evening peak hours showed very few pedestrians were seen to cross Ashbourne Road on the 400m approach to Markeaton Roundabout. In total seven adults crossed the road in these two hours most of whom appeared to be walking their dogs. Only one pedestrian crossed at the roundabout. At these times two-way traffic flows were estimated to be around 1000 vehicles an hour.

In July it was confirmed that the survey was conducted at the busiest traffic times, during the morning and evening peaks. It is recognised that on occasions pedestrians may have to wait some time for a safe gap in traffic or use other facilities which may be less convenient. However, the very low level of pedestrians means that the crossing falls well short of the Council's approved criteria. In these circumstances, it is not recommended that a crossing be introduced on Ashbourne Road on the approach to Markeaton Roundabout.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public stated that it is too dangerous to cross the road and this needs to be reiterated. He explained that pedestrians cannot actually cross the road at that point, which would result in the low count figures, and this should be taken into account.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Councillor Gerrard agreed with the resident.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The very low level of pedestrians crossing the road means that the location falls well short of the Council's approved criteria. In total seven adults crossed the road in the two busiest hours in the morning and evening, most of whom appeared to be walking their dogs. Only one pedestrian crossed at the roundabout. At these times two-way traffic flows were estimated to be around 1000 vehicles an hour.

In these circumstances, it is not recommended to install a crossing on Ashbourne Road on the approach to Markeaton Roundabout.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**20. Ref: 504055 – Litter bins in Knightsbridge Recreation Ground, Mackworth – raised 07.12.04**

Issue

A resident asked whether additional bins could be provided in Knightsbridge Recreation Ground

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Streetcare inspected nearby roads on a number of occasions but it does not currently meet the criteria to have an extra highways waste bin installed. No litter problems were found on roads therefore we will not be putting litter bins out. However the request will be passed to Commercial Services Parks Department as they are responsible for cleaning parks.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

It was reported that the site had been included in a list from among which 20 new dual purpose bins would be chosen and that the location was still under review.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

Parks have installed a dual purpose bin on Knightsbridge Recreation ground, and are considering one nearer to Prince Charles Avenue.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716272

**21. Ref: 505008 – Bushes, Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth - raised 06.04.05**

Issue

Mr Lomax, thanked the panel for the bushes being moved, and asked if this was going to be a possibility for other similar bushes in the area, which would include Prince Charles Avenue and Wimbledon Gardens.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Two locations have been agreed by the Community Association; these are under consideration by the Maintenance team and the Anti Social Behaviour Team.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The installation of the flower beds and planting of the bushes was part of a Millennium Fund project led by the Council. It was not connected to any scheme developed by Derby Homes or the previous Housing Department as part of the City Housing Improvement Plans - CHIPs. The project was intended to lead to a 'greater greener' Derby.

Estimates have been requested to either heavily thin the bushes leaving the trees with high levels of visibility below or to remove the bushes, grass over the area and leave the trees in place.

The agreed course of action will be reported to a future meeting when the estimates have been received.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer telephone 716272

**22. Ref: 505010 – Petition – Pedestrian crossing, Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth - raised 06.04.05**

Issue

Mrs Lee handed a petition to the panel with some 400 signatures from residents of Prince Charles Avenue.

She raised the following four questions:

1. What is the criteria for road crossing – locally or nationally put in place
2. What department install the criteria conditions
3. When were the criteria requirements made compulsory
4. What criteria is necessary before they can have a basic need for a crossing

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Tony Gascoigne has met the lead petitioner, Mrs Lee. Mrs Lee feels that the last count was done during inclement weather and when some of the shops may have been closed. Mrs Lee has also contacted Bob Laxton MP who has asked us to consider repeating our survey on a different day. We are also aware that there may be increases in pedestrian and vehicle movements as a result of the restructuring of Mackworth College. In these circumstances it is felt that it would be better to wait until the college recommences in September to undertake our investigations. We have written to Bob Laxton MP who will inform the lead petitioner of our proposed course of action, and Mrs Lee has been informed prior to the meeting. She is in agreement with this approach.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Mrs Lee asked the panel if they would be told when the next survey for the pedestrian crossing on Prince Charles Avenue would take place.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Bill Reed explained that residents are not notified in advance as it could distort the findings.

Councillor Higginbottom asked if it would be possible to give an outline timescale, rather than a specific date to the resident.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Provide an indication of the timescale for the pedestrian survey.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

A report responding to this petition can be found on the agenda under item 5e.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064



**23. Ref: 505016 – Crazy golf course, Markeaton Park, Mackworth - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

An Allestree resident raised concern over the state of the crazy golf course at Markeaton Park. She asked the panel if it was due to be refurbished, and if so when, and if not, why.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

This will be referred to the Parks Department, and a response given to the next meeting.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and respond to next meeting

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

Parks have reported that the golf course was painted at the beginning of the 2005 season. There are no further plans to do any additional work apart from ongoing maintenance.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Development Officer, telephone 716272

**24. Ref: 505018 – Removal of bins, Mackworth Estate, Mackworth - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

Paul Pegg informed the panel that since the resurfacing of the pavements on Mackworth Estate, some bins removed have not been replaced, and has resulted in large amounts of rubbish. He asked that these be replaced with immediate effect.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Bill Reed explained that there is programme for the replacement bins.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

We are currently only aware of two bins being removed in Mackworth. These were removed because of vandalism. It is our intention to replace them as soon as possible.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Richard Winter, Streetcare, telephone 716352

**25. Ref: 505019 – Junction of Ashbourne Road and Prince Charles Avenue, Mackworth - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A member of the public raised concern about the dangerous state of the junction at Prince Charles Avenue asked about having a roundabout or traffic lights installed. He stated that this issue had been raised previously, and asked that this be investigated and suggested the installation of traffic lights on the roundabout.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Highways carried out an extensive analysis at the junction, which was reported to the Panel approximately six months ago. It was suggested at that time that the current design was the most appropriate in terms of through traffic on Ashbourne Road and vehicle and pedestrian safety on Prince Charles Avenue.

Councillor Higginbottom asked that Highways look into this again, and requested that surveys be carried out during term time at Derby College.

Councillor Gerrard agreed with Councillor Higginbottom. He stated that extensive changes were carried out some years ago, when traffic lights were not installed which he thought were required. He considered that the junction is dangerous and avoids it. He suggested that local residents put together a petition stating the dangers, and the need for the installation of traffic measures on the junction,

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

A local safety scheme was put in place at this junction in 1996 which included the installation of refuges, hatching markings on the road and right turn harbourages. As a result the number of accidents reduced from 10 recorded between 1992-1995 before the introduction of the scheme, to 4 during the last 3 year period of 2002-2005.

In addition, the use of mobile safety cameras has seen a reduction in the speed of vehicles travelling along Ashbourne Road. The visibility at this junction is good and the installation of traffic lights is unlikely to result in a change to the number of accidents experienced, but may only serve to change the type of accidents that do occur.

We do not propose to undertake any additional local safety schemes at this junction because it is not seen as a priority at the moment due to the relatively small number of accidents recorded.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**26. Ref: 505005 – Graffiti, all wards - raised 02.02.05**

Issue

A member of the public handed in photographs that she had taken of graffiti around St Mary's Church, Arthur Street, and North Gate, and asked that these be passed to Mr Winter. She asked the panel what the Council intend to do about graffiti. She went to explain that the utility boxes are a prime target for this, and asked if there was any agreement with the owners of them, to clean them. She stated that lampposts on Normanton Road have been painted with anti-graffiti paint, and asked that utility companies, and the public are given information about this.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

As of 1 March 2005, the contract for graffiti removal passed from Onyx to the Council's Commercial Services Department.

It is intended to commence an enhanced graffiti removal service from mid to late summer. The new service will expand to removal from Private Property though the following provisos will apply. We will only remove if ...

- it is safe to do so
- That we can actually remove the graffiti
- That we will not damage the fabric of the building
- and we have the written permission from the property owner.

This will involve recruiting an additional employee - currently Commercial Services provide a member of staff who has graffiti removal as part of a wider range of jobs. The staff concerned will work with new chemicals and new practices which have proved effective in Australia and a number of high profile local authorities in the UK.

The new chemicals will allow the Council to remove graffiti from private properties and other organisations equipment because they do not cause damage as much as previous chemicals and practices. The company who will be supplying the chemicals are also in the process of providing training for the Council in time for the start on 1 August.

This changed practice featured in the Derby Evening Telegraph on Monday 27 June.

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

A member of the public explained that they had reported graffiti on the World Heritage Site over six weeks ago, but to date, nothing had been done about it.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Councillor Travis reported that she too had reported this incident, and had spoken to an Officer yesterday who had informed her that they have a new chemical solution that they will be trying, but they obviously need to carry out tests first. They had assured her that this would be looked at.

Councillor Webb asked if the police could explain the situation regarding the immediate removal of graffiti, stating that when it is removed immediately, it can actually cause problems with identifying the who had carried it out.

Police confirmed that this can cause problems with identification, but stated that all graffiti should be reported to the Police, as it is an offence of criminal damage.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005
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Update

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005
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We are aware of problems on the World Heritage sign.

The new graffiti team has been appointed and been operating since August. They have now been trained and have produced a massive increase in the number of jobs cleaned off.

The partnership project supported by the Derby Evening Telegraph's 'Lets Strike Back' Campaign has proved very successful. One person has been dealt with and received a magistrates penalty and a three year Anti Social Behavior Order - ASBO and further cases are pending.

Responsibility
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Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

**27. Ref: 505021 – Former Parks open tennis tournament, all wards - raised 06.07.05**

Issue

A resident asked what had happened to the former tennis tournament held in the park, and asked if this event could be revived.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 July 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 July 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 July 2005

Investigate and report back

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 12 October 2005

The original tournament ran for 23 years until its final year in 2000.

In response to this question the issue was raised at a meeting between Sports Development, Derbyshire Tennis Association and other partners in August 2005. It was proposed to reintroduce a new look open tennis tournament in Derby for 2006.

It is hoped the new tournament will take place at the start of the summer 2006 and provide an opportunity for anyone to enter especially young people because it will be linked to the Derbyshire Youth Games.

Responsibility

Andy Doodson, Senior Sports Development Officer, telephone 715661