

ITEM 9

AREA PANEL THREE – UPDATE REPORT

FOR 30 MARCH 2005

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1. Ref: 304012 – Unauthorised change of use at 51, Mount Street - received 17.03.04

Issue

Concern was raised about the Apples Garage, on Mount Street/Mill Hill Lane being turned into 'Floors to go'. A major retail organisation it has enormous lorry deliveries at least three times a week. There is also a forklift truck that goes on the pavement. This has been reported to the planning department – who say that this is an unauthorised change of use, as they do not have planning permission. It has also been reported to the police about when the lorries are there. This is a major junction and local residents feel that something needs to be done.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

A letter was received from a Chartered Surveyor in Birmingham to advise the Council they are in the process of preparing a planning application on behalf of Floors 2 Go. They hope to be in a position to submit the application by the end of November -subject to meeting with a planning officer. Despite this, officers have continued with the enforcement process. The Legal section was instructed to commence enforcement proceedings at the end of October 2004. Legal have serving Section 330 "request for information" notices on all interested parties prior to serving the actual Enforcement Notice.

No planning application has been received yet, but the Floors 2 Go's agents met with officers to discuss their proposed planning application on 7/1/05 prior to submitting it. They indicated that the application will be submitted within the next two weeks. Should a planning application be received either before a potential Notice is served or before the last date of compliance stated within such a Notice, then all enforcement action will be put into abeyance whilst the planning application is determined.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Residents expressed their concern about the length of time that this issue is taking to resolve and their frustration with the planning system.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To provide an update at the next area panel meeting in March.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Planning Application DER/205/147 has been received. Immediate neighbours and complainants to be notified in due course.

Responsibility

Laurence Rayner, Planning and Enforcement Assistant, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255947

2. Ref: 304031 – Railings – Mount Carmel Street - received 14.07.04

Issue

A resident raised concerns about dangerous railings on the steps at Mount Carmel Street – there is a piece missing, and one dangerous piece. This was initially reported 3 years ago and residents feel that they are no nearer to getting these replaced. They are not asking for a replacement just a repair.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The missing piece of railing was replaced at the end of November but resident have report that the loose railing at the Burton Road end of the steps remains defective.

The Maintenance Contractor has informed the City Council that they have booked the blacksmith to carry out these works on the 11 January 2005.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

A member of the public reported that repairs were still outstanding. The original request also asked for the railings to be painted. Sarah Edwards to investigate further.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To follow up this request and report back at the next area panel meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The railings have now been repaired. The Council will arrange to have the railings repainted.

Responsibility

Stewart Corbett, Highway Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715008.

3. Ref: 304034 – Traffic issues – Normanton and Pear Tree - received 14.07.04

Issue

A resident raised concern over the bad traffic congestion problems within the area, and commented that there was no room to increase access for traffic. This also affected the air quality. She asked the panel what the Council were doing to apply the Road Traffic Reduction Act of 1997.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The issues raised about air pollution are huge and extend far beyond Normanton and Pear Tree. The current Local Transport Plan, and its review, which is currently underway, seek to develop and deliver an integrated system that reduces congestion, improves accessibility, minimises impact on the environment, and enhances safety.

It is not possible to provide a more specific response to the question about road traffic reduction. However, extensive consultation was undertaken in October to help identify priorities for the next LTP. The results of this consultation show that people recognise there is a need to tackle four broad priorities, including congestion, safety, accessibility and the environmental impacts of transport. As the five year programme is developed for the period 2006 to 2011, we will be consulting further with people in Derby and we will also use the area panels to gauge opinions and views on the types of schemes we are putting forward.

The Council is aware of the problems of congestion and delays caused by the customers of Pak foods when accessing the car park. Whilst the Council's traffic engineers understand the reason why residents have suggested banning the right turn they have written to the resident to say that they do not feel that this action would solve the problem. They are concerned that drivers would continue to make this turn, bringing other right turn signs into disrepute or, park in less appropriate locations, as there is no easy alternative route to access the car park for traffic approaching from the south.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

There was considerable debate about this issue, which is an ongoing problem for residents in the area.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The chair concluded that there was no one solution to the problems of congestion on Normanton Road and said that the Council recognised that there is a need to look at the issue of congestion later in the year.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Responsibility

David Gartside, Head of Traffic– Highways, Transportation and Waste, telephone 715025.
Pete Price, Transport Policy Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034.

4. Ref: 304038 – Graffiti in Crompton/ Gerard Streets - received 08.09.04

Issue

Mr Woodward raised concerned about the graffiti on Crompton Street. He has spoken to the Council about this, but was told that it is the landlord's problem as it is private property. In areas such Crompton Street, Gerard Street and the alley way in Marks and Spencer this is becoming a bigger and bigger problem. He is aware that the Council are under funded in this area and unless the graffiti is racist they do not have the resources to remove it. He asked the Council to supply advice on its removal.

November 2004

It was reported that the property in question is a private property. The only solution for removing the graffiti is to paint over it, because the wall is a painted render. The council has written to the owner but have had no reply. Anyone who contacts the council for advice is given it freely. We are currently investigating ways in which we could increase the amount of graffiti removal on Private Property. The problem is identifying who owns property that has got graffiti on and getting them to take some action about it. It is often the case that each graffiti job must be examined before work can take place, no one solution fits all.

A key target for the Anti-social Behaviour Team and partner agencies is graffiti. A recent notable success is the targeting of the tagger known as 'drops'. He has been made subject to a three-year anti-social behaviour order prohibiting him from being in possession of paint materials in public, not to cause graffiti or cause alarm, harassment and distress.

Richard Winters attended this meeting and gave a short presentation about the Council's policies for the removal of graffiti. He also answered a range of questions from residents.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To close this item following the January meeting. The Council will continue to work with the owners of the properties on the Empress Road jitty to try to get an agreement to remove the graffiti on the walls.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Members of the public expressed their concern at the proposal to close this item. There was a consensus that this issue has not been resolved and that graffiti has increased.

It was also noted that there has been no response to the request for clarification about the contractual responsibilities of the utility companies to remove graffiti and flyposters from their green utility boxes located on the highway.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The panel agreed that graffiti is a serious problem across the whole area and resolved to ask the Council Cabinet to acknowledge the need to increase funding available to tackle graffiti in the 2005/6 budget round. It was also suggested that this issue should be referred to the anti-social behaviour team to see if they can assist the panel to tackle this growing problem.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To refer the panel recommendation to the Council Cabinet and to provide a response to the question about green utility boxes at the next area panel meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The Council has an agreement with the telephone companies to paint over graffiti on the green boxes. If residents have any particular problems with graffiti on green boxes, please contact Richard Winters with details of the precise locations and we will arrange for them to be painted.

An additional £30,000 has been identified by the Council for the financial year 2005/06 to help tackle the problem of graffiti throughout the city.

Responsibility

Richard Winter, Streetcare and Waste Management, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

5. Ref: 303053 – Removal of telephone boxes in the City - received 19.11.03

Issue

Concern was raised in November 2003 about the perceived reduction in the number of public telephones in the City.

BT Payphones is currently reviewing the provision of payphones throughout Great Britain. The work is being undertaken in several phases over an 18-month period. In a recent letter to the Council stated that they remain *'committed to maintaining a quality public payphone network and meeting our Universal Service Obligations by the adequate provision of payphones across Great Britain. We will not leave any community without a payphone service regardless of the profitability of such payphones.'*

BT has initially identified a number of payphones for removal, which are losing money due to low usage and have an alternative payphone nearby. It is understood that they would normally post a notice in the payphone to mark the beginning of a 42-day consultation period.

If any member of the public is concerned about BT plans to remove a payphone they should contact BT and quote the phone number and location of the kiosk in their correspondence.

This item was closed following the meeting in March 2004 and re-opened following the meeting in September 2004.

It was reopened in September 2004 and BT were invited to attend a future area panel meeting to provide an update on the latest position with their rationalisation programme.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

It is suggested that this item should now be closed as BT have not responded to the request to attend an area panel meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

A member of the public expressed her concern about the proposed closure of this item.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

In the light of these comments the chair suggested that it should remain open.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

It was agreed that Sarah Edwards continue to pursue BT with the request to attend an Area Panel meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Terry Johnson from BT has agreed to attend a future meeting to do a short presentation about the BT Rationalisation Programme and to answer questions. He has been asked to attend the June 2005 meeting.

Responsibility

John Stewart, Planning, Development and Cultural Services. Telephone 255934
Rick Thompson, Project Liaison Office, BT Payphones, PP 06A21, Delta Point, Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR9 2YZ. Telephone: 0800 252 745. Email: bt.authorisation.team@bt.com

6. Ref: 304048 – Area Panel Papers - received 10.11.04

Issue

Chris Woodward asked that the changes in the way the Council distributes the meeting papers be raised as a late item in the meeting.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

A motion was considered by the full Council on November 24 to reinstate the original process for the distribution of agenda papers. Council agreed to amend the motion to make 40 copies of each agenda available free of charge for collection by individuals at the Council House. One copy for each person will be available on a first come served basis. Anyone attending the area panel meeting will receive a copy if the allocated 40 sets have not all been distributed prior to the meeting. In future the list of community issues contained in the update report and the names of funding applications and projects will be included on the agenda that is distributed to everyone on the area panel database. Copies of the agenda and papers can also be viewed or downloaded from the Council website at www.derby.gov.uk

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

A resident noted his disappointment that the Council did not take on board all of the concerns raised by residents about the changes to the arrangement for distributing area panel papers or the recommendation of the area panel.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Councillor Chris Williamson agreed that it was disappointing that the motion was defeated and asked for his concern about this decision to be noted in the minutes. He also suggested that the panel make a recommendation to Council Cabinet to review this decision if there is evidence of a reduction in attendance at area panel meetings.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The panel agreed to recommend that Council Cabinet re-examines its decision on Area Panel agenda distribution if public attendance at Area Panels reduces.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The Leader of the Council took a report to Council Cabinet on the 22 February 2005 recommending that attendance at area panel meetings be monitored for two cycles and if public attendance shows a significant reduction to re-examine its decision on area panel agenda distribution.

Responsibility

Jason Spencer, Constitutional and Electoral Services Manager, telephone 255466

7. Ref: 304049 – Draft Licensing Policy - received 10.11.04

Issue

Chris Woodward asked the panel about the progress of the City's draft licensing policy. He explained that the consultation period finished in October, but had not heard anything. He asked that a report be brought to the next area panel explaining the policy, how it will be implemented, and the effects it will have on licensing hours and applications for new pubs and clubs.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The Council's final draft licensing policy was approved by Full Council on 24 November 2004 following the consultation period. The approved policy will be published before 6 January 2004. Mr Woodward will receive a copy of the policy directly as he has requested one.

The policy broadly sets out how the Council will deal with applications received under the Licensing Act 2003. Each individual application for a new licence or licence variation will be considered on its own merits.

Any 'interested parties', such as local residents and businesses, will be able to make representations to the Council when new applications or variations to existing licences are made.

Notification of these applications will be made in the local press and in notices displayed on the premises concerned. As part of their application, each applicant will be required to demonstrate how they intend to meet four 'licensing objectives' These are: preventing crime and disorder, protecting public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting children from harm. Any representations made must relate to one or more of these objectives, otherwise they will not be accepted.

Following these representations, a licensing panel hearing made up of councillors must take place. Interested parties will be able to put their views to the licensing panel before it makes a decision on the application.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Some members of the audience expressed disappointment that there was not an officer from the licensing service available at the meeting to present the report and to answer questions about licensing.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The panel agreed to invite a DCC officer to attend the next meeting and provide a short presentation about the DCC licensing policy and to answer residents' questions.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Agreed to invite an officer to the next meeting to discuss the Draft Licensing Policy.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

There will be a short presentation at the March meeting.

Responsibility

Mike Kay, Environmental Services, telephone 716340

8. Ref: 304050 – Railings, St Chads Road and Whittaker Road - received 10.11.04

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the damaged railing around the small garden at the junction of St Chad's Road and Whittaker Road. These railings were paid for by the area panel, but are now in a horrible state of disrepair. She asked if any action was to be taken on this, as she had been informed previously by the Council that they were waiting for insurance details to come through, before any repairs could be carried out.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

This is a Highway issue and not covered by the Council's Maintenance Contract and we have had to obtain quotes to follow standing orders. We will be in a position shortly to issue an order to repair the damage railings. These works should be completed by the end of January.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To ask the responsible officer to confirm that the work has now been done.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Unfortunately, we were not able to repair the railings as we had hoped by the end of January. This was due to the contractor experiencing difficulties obtaining replacement railings as they are non-standard. We are actively seeking to get this work done as soon as possible. We expect the work to be completed by the end of March 2005 at the latest.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

9. Ref: 304051 – Hartington Street Renewal Area - received 10.11.04

Issue

A member of the public asked for more information on where neighbourhood renewal is, with regard to Leopold and Hartington Street. She informed the panel that the owner of the Taj Mahal restaurant on Normanton Road had constructed a large corrugated outbuilding on Leopold Street, but she had never seen an application. She also raised concern over a property that had been bricked up by the Council over a year ago, and to date, nothing further has happened with it.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Martin Gadsby will arrange for an officer to attend the March 2005 area panel meeting to provide a briefing.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To ask Martin Gadsby to arrange for an officer to attend the meeting and to provide a written update.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The private sector renewal team do now produce updates on all housing renewal projects on the Council's website at www.derby.gov.uk. Just click on "Living" and then "Area Renewal Projects. I do appreciate your frustration in relation to the continuing eyesores created by the abandoned/derelect houses in the area but can assure you that we are now well down the road in the compulsory purchase process with regard to most of these and will be looking to get the properties back into properly managed use by new owners as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to make sure that they remain secure against unauthorised entry even though, visually this does nothing to improve the look of the area at the moment.

The issue of the extension at the Taj Mahal does not fall within the Housing Renewal Team's remit and has been referred to officers in Development and Cultural Services for a response.

An officer from the private sector renewal team has agreed to come to the March area panel meeting to provide a brief update about the Hartington Street Renewal area.

Responsibility

Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, telephone 255236
Paul Clarke, Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

10. Ref: 305001- Air Pollution - received 19.01.05

Issue

A written question was submitted to the panel regarding air quality. Reference was made to the air quality in Milan, where by car use was severely restricted and banned in some areas, due to the high level of air pollution caused in the city centre. It stated that in Derby, the air quality is getting worse, and the Government air quality standards are not being met on the inner ring road. The Environment Health Department does not forecast it to get any better especially proposals such as Riverlights, Westfield etc, causing extra traffic and more pollution. It asked the Council, if they would, in partnership with the Primary Care Trust acknowledge that rising levels of air pollution are also contributory causes of cancer, as well as smoking, as this was not mentioned in the item 10 report.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The Council's air quality monitoring has identified parts of the inner and outer ring roads as areas where air quality needs to be addressed. An air quality management area has been designated for nitrogen dioxide, which is the only transport related pollutant in Derby that monitoring indicated would not meet the UK target by 31 December 2005. Although Derby meets the hourly objective levels of nitrogen dioxide, the annual average nitrogen dioxide is likely to exceed the standard. An Air Quality Action Plan will be integrated into the next Local Transport Plan (LTP), which will continue to address the traffic-generated pollution through measures to manage congestion, encourage the use of transport modes other than the private car and manage travel demand.

Every city is faced with a unique air pollution situation. In comparison with Milan, Derby's air quality exceedence is very small. Derby needs a reduction of up to $7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, in a worst case scenario, to reach the objective of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual average nitrogen dioxide. Milan has had annual average nitrogen dioxide levels of up to $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, according to Provincia di Milano, 1997. Their recent measures to restrict car use are in answer to regularly very high levels of pollutants in weather conditions that make the problem worse. Derby City Council is committed to improving air quality and will implement practical measures in the Air Quality Action Plan that are specific and most relevant to Derby. This may, however, include ideas from other cities and authorities.

In line with government guidance, the LTP will include a strategy for better air quality. A provisional plan will be submitted to government on 29 July 2005, based on the results of last year's consultation and incorporating a broad long-term strategy for transport up to 2021. Further consultation will take place in Autumn 2005, including an appraisal of the environmental impacts of the strategy, in accordance with European Union requirements. The final LTP for 2006-2011 will be submitted to government on 31 March 2006.

Traffic-generated air pollution contains a range of chemicals, including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and small particulates. Research has shown that nitrogen dioxide and particulates can contribute to lung cancer where people live in areas where levels of pollutants permanently or very regularly exceed current UK guidelines. Although this scenario is unlikely in Derby City, it is one of the reasons the Council is including air quality improvement as one of its four key priorities in the next LTP.

Regarding Riverlights and Westfield, the impacts of both developments on traffic flows have been fully appraised as part of the planning process. The improvements to the network include new junctions that will help manage traffic more effectively and of course improved access to a bus station that meets the future needs of bus operations. Air quality monitoring will continue throughout the city as part of the strategy contained in the next Local Transport Plan.

Responsibility

Debbie Jackson, Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts,
Andrew Hopkins, Assistant Director Environmental Health and Trading Standards, telephone 715212

11. Ref: 305002 – Derelict Building, Dashwood Street / Normanton Road - received 19.01.05

Issue

New question: A member of the public asked about the derelict building at the bottom of Dashwood Street and Normanton Road. This building has been vacant for many years and the resident considered that it is now time for the City Council to take action to get a compulsory purchase order – CPO to ensure that it is brought back into use.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Need to investigate what action the council could take to resolve the long standing problems associated with this empty building.

- Ask Building Control to investigate whether this building is a dangerous structure.
- Investigate planning powers to intervene to bring back into use including changing use from commercial to residential?
- Try to establish who owns the building – legal services.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

The building has been inspected, and there were no signs of anything that warrants a dangerous structures notice. However, a full appraisal of the building's condition is not possible from the outside and access into the building at the time of the inspection was not possible.

Officers would need the permission of the owner to enter the property, or obtain a warrant from the magistrates court. Legal Services have been asked to undertake a search to establish who owns the property.

The private sector renewal team have confirmed that they cannot seek to bring this property back into use because it is a commercial property. They can only take action with residential properties.

Responsibility

Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, telephone 255236
Martin Fryer, Team Leader, Building Consultancy, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255963

12. Ref: 305003 – Public consultation, Eagle Centre - received 19.01.05

Issue

New issue: A written question was submitted asking how, where, and when will the public be kept up to date on the Eagle Centre extension.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Westfield will erect information boards around the site. This week 31 temporary boards will be put up. In the Spring these will be replaced by more permanent displays.

The Derby Evening Telegraph will be passed information from time to time, and retailers are kept informed of progress.

Responsibility

Malcolm Amatt, Team Leader Implementation, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255075

13. Ref: 305004 – Removal of rubbish - received 19.01.05

Issue

New item: A member of the public thanked the Council for removing rubbish from the rear of Hartington Street. However, he suggested that the Council reviews its policy to allow small vehicles to use the Council tip free of charge to discourage fly-tipping.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

It was noted that Derby Homes had recently provided a crusher vehicle at the Austin Estate as the skips provided get filled up so quickly with bulky rubbish.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Councillor Williamson added that fridges / freezers could be collected free of charge.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

We currently make no charge for the disposal of household waste at Raynesway for residents using cars. Permits are available from Streetcare on 01332 715000 which allow free disposal of household waste at Raynesway by van and/or trailer, up to a maximum of ten trips.

Responsibility

Neil Haslam, Waste Management Officer - Strategy, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716351

14. Ref: 305005 – Eagle Centre, access to cycle parking racks - received 19.01.05

Issue

New item: A written question was submitted to the panel asking for the Council to retrieve the cycle parking racks from the car park near Sainsbury's, and relocate them for public use.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

This issue has been reported to Westfield. There are still some bike stands available for use by the entrance to the Eagle Centre. These are available for use and can be accessed via the Main Centre. They will remain in use for several months.

Responsibility

Malcolm Amatt, Team Leader Implementation, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255075

15. Ref: 305006 – Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins - received 19.01.05

Issue

New question: A written question was submitted to the panel, asking the Council to enforce that wheelie bins are put away by every resident, as they are an hazard on the pavements, particularly for the blind and disabled.

He also asked that the tree guards that are being installed are painted white instead of black, so that they are more visible to car drivers at night.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

We will respond direct to the resident on this issue.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

A response was sent to the resident following the last meeting. This item will now be closed.

Responsibility

Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, telephone 255236
Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

16. Ref: 303045 – Baseball Ground, Leacroft Road – raised 17.09.03 – new petition presented 19.01.05

Issue

A member of the public raised the issue of restricted access to rear gardens adjacent to Shaftsbury Road. Parking problems had been created due to no waiting restrictions and residents had received parking fines as a result.

- Councillor Kalia assured the resident that the parking restrictions are being considered urgently and that, once an official order to remove them is received; the restrictions could be taken away.
- Inspector Parkin agreed to look into why residents had received parking tickets, sometimes in the early hours of the morning. He pointed out that this might have been due to road safety issues. He agreed that the restrictions at the Baseball Ground needed to be looked at, as it was not officially the football site any longer.
- David Gartside, Head of Traffic assured those present that because of the issues that residents had raised, the review of parking restrictions in the area had been brought forward.

January 2004

A review of the existing waiting restrictions covering the area around the former football ground is taking place in order to amend the restrictions to take into account the change of use in the area.

Proposals are currently being considered to:

- retain a number of the 'at any time' restrictions -double yellow lines on the grounds of junction safety and to ensure adequate carriageway width for access by larger vehicles and through traffic
- remove the 'no waiting restrictions' between the hours of 10am and 6pm on Saturdays and between the hours of 6pm and 10pm on Wednesdays between 1 August and 31 May' as there is no longer a need to maintain an emergency access route to the former football ground
- retain the - no waiting restrictions from Monday to Saturday between the hours of 8am and 6pm in Portland Street on the east side to ensure the free flow of traffic during the day which will help to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the traffic signals junction.

These proposals are subject to consultation with the Police, councillors and other statutory consultees.

March 2004

There is a three-week consultation period legally required for Traffic Regulation Orders. Officers will ensure that three-week period is co-ordinated to enable members of the public to view the plans at one of the planned Area Panel 3 meetings. Details will also be provided at the meeting on how people can object to the proposals. The initial meeting with police has yet to take place so it is not yet known when the consultation period will be, but the Area Panel will be kept informed of progress.

May 2004

It was reported that it is taking some time to gather the necessary information due to the size of the area. Officers are currently gathering information to draw up a detailed proposal to deal with the historic parking restrictions associated with the Baseball Ground.

A number of the 'at any time' restrictions -double yellow lines are likely to be retained on the grounds of junction safety and to ensure adequate carriageway width for access by larger vehicles and through traffic. It will be proposed that the Wednesday and Saturday restrictions associated with the football ground are removed, as there is no longer a need to maintain an emergency access route to the former football ground.

November 2004

Statutory consultation on the proposed amendments to waiting restrictions is currently taking place with the emergency services and road haulage associations. It is anticipated that the proposals will be advertised for public comment - on street and in the local press - by the end of the year.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

Two new petitions have been received from residents at Leacroft Road. One is a further request for financial support for housing improvements and the other is a request for support to improve off-road parking facilities at the rear of the properties. The lead petitioners were invited to present their petitions at the meetings but they did not do so.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

To respond to the petition at the next area panel meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

See separate report on agenda - item 11c, which responds to the petition about improving off- street parking facilities. A verbal update about the other petition will be given at the area panel meeting.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074
Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager, telephone 255236

17. Ref: 304027 – Petition - Molineux Street – one way street - received 12.05.04

Issue

Residents of Molineux Street presented a petition asking the Council to take steps to reduce traffic congestion. They say that the volume of traffic and parking on both sides of the street is making driving conditions virtually impossible. They have requested that the street is made one-way with traffic flowing down Molineux Street from Rosehill Street.

In July 2004 it was reported that as the Council had also received a request to make Wilfred Street one-way, this request would be considered together with Wilfred and Sale Street. This will require a detailed investigation including vehicle counts and speed surveys. Due to a high number of similar requests, and in order to avoid doing these counts during school holidays, it is likely that this investigation will take place in September.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

David Gartside introduced a report on the priorities for the Traffic Management Group Work Programme. It was noted that area panel 3 generated a large number of issues and petitions with requests for traffic management and parking improvements that generally require thorough investigation. The section is finding it increasingly difficult to deal with all these requests and asked the panel to prioritise the outstanding requests to make sure that residents concerns were dealt with in the most efficient manner.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

There was a general discussion about potential ways to prioritise these requests but there was no clear consensus about the fairest way forward.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

There was a general discussion about potential ways to prioritise these requests but there was no clear consensus about the fairest way forward.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The panel asked the area panel manager and David Gartside to consider the outstanding requests and to bring a further report to a future meeting recommending a way forward

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

A report is currently being prepared. This will be presented at the June 2005 area panel meeting.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

18. Ref: 304045 – Petition - Raven Street - requesting a one-way system received 08.09.04

Issue

The council received a petition signed by 117 residents in August 2004. It concerned the installation of a one-way system and the lead petitioner was invited to present a petition to the area panel on 8/9/04.

'We the undersigned residents are concerned about the traffic problems in Raven and Percy Streets and therefore petition the Council to create a one-way system using these two streets, for the benefit of all.'

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

See item 17.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Responsibility

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090.

19. Ref: 304047 - Petition – Activ8 Project, Mount Carmel Street- received 08.09.04

Issue

A petition was received about anti-social behaviour of residents in the Activ8 Project on Mount Carmel Street. This has been referred to the Council's Housing Strategy Unit and to the Chief Executive of Stonham Housing Association.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

The housing association has met with local residents to discuss the petition. They are working together to try to find mutually agreeable arrangements that will provide sustainable solutions to the problems outlined in the petition.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

Stonham Housing Association are having regular meetings with local residents and local ward councillors to try to find a resolution to the ongoing problems. A full response to the petition will be presented at the June area panel meeting.

Responsibility

Ian Fullagar, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, Housing Strategy Unit, telephone 255185

20. Ref: 304054 – Petition - Renal Street and Avondale Road – request for a one-way system to improve traffic flows - received 26.09.04

Issue

The Council received a petition signed by 31 residents in September 2004. It concerned the installation of a one-way system to improve traffic flow and the lead petitioner was invited to present a petition to the area panel on 10/11/04.

The petition has been referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a full response at a future area panel meeting.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

A full response to the petition will be presented at the June area panel meeting.

Responsibility

Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090.

21. Ref: 305006 – Petition – St Giles Road – request for a one-way system - received 19.01.05

Issue

The panel received a petition requesting a one-way traffic system on St Giles Road because of traffic congestion. The petition was referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a detailed response. The lead petitioner was invited to present the petition to area panel 3 on the 21 January 2005.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

A full response to the petition will be presented at the June area panel meeting.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

22. Ref: 305007 – Petition – Harold Court, Reginald Street - use of residents car park by unauthorised vehicles - received 19.01.05

Issue

The panel has received a petition regarding the use of a residents' car park by unauthorised vehicles and nuisance by people working on two adjacent building sites.

Action reported at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Public response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 19 January 2005

None.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 30 March 2005

See separate report on agenda – item 11b.

Responsibility

Nicola Weekly, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074