

**AREA PANEL 2 COMMUNITY ISSUES – UPDATE REPORT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION
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1. Ref: 206076 – Petition – Alvaston Park, Alvaston - received 08.11.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

A petition had been received in October 2006 signed by 30 people who are regular users of Alvaston park who are concerned about the run down state of the ground and facilities. They are concerned about keeping the grounds clean, regular litter picking and a higher profile for the Rangers. No one seems to be taking pride in the park and they are asking for something to be done now.

Previous key points / action taken:

Councillor Wynn reported that the Alvaston Councillors are encouraging the formation of a 'Friends of Alvaston park' group. This group will enable extra funding to be attracted to the park that is not available to the Council. At a recent public meeting 150 residents attended and a steering group was established. The next meeting is on 27 November. He confirmed that the ward councillors aim to bring the park back to its former use.

Response on 17 January 2007

A report in response to the issues raised in the petition and at subsequent meetings outlined that the worst potholes have now been repaired. In response to vehicles accessing the grass areas, putting in six bollards, as has been suggested, would not stop vehicles from having access to the grass. To put bollards along the full length of the access road would cost £10,000 and would still not prevent access for motorbikes and mopeds. Regarding the rangers and toilets it is only practical to open the toilets when there is a ranger on site. Recent experience on the park indicates that opening the toilets without a ranger presence would result in vandalism. Within existing budgets we cannot increase the ranger presence and open the toilets for longer periods.

To help provide longer term improvements it as reported that over the last couple of months we have been working with local residents to set up Alvaston Park Friends group through which the ideas and concerns of residents can be raised and ways of tackling them can be discussed. The group have already identified a wide range of activities, which they would like to be involved with to make improvements on the park including, tree planting, litter picking and writing applications for funding.

Council officers have been working on a scheme to replace the vandalised changing rooms with a new building to include changing rooms, club room, public toilets and rangers office. If funding bids are successful work on site should commence in 2008.

The play area is proposed for refurbishment with contributions from the developers of the Wilmorton College site and from the Councils ongoing capital programme for play area refurbishment. Currently 2008/9 seems most likely for the work. Finally, we will continue to work with the Police and ASB Team to reduce problems with anti-social behaviour on the park. In addition the Alvaston Park Friends submitted a funding application for start up costs of £2,100 Area Panel 2 that was approved.

A resident commented that there was a request for only six bollards and not £10,000 worth and hoped that the six could still be installed. Councillor Graves supported this suggestion and agreed to investigate.

Response on 14 March 2007

The installation of six bollards would not stop access by unauthorised vehicles onto the park as it would leave numerous gaps. It is therefore advisable to wait until there is adequate funding to secure the whole boundary.

Actions agreed:

Note the response and leave issue open to enable future reports on the work of the Friends group

Update:

Verbal report to be provided at the meeting by Councillor Bayliss

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

A petition signed by approximately 880 people was presented to the panel, requesting that the Council provide funding for the Alvaston District Centre scheme for the refurbishment of the shopping area, including better lighting, parking, pavements and CCTV.

Previous key points / action taken:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 2006 - We have received preliminary information from our consultants on the traffic model for the district centre. We have some queries about the findings and have asked the consultants to discuss in greater detail with the project team. Once this matter has been resolved we will discuss the findings with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation and local ward members. We remain on track to consult with the public prior to Christmas. Put into

outstanding issues table until March 2007.

Response on 17 January 2007

We consulted local ward members, traders and bus operators prior to Christmas. Following this further work is ongoing to develop the designs. We are planning further consultation shortly after Easter to seek the views of local residents and shoppers.

Actions agreed:

To update on consultations at the next meeting

Update:

We recently held an exhibition outside Alvaston Library showing how we aimed to improve the District Centre. Residents and shoppers were able to talk to ward councillors and officers about the proposals and make their views known.

The exhibition was also advertised in the AORTA community magazine, this was subsequently delivered to around 13,000 households in the area.

As a result many questionnaires have been returned and these are being collated. We aim to report our findings and future progress later in the summer. Further information is available on the Council's web site.

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

A petition signed by 33 people was received requesting the one end of the street be permanently blocked off, due to the ongoing traffic problems faced on Bentley Street.

Previous key points / action taken:

Investigations and further consultation was carried out in December and therefore the analysis will not be completed in time to report back to the January 2007 meeting. We will report back to a future meeting.

Response on 17 January 2007

A resident commented that closing Bentley Street will not solve the traffic problems.

Response on 14 March 2007

Further consultation has taken place with residents but there are still many that have not responded, which is delaying a recommendation.

Actions agreed:

Report back in response to petition in June.

Update:

Following the report to the Area Panel in September regarding the request to close one end of Bentley Street. Letters were sent out to all residents of Bentley Street asking whether they would like Bentley Street to be closed at either end, or whether they were happy with the layout as it was. Following this consultation a reminder was sent to residents that hadn't already replied, asking them again for their views.

In the end 75% of the residents of Bentley Street responded. 50% of the residents of Bentley Street were in favour of the closure. The other 50% being made up of residents wanting no change

to the existing layout or not responding.

At this moment in time as there seems to be no clear majority in support of the closure, we will not be carrying out a closure to either end of Bentley Street.

Note and close

**4. Ref: 206057 – Crossing for school children, Crayford Road, Boulton – received 06.09.06.
Petition received 8.11.06**

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

A local resident informed the panel that she has attended four assemblies at Noel Baker School to discuss a 'keep your school safe' campaign. She reported that the children had highlighted that they need a crossing to help them to cross Crayford Road safely. The resident informed the panel that she had carried out a survey, and had counted 154 children crossing the road with 381 cars over a 25 minute period. She asked the panel to consider the installation of a crossing on Crayford Road at the junction of Holbrook Road and Bracknell Drive. She had previously submitted a report to area panel 2 in 2004, and was told that this would be under review.

Previous key points / action taken:

September 2006 - Councillor Jackson informed the resident that she had been in touch with the Council Officer, but to date had not received a response.

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

November 2006 - Reported that in August 2004 we responded to correspondence we had received from a local resident in which we indicated that we would evaluate this junction during the next school term. However, with the imminent installation of the crossing outside the shops, it seemed prudent to wait until this was completed, as it was likely that this new crossing would satisfy some of the demand further down Crayford Road. We advised the resident of this by telephone and assume this is what is meant when the resident says she was told the crossing was "under review".

We will arrange for the junction to be assessed during the current school term and will respond to the Area Panel once that is complete. We have written directly to the resident.

Two young residents presented a petition and supporting information to the meeting on 8 November and explained why it was difficult to cross Crayford Road and requested that a crossing is provided by the Holbrook Road junction.

Councillor Wynn referred to the criteria used when assessing pedestrian crossing and asked that the age of those crossing is taken into account. The panel thanked them for their presentation and asked that a response is made at the next meeting.

January 2007 - A report in response to the issues raised in the petition was presented to the meeting. The report outlined the details of the investigations and the traffic surveys completed at three locations on Crayford Road around the Holbrook Road and Bracknell Drive junctions. The highest pedestrian flows were:

north of the Holbrook Road junction - between 8am and 9am when 46 people crossed the road and 583 vehicles used Crayford Road.

between Holbrook Road and Bracknell Drive junctions - between 3pm and 4pm when 122 people crossed the road and 249 vehicles used Crayford Road.

south of Bracknell Drive junction - between 3pm and 4pm when 51 people crossed the road and 330 vehicles used Crayford Road.

There were no recorded pedestrian injuries in area. The report referred to the difficulty of installing a crossing in the location and the proximity of an existing puffin crossing on Crayford Road

The report concluded that because the minimum threshold was not reached the request for an

additional pedestrian crossing should be refused.

The lead petitioner responded that the petition had not requested a pedestrian crossing but had actually asked for 'help to cross the road'. She asked when the surveys were completed because they record only half the numbers recorded in the residents' survey and one of the school access gates is now closed which means more pupils will need to cross Crayford Road. She asked if the observers wear yellow jackets – because they will influence driving habits and whether they speak to those crossing to learn how fearful even the year 11 students are.

She asked if 'red strips' on the road, similar to those used near to Alvaston School, could be considered as a way to slow down traffic.

Councillor Jackson considered that something must be done to support the residents.

Councillor Wynn apologised for the misunderstanding about the petitioners' specific request for help to cross the road and will look into why it was misinterpreted. He confirmed the traffic survey staff do wear yellow jackets which could influence driving habits. He will ask officers to re evaluate the junction in light of the information about the recently closed gate and the fact that the petitioners were not specifically asking for a pedestrian crossing. He confirmed that he would be asking officers to take more note of what the residents were requesting.

It was agreed to ask the Cabinet member for Planning and Transportation to review the proposed action and report back to a future meeting.

Response on 14 March 2007

A report will be prepared to go to the next Cabinet Member meeting. We will report back to the Area Panel in due course.

A Cabinet Member meeting is a public meeting with details published on the Council's website. Petitioners and other members of the public are able to attend.

Councillor Wynn asked members of the public at the meeting about their views on a solution to the problem. It was stated by a resident that the schoolchildren exhibited two desire lines as they travelled to and from the school. It was not possible to force the desire lines to merge as they were caused by foot traffic from two different street routes. Formal crossings were not necessarily required and road markings and road makings using red road raised road surfacing similar to those used near to Alvaston School, could be considered as a way to slow down traffic.

Actions agreed:

Officers to re-investigate and report back.

Update:

A report went to the Planning and Cabinet Member meeting on 4 April. It was resolved to refuse the request for crossing facilities at this point but to consider installing road markings to raise the conspicuity of the pedestrian desire line and take a report to the Area Panel to request the funding for the road markings.

Officers have considered the most appropriate means of raising the conspicuity of the pedestrian desire line and in order to raise the visibility of school children crossing near the junction of Crayford Road and Holbrook Road, we suggest that the Area Panel consider two options.

The first option involves the installation of three school warning triangular markings on the road. These depict the standard school warning sign, which is triangular with red border and a picture of two children. These road markings have been used at schools such as Cavendish, Portway, Walter Evans and more recently Silverhill. The costs of these works are estimated at £1,500.

Alternatively, the second option is to erect school warning signs on new posts and flashing amber units. The signs would be erected on Crayford Road, on the approaches towards Brackens Lane and Holbrook Road. The costs for this option are estimated at £6,000.

We therefore ask the Area Panel to consider their preferred option. A funding application will then be submitted to the next Panel for consideration.

Propose to Note.

5. Ref: 206070 – Open green area on Holloway Road, Boulton - received 08.11.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Mike Moore, Project Development Officer, Children and Young People Services, telephone 716859
Councillor Jackson.

Issue:

A written question was submitted by a local resident raising concern at proposed plans to change the usage of the green area on Holloway Road. The resident has requested that Councillors and residents are included in discussions on changes to the green area.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2007

Future arrangements for the maintenance of this green space are currently being explored. The resident has been contacted. We are working with the local Ward Councillors and Councillor Chris Wynn to find funding for the ongoing maintenance of this area. If funding can be found for ongoing maintenance we will be consulting local residents.

Councillor Jackson reported that the local councillors continue to look for funding and that as chair of the Environment Commission she will see if the Commission can identify any support.

Agreed to keep the item open.

March 2007

Efforts are continuing to seek funding for the longer term maintenance of this land.

Actions agreed:

Note update and leave issue open to report future developments.

Update:

No further information provided.

Note.

6. Ref: 207008 – ASB by pupils from Noel Baker School, Boulton- received 13.03.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 222103
Craig Keen, Anti-social Behaviour Team Manager, telephone 258640
Dr. Paul Davies, Head Teacher, telephone 572026

Issue:

A resident stated that they and their neighbours were experiencing regular anti-social behaviour from pupils of Noel Baker school as the pupils travelled to and from school using a private drive and farmers field as a short cut. All efforts to prevent the pupils using the short cut had been thwarted, with some pupils bringing tools to dismantle any barriers that the residents and farmer erected. Vandalism, criminal damage and trespass were regular occurrences. The resident went on to state that the problem had worsened since the recent closure of an alternative pathway into the school grounds.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 March 2007

Councillors Leeming, Banwait, Jackson and Wynn commented.
Councillor Leeming suggested that all three Boulton ward councillors work together on this issue. Councillor Banwait stated that the establishment in June of a neighbourhood forum that included the school would be an ideal vehicle to sort out issues of this sort.

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Councillor Jackson thanked the resident for bringing this issue to the Panel's notice.

Actions agreed:

Provide an update to the next meeting

Update:

Councillors to provide a verbal update.

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over various traffic issues in Chellaston. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Previous key points / action taken:

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

1. Amalgamate all Chellaston Highways and Transport issues into a single update under the title Chellaston Traffic Issues.
2. Refer all Chellaston traffic highways issues to a Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group (CHTIWG) for consideration and recommendations.
3. The CHTIWG will report back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis.
4. Membership of CHTIWG will be flexible but generally will include:

- a. All Chellaston Ward Councillors,
- b. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Planning or a representative,
- c. Relevant officers from Highways and Transport,
- d. Representatives from the community (this can include lead petitioners),
- e. Other agencies and organisations as appropriate.

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

September 2006 – Agreed to include all Chellaston traffic issues in one item and to feedback at future area panel meetings the outcome of the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group – CHTIWG, meetings.

November 2006 - Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group – CHTIWG met on 16 October 2006 and the **key priorities** for action were identified as:

1. **Parkway** - Suitable traffic calming (not speed bumps) and monitoring of traffic speed along the length of the road. Reason: To improve road safety.
2. **High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane** – Ian Butler to establish details of any speed monitoring that has been undertaken and provides results. Design and implement measures to reduce speeding. Reason: To improve road safety.
3. **A514** - Volume of traffic using the road is causing congestion. a. Relocate inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion, b. Create a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop on Swarkestone Road to accommodate shop customers and buses, c. Relocate the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers. Reason: To reduce congestion.
4. **Junction of Station Road and Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion along A514 caused by vehicles queuing back from the traffic lights. Consider options for better management of parking and rationalisation of access to and from off street facilities in front of Derby Road shops. Try giving more priority to A514 at traffic lights (Double Green solution) and report back on effect. Reason: To reduce congestion.
5. **Derby Road (A514)** - Traffic congestion and disruption of local residents caused by obstructive parking including lorries unloading / loading during peak traffic flow periods. Introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times. Reason: To reduce congestion.

Further meetings of CHTIWG will be held on a quarterly basis.

November 2006 - Councillor Tittley reported that the five issues identified at the meeting on 16 October were the Chellaston ward priorities to be put forward as part of the programme for Highways and Transport schemes for 2006/7.

A written report was presented to the panel in response to the Petition received in August 2006 about HGV restrictions, traffic volume and speed on Parkway, Chellaston. The petition was signed by 65 people requesting the erection of signage at the both ends of Parkway restricting HGV's construction traffic, the introduction of suitable traffic calming measures – but not speed bumps – and the monitoring of traffic speed, and the resurfacing of the road. A report outlined that the signs have been erected, the Police will carry out speed enforcement when resources permit and the developers have been asked to identify suitable traffic management proposals. The potholes in the road are being repaired. The panel supported the actions and approved the report.

January 2007

No new date has been arranged for the next meeting of the Chellaston Highways and Transport Issues Working Group. Chellaston Councillors put the following issues forward for consideration. Issues 3,4 and 5 have been grouped as one issue by the Chellaston Councillors which gives Chellaston seven priorities, which are:

1. Parkway - suitable traffic calming (not road humps) and monitoring traffic speed
2. High Street, School Lane and Snelsmoor Lane - design and implement measures to reduce speeding
3. ****Derby Road** - consider relocating inbound bus stop outside shops within a bus lay-by nearer to Parkway to reduce congestion

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4. **Swarkestone Road - consider a lay-by outside the fish and chip shop to accommodate shop customers and buses
 5. **Derby Road/High Street - consider relocating the existing outbound bus stop near High Street junction nearer to Maple Drive to reduce walking distances for elderly passengers
 6. Junction of Derby Road/Station Road/High Street - Design and implement measures to reduce speeding
 7. Derby Road - introduce a peak hour loading and waiting restriction on both sides of Derby Road to prevent obstructive parking and loading at busy traffic times
- Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007.

Response on 14 March 2007

A Report on the outcome of Council Cabinet decision on the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme. Councillors welcomed the report.

Actions agreed:

Leave issue open for future reports

Update:

The following issues are included in the 2007/08 Highways & Transport Work Programme.

1. Parkway – suitable traffic calming/monitoring traffic speed – investigation.
2. Derby Road/High Street – relocation of outbound bus stop High Street/Maple Drive junction. Chellaston councillors have been given two options on our proposal and we are awaiting their response. The scheme will not take long to implement once the councillors responses have been received.
3. Derby Road – Peak hour loading and waiting restriction – investigation.

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

A resident explained that he lived on an unadopted road, and David Willson homes were responsible for the upkeep of the dog waste bins. He had been informed that they would be emptied once per week. The panel were asked if this was normal, and to confirm whether the Council dog waste bins would be emptied this frequently. He also asked whether dog fouling signs could be used, as they would be more cost effective than supplying the actual bins.

A petition signed by 56 residents requested the installation of dog waste bins along the new cycle path in the vicinity of Sinfin Moor Lane was received at the meeting on 6 September 2006.

Previous key points / action taken:

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

September 2006 - Dog fouling signs can be installed in areas where this is a particular problem and residents can ring the Environmental Health Department Contact Centre telephone 255260 to request these. However they would not be installed on unadopted roads. Councillor Tittley stated that he would be trying to get dog bins in, and influence the developers to install them while it is unadopted land.

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

With regard to the petition, Councillor Ingall confirmed that while some dog bins had been installed, there is still a need for more.

November 2006 – reported that currently the Council cannot install dual bins on this site as it is unadopted. However once it has been adopted the area panel has the option to install two bins if they allocate money for their purchase, installation and five years revenue costs. Alternatively the request will be added to the list for which there is presently no financial resources.

January 2007

No more information about progress to adopt the land.

Response on 14 March 2007

No further information available.

Actions agreed:

Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open to consider at a future meeting

Update:

No further information provided.

Close

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Potton, Head of Library Services, Regeneration and Community, Telephone 71 6602

Issue:

A resident stated that despite the large scale growth of Chellaston in recent years, the area was still only served by a mobile library vehicle. Can Chellaston be considered for a new public library?

Previous key points / action taken:

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

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

September 2006 - Councillor Tittley stated that the library was key to the area, as there is currently no adequate provision with the mobile library.

November 2006 – reported that we have been unable to identify a source of funding to cover the capital cost of a new library; therefore no progress has been possible.

Response on 8 November

The search for capital funding to build a new library is continuing. Propose to put into outstanding issues until funding is identified.

A resident suggested using the Red Lion public house. Councillor Tittley considered that there are other more suitable sites which are on Council land.

March 2007

We are preparing a bid to the Community Libraries Programme of the Big Lottery Fund. If successful, the bid will provide the funding necessary to build a library in Chellaston. The bid is due to be submitted by the end of March 2007, and we will know if it has been successful by the

end of September 2007.

Actions agreed:

Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open to consider updates on progress at future meetings.

Update:

A bid for funding to open three new libraries in the city, including one in Chellaston, was submitted to the Big Lottery at the end of March. We should know by the end of September if it has been successful.

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, telephone 255024

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

Issue:

A resident raised concern over the ongoing dispute regarding the right of way on the canal path to Woodminton Drive, as it needs resurfacing. He stated that the area has a high water table, therefore after heavy rain and during the winter, the path is very muddy. At present, disabled people are unable to use this path on their electric buggies. Three entrances have been barred by residents, which is illegal, but the Council, although informed on several occasions have not cleared the area to allow access. The entire right of way needs to be resurfaced, and the resident understood that approximately £3million has been made available for this type of work to be carried out.

Previous key points / action taken:

September 2006 - Councillor Tittley reported that there were talks about changing the ownership of this pathway from Merrill College to the Council, and once this has been done, then work can be carried out.

November 2006 - The old school playing field across which the right of way passes is due to be transferred to the Council's Environmental Services Department. However when the legal transfer has been completed there will not be any funds to lay out the field with a surfaced path. There is a possibility that the right of way could be converted in the future into a bridleway as part of the cycle route network but there are currently no funds available for this either.

17 January

The sum of money we received from Cycling England was £1.5 million with contributory funding of £1.5 million coming from the Local Transport Plan - LTP and partners. The money is being spent on promotion, cycle storage and initiatives to get young people to cycle more and for the next 2 years a lot of LTP funding will support these initiatives.

Officers would like to improve the route from Woodminton Drive but there are several contentious and expensive problems which mean there are no plans to formalise the route:

- Route between the houses is very narrow for cyclists and pedestrians
- Route is presently a public footpath
- Route across the playing field is quite long and therefore would be expensive to construct
- The land becomes very water logged in the winter

The land has now transferred to Parks but with no maintenance budget attached so there is no money to complete any improvements. The access points to Woodminton Drive are official rights of way.

Richard Smail explained that the report stating that officers are investigating the option of completely blocking or restricting the pathway in width was an error and that officers are not proposing to block the path.

Councillor Tittley reported on a meeting with Steve Medlock when it was explained that over

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£40,000 would be needed to provide a path improved to an acceptable standard.

Response on 14 March 2007

No further information available at this time.

Actions agreed:

Chellaston Councillors requested that the issue is kept open to consider updates on progress at future meetings

Update:

No further information available at this time.

Close

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Inspector Sam Slack, Cotton Lane Police Station, telephone 290100.

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

Issue:

Concern was raised that there were no weight restriction signs located out of Merrill Way onto Derby Road, that state no right turn. It was also suggested that a sign be installed at Spider Island. There was also concern that the Evening Telegraph had stated that the police cannot enforce the restrictions, and the panel were asked their views, and what they were going to do to tackle the problem.

Previous key points / action taken:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 2006 - Reported that discussions are still ongoing

January 2007

A report is being drawn up for consideration at the Planning and Transportation Cabinet Member meeting for Councillor Wynn. The date is still to be confirmed and we will provide an update afterwards.

Response on 14 March 2007

A report is being prepared that will consider signing implications on the A50 associated with the weight limit. A date has not yet been set for the report to be considered by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

Actions agreed:

Update on report to Planning and Transportation Cabinet Member meeting

Update:

A report went to the Planning & Transportation Cabinet Member meeting on 4 April 2007. In the report it stated that the Highways Agency has provided an estimate of £120,000 for the supply and construction of permanent signs on the A50 to replace these temporary signs. It is considered that the cost of providing this signing is disproportionate to the benefit that it would bring.

It was resolved to inform the Highways Agency that the City Council did not wish to proceed with the additional signing on the A50.

Note and close

12. Ref: 207005 – Congestion Charging, Chellaston- received 13.03.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Peter Price, Transport Policy Manager, Transportation and Special Projects. telephone 715064

Issue:

A resident asked what plans there were to introduce congestion charging in Chellaston and what would it mean for residents.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 March 2007

Councillor Tittley commented that the subject had been part of a joint bid between the three cities, Derby, Nottingham and Leicester of a long term coordinated approach to transportation in the region. He emphasised that at this stage there has been no discussion by either the Cabinet or the Council to introduce congestion charging in the City.

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Councillor Wynn added that the bid by the three cities had been for money to carry out a detailed traffic study in the region only and that the earliest any report would be considered by the Council was late in 2008.

Councillor Tittley responded that there are no plans within the City to introduce Congestion Charging. If in many years time there ever was, neither him nor Councillor Phil Ingall would support any a Congestion Charging Plan that proposed to charge the Residents of Derby for using their own roads.

Actions agreed:

Provide an update to the next meeting

Update:

Verbal update to be provided at the meeting

Note

13. Ref: 207007 – Grass cutting on Pit Close, Chellaston- received 13.03.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

A resident stated that the grass cutting that occurred on Pit Close and around St Peter's Church was often insufficient with too long between cuts during peak growing periods. The area at the church needed to be cut more often because it was used for photography following marriages and other services and the long grass sometime meant that the area could not be used for this purpose when it was wet.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 March 2007

Councillor Graves responded that it was council policy not to collect grass cuttings as this could triple the cost of the grass cutting service. The specific location would be investigated and a report brought back to the Area Panel.

Councillor Tittley stated that he would could ask the Audit Committee of the Council to consider calling the contract for grass cutting in for examination.

Actions agreed:

Provide an update to the next meeting

Update:

The following is taken from the Council's website.

We maintain all Council-owned green areas including parks, public open spaces, highway verges and Council housing areas. This is the equivalent of over 13% of the total area of the city and covers over 1000 hectares, or four square miles.

We aim to cut the grass on verges, open spaces and Council housing areas 15 times each year between March and October. We try to do this every two weeks, but may be delayed by bad weather. If there is little or no grass growth during spells of very dry weather we may need to postpone mowing until the grass starts to grow again.

We cut some areas less often. These include areas planted with flowering bulbs, young tree saplings and the wild flower meadows in some of the parks.

Grass cuttings

We use mowers which leave the grass cuttings in place, as this provides important nutrients which

benefit the new grass. Grass cuttings may fall onto footpaths and roadways, especially when it's windy, but we only remove them from the pathways around certain sheltered housing areas. This is because grass cutting in the city costs over £975,000 each year and would cost a lot more if we collected the cuttings. The Council provides a wide range of services and has many budget pressures, and we must make priorities to minimise the burden on council tax payers. We aim to achieve high standards in our grass cutting service and will investigate and respond to any complaints. If you have a query about grass cutting, please contact us. Telephone 01332 715885, Fax 01332 716512, email grass.cutting@derby.gov.uk

Note and close

14. Ref: 207010 – Petition – Installation of bins outside Shelton Infant School- Chellaston- received 13.03.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Nigel Chester, Assistant Operations Manager - Street Cleaning, 715493

Issue:

A petition was presented to the Area Panel by a group of 15 Year 1 and Year 2 pupils from Shelton Infant School, accompanied by members of staff and parents. The petition asked for the installation of two bins on the road outside the school.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 March 2007

Councillors thanked the children for their entertainment and enlightening presentation and welcomed the petition, stating that the bins would be installed as soon as possible.

Actions agreed:

Provide a written report to a future meeting.

Update:

Extract from: <http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/>

"Kids On Song To Fix Litter Plight

By Kate Liptrot, kliptr@derbytelegraph.co.uk 09:30 - 28 March 2007

Pupils who used banners and song to protest about their school's litter problem have persuaded local officials to help them clean-up. The children from Shelton Lock Infant School waved placards and sang about their rubbish problem at a Derby Community Safety Partnership meeting.

The group of 12 children were invited to the meeting after they wrote a letter to Derby City Council to complain about the problem.

The infants occupied the front row and spent twenty minutes demonstrating in front of residents, councillors and partnership officers at the meeting at Chellaston Secondary School, in Swarkestone Road.

Six-year-old Hope Redfern said: *"We want people to put litter in the bin, we don't want our school to look like a junkyard."*

The pupils drove the message home by singing their own lyrics to the tune of 'Ten Green Bottles' in front of the 80-strong group.

This included the chorus: *"Let's keep our playground tidy, neat and clean - so don't drop litter, put it in the bin."*

Another child to speak out at the meeting was Courtney Stevenson, aged seven.

"We're proud of our school, we don't want it to look like a pigsty," she said.

Two days later, on March 16, a pair of bins were installed outside the school gates by the partnership.

Head teacher Anthony Lee said he was very proud of the children's efforts and the confidence they showed at the meeting.

He said: *"The councillors were stunned, they said it was the first time they'd been sung to at a meeting."*

Shelton Lock has been named an eco-school by the environmental group Encams because pupils are tackling issues such as litter and recycling. The award programme has three stages and the school is working toward the last of these.

When they complete the final part they will be the first infant school in the city to achieve "green flag" status."

Note and close

15. Ref: 206015 – Glossop Street Redevelopment, Sinfen – received 15.03.06 and Petition – Removing Glossop Street Travellers received 8.11.06

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Steve Astle, Local Manager, Derby Homes, telephone 711170

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

Issue:

The panel were asked in March 2006 if Councillors were prepared to support the development in the area, and when would it happen. They were also asked if there were any other plans going to be put forward for the future use of this land.

A petition signed by 47 residents was presented on 8 November 2006 requesting the removal of the Glossop Street travellers so that the original and fully consulted development plan can go ahead. Local residents have suffered over the last two years.

Previous key points / action taken:

June 2006 – reported that we will not have publicly available details until a planning application is made or until the proposals are advertised by the developers.

Derby Homes are currently undertaking a Master Planning exercise for the Osmaston / Allenton area focused on the Glossop Street area.

September 2006 – reported that initial meetings have been held regarding the master planning and consultants are being selected. Developments at the Rolls Royce site will affect planning across the area. Redevelopment at Glossop Street is still intended to go ahead however, until a consultation process is completed regarding the travellers currently on site, the Rolls Royce site and the master planning has been completed decisions cannot be made.

Councillors, community representatives and other organisations will make reports to Area Panel 2 over time.

November 2006 - Residents commented on the leaflets and surveys sent out as part of the consultation exercise about the travellers site. They asked why this is being considered as the only permanent site in Derby? What are the benefits to the local area of having a permanent site? Why have Council Tax payers been asked to pay £2,500 for the recent clean up? What has happened to the proposals arising from the previous consultation

Councillor Turner referred to the original master planning consultation and questioned why there was no reference to it in the latest Council consultation document. He explained that the current Council consultation exercise was originally going to about 150 homes but has now been extended to over 1,000. He referred to a consultation sheet produced and distributed by Sinfen Councillors and Councillor Dhamrait stated the Councillors are working for their constituents and asked people to return their questionnaires as soon as possible.

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In relation to the points raised we can make the following comments on progress:

1) On 28 November 2006 Council Cabinet resolved to recover possession of the Glossop Street site including taking appropriate legal action if required.

2) In making this decision, and based on the consideration of all of the consultation responses received, Cabinet considered that the establishment of a permanent Traveller site on this land

would be inappropriate.

3) Part of the Glossop Street Site was cleared by the Council in response to Public Health and safety concerns arising at the site, which had been brought to its attention by a number of surrounding residents, and which the Council had an obligation to address both as land owner as well as in the capacity of authority responsible for ensuring that those environmental/public health issues were dealt with.

4) The previous Consultation resulted in the majority of respondents requesting that a mixed housing scheme be provided on the Glossop St site with housing and open space being provided on the nearby Cotton Lane site. Assuming the Council is successful in recovering possession of the site these proposals could be developed. These proposals were reliant upon Housing Corporation funding being available and they would again require financial support from the Housing Corporation which would need to be secured.

This is a fast changing picture that is being dictated by the legal process. We will shortly be receiving expert legal advice, which is likely to give us a clearer understanding of the likely timescales involved in our subsequent Court action to seek to recover possession of this site. For this reason we will be in a better position to provide a full response at the next Area Panel 2 meeting in March 2007.

We have informed the lead petitioner of progress.

Response on 14 March 2007

The following update is mainly based on the minutes of the Osmaston and Allenton networking Forum meeting held on 7th February 2007 at Rodney House, Penalton Close where Angelina Novakovic of the Housing Strategy Unit provided a verbal update. In addition to that meeting, this issue has been discussed at the Osmaston Residents Forum meeting on 13th February 2007 at Cotton Lane Police Station and at a Residents Action Group meeting on 6th February at St Bart's Church Hall.

At the Council Cabinet meeting on the 29th November 2006, the Cabinet decided to recover possession of the site based on feedback from local residents and a range of other factors, but recognised that there is a legal obligation to consider the welfare needs of the families and the educational needs of the children currently on the site.

The Council is currently taking legal proceedings to recover the site. The Travellers have said they will vigorously defend their case and have specialist legal advice assisting them in their challenge.

In the meantime negotiations are taking place, alongside the possession proceedings, with the Travellers to see if a mutually acceptable agreement can be reached by both parties but it needs to be recognised that this case could go all the way through the courts.

The Housing Strategy Unit is looking at the Travellers needs and is also looking for alternative sites for the Travellers. There is a team in place from different Council departments undertaking this exercise. This will be key to the legal proceedings and will help to ensure that this situation does not arise in the future.

Court Case: At the Court hearing in December the Council asked the courts to approve its application for possession of the site, but the judge said he did not have sufficient information to make a decision on the day so he adjourned the case. There is no date agreed yet for the court case – the earliest expected date is likely to be early spring.

Planning Application: The Travellers submitted a planning application to make the site a legal traveller site. The planning application has to be considered on its own merits and it has to go through a procedural consideration process. The decision could be yes or no, but even if the decision was yes, the Council owns the site so the Travellers could not develop it without the Council's 'landowner' consent. There have been more than 6 objections to the planning application, so the application needs to go to full planning committee for a decision, an open public meeting, to be held on a date yet to be decided.

The occupants of houses around the site have been sent a letter from the Planners, but individuals need to oppose the application if they feel strongly about this as it adds weight to any decision to be made. Objections will probably focus on the need for the better use of the site in line with original plans for the site and needs identified in the housing needs study, indicators of deprivation and master-planning that is in the pipeline.

The Traveller's Stance: The Travellers have said they are willing to move before the court case if an alternative site is found and their legal advisers have confirmed that they will be flexible as long as their children can still get to school.

The Travellers have offered to remove the waste that is currently on site, but there are concerns that it would not be disposed of correctly so the Council has advised that they should not do so. The Council will only move it once the possession proceedings are completed otherwise it could end up being replaced.

The Travellers have asked to make improvements on the site which the Council has declined because they illegally occupy the site and any permission given could affect the legal status of the relationship between the parties, which in turn may have a negative impact on the conduct of legal proceedings.

Dumping of waste: The Housing Strategy Unit is taking steps to address the problems on site e.g. rubbish. The Housing Strategy Unit should be contacted to report any further similar activities and they will try to act on the information, but it needs to be with proof as that is easier to act on.

Where will the alternative sites be and when will the community be consulted about this, if at all? A number of sites in the city have been identified, but these need to be fully evaluated. The Housing Strategy Unit will look at the local plan to see if the land has already been pre-designated for other uses and look at any other hurdles in terms of using each site, amenities and links to local communities to ensure it is not too isolated. Then they must consult with local communities about the sites.

Why should the Travellers get away without paying for services when other residents have to do so? The Council has asked the court to order that its costs in the legal proceedings be recovered from the travellers, if its application is successful. In addition, it is looking into potential council tax liability both in relation to this site as well as any agreed site

Actions agreed:

To leave the issue open to enable future reports to the Area Panel

Update:

Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.

Note

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

A petition has been received from 36 residents of Osmaston Park Road requesting the installation of a separate cycle path. Concerns have been raised about the danger that cyclists using the footway here present to children and adults stepping out from their front gates.

Previous key points / action taken:

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

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

September 2006 - Councillor Wynn stated that in principal there is a good cause for this cycle path. He explained that there is a facility for councillors to put forward five priority schemes for the year.

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

November 2006 - A site meeting was held with residents in October. Residents explained their concerns and possible ways forward were discussed.

The issue has been included on the list of possible Highways issues for the 2007/8 programme. A resident suggested that funding could be available from other sources if the proposal was to have a shared cycle and pedestrian path that was an extension of the one on Harvey Road.

The Sinfin Councillors included this issue as one of their priorities for 2007/8. Council Cabinet will make a decision about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme in February 2007 and a report brought back to the panel in March 2007.

Response on 14 March 2007

A report on the outcome of Council Cabinet decision on the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme was an agenda item for this meeting.

Actions agreed:

To note the Highways and Transport report. To leave the issue open to enable future reports

Update:

The Sinfin councillors may decide to put forward this item to be considered for possible inclusion in the 2008/09 Highways and Transport Work Programme, if they feel this issue is a priority.

Note and close

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

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

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

Issue:

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

Previous key points / action taken:

November 2006 - We are currently consulting with the emergency services and hope to be able to report back to the next meeting on 17 January 2007.

Residents commented that some local residents had received parking tickets for parking outside their homes and wanted action to be taken urgently to provide resident parking.

Councillor Wynn agreed to discuss the issue with Sinfin Councillors.

Response on 17 January 2007

A report in response to the petition was presented to the meeting. The report outlined the history of the parking restrictions in the area, the investigations carried out and the responses of the

emergency services. Both the Police and the Fire Services have objected to any change to the existing waiting restrictions. The Police raised the following points about maintaining access: Rolls Royce have approximately 30 deliveries each day which use Nightingale Road.

removal of the waiting restrictions would affect the shuttle bus service while Rolls Royce prepare to relocate to their new premises over the next 18 – 24 months, there will be numerous large vehicle movements.

The Fire Service commented that they use Nightingale Road as a quick response route in an emergency and would not wish to see an increase in parking.

It was reported that bearing the above in mind, it would not be appropriate to consider amending the waiting restrictions on Nightingale Road to allow residents' only parking at this time. However, further consideration will be given once Rolls Royce vacates their premises.

Councillor Chera expressed his disappointment with the proposed action and that Rolls Royce had not been invited to comment. Councillor Turner considered that it is an issue of judgement and not numbers and that the removal of waiting restrictions is needed where the houses are and not the Rolls Royce buildings. He considered the emergency services would not be hindered.

Councillor Wynn commented that initially he would have liked the restrictions to be removed sooner. However, when he considers the possible impact it could have on the emergency services and that it could hinder a response to an accident, then he does not consider we should remove the waiting restrictions at the moment.

A resident commented that parking on both sides of a road impedes emergency vehicles elsewhere in the city and suggested that removing restrictions from one side should be considered. The panel supported this suggestion and asked that the report is referred back to consider removing restrictions on one side or in front of the houses only..

It was agreed to ask the Cabinet member for Planning and Transportation to review the proposed action and report back to a future meeting and to consider the suggestion to remove the no waiting restrictions on part of or one side of Nightingale Road.

Response on 14 March 2007:

During the initial investigation into the contents of the petition, consideration was given to whether parking could be permitted on any or all of the street. It was considered that, at this time, no amendments could be made to the restrictions on any part of the street.

Actions agreed:

To leave the issue open to receive further reports.

Update:

A report went to the Planning & Transportation Cabinet Member meeting on 4 April 2007. It was resolved to confirm to the Area Panel that it was not appropriate to consider any amendments to the waiting restrictions on any part of Nightingale Road until Rolls Royce had vacated the premises.

Note and close

18. Ref: 207002 – Grass verges on Victory Road, Sinfin - received 17.01.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

Issue:

A resident complained about the state of the grass verges on Victory Road and asked what could be done to improve them because a mess is being caused by cars parking on them.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2007

Councillor Turner reported that he was aware of the problem and that highways officers will be asked to respond.

Response on 14 March 2007

A report detailing the 2007/2008 work programme was included on the meeting agenda.

We are aware of the poor condition of the grass verges on Victory Road. Damage is being caused by vehicles parking on the verges, but it is very difficult for the Highway Authority to take action, as under highway law it is not illegal to drive over them. The Council can only take action if damage is being caused, and we would need witnesses to actual damage being caused where no prior damage existed.

It is a common problem all over the city. We could take action to repair the verges, but they would quickly become damaged again. Letter drops to local residents asking them to cease parking on the verges usually improves matters for a while, but things soon resort back to normal. Also, it may not be the local residents, but visitors, who are causing the damage, and letter drops have little effect in these circumstances.

The best way of dealing with the problem is by physically preventing vehicles driving on to the verges. This is usually achieved by installing bollards, but they can be unsightly, and become a maintenance liability as they are subject to damage and vandalism.

In this location, a considerable number of bollards would be needed, and it would be difficult to justify the cost at a time when there is considerable pressure on the highway maintenance budget. The Osmaston and Allenton Neighbourhood Team are considering funding schemes to protect both these verges, and verges on Elton Road. Detailed costings are awaited before a final decision is made.

The adjacent footways are not in good condition and are included in a list of potential footway reconstruction/resurfacing schemes. Works to improve the verges, and install bollards to protect them, could be carried out at the same time, but we do not know at present when these footway improvements works will go ahead.

Actions agreed:

To leave the issue open to receive further reports

Update:

The Osmaston & Allenton Neighbourhood Team are considering funding a scheme to protect the verges in Elton Road and Victory Road in the financial year 2007/08.

Note and refer to the Osmaston and Allenton Neighbourhood Closed Forum

19. Ref: 207003 – Condition of Sinfin Recreation Ground, Sinfin - received 17.01.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Issue:

A resident commented that after Severn Trent Water reinstated the grass on the recreation ground after their pipeline work, large holes and ruts remained. They are a health and safety hazard to pedestrians especially at times like Sinfin Carnival. Can it be rectified before the Carnival.

Previous key points / action taken:

January 2007 - Agreed to ask parks officers to investigate and respond.

Response on 14 March 2007

A meeting is being arranged with Severn Trent Water and council officers to ensure the reinstatement works are completed satisfactorily.

Actions agreed:

To leave the issue open to receive future reports.

Update:

Investigations are continuing. Temporary repairs will be undertaken using sand on the worst ruts to enable the Carnival to occur. Parks will work with the Sinfin Neighbourhood team to ensure longer term repairs are completed in due course.

Note and refer to Sinfin Neighbourhood Team

20. Ref: 206043 – Alleyway Issues, all wards

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Telephone 71 5025

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

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

Issue:

A number of issues have been raised, and petitions received over the closure of various alley ways across the area. These issues have been amalgamated into one item to be updated on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Previous key points / action taken:

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

September 2006 - The Area Panel were recommended to agree the following actions:

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

Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

November 2006 - The Alleyways Working Group met on 11 October 2006. The following is a

summary report of the meeting.

Present: Colin Avison, Area Panel Manager, Craig Keen, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader, Tim Banton, Area Traffic Engineer; Sharon Sewell, Neighbourhood Coordinator; and 2 residents.

Colin Avison explained that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 made provision for gating Rights of Way when inappropriate use such as anti-social behaviour and / or dumping of rubbish could not be dealt with effectively by any other way. He went on to point out that in order to use the Act there needed to be current or recent evidence as well as.

A. Alleyway: Baker Street to Shardlow Road – A resident from an adjoining property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. The following actions were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

1. Security Audit to be undertaken at resident's property [Action: Craig Keen]
2. Designation of the path to be clarified [Action: Tim Banton],
3. Request any evidence of inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway from Streetcare [Action: Craig Keen],
4. Request Police to task PCSO's (when in post) to target the alleyway for patrols to collect evidence of inappropriate behaviour [Action: Craig Keen],
5. Conduct survey using letters to adjacent residents to collect evidence of current and former inappropriate behaviour in the alleyway [Action: Craig Keen].

B. Alleyway: Waldorf Close to London Road – A resident from a nearby property summarised the issues that had been suffered over a long period of time. Actions 2 - 5 above were agreed in addition to those previously agreed at Area Panel 2:

C. Alleyway: Beech Avenue to Raynesway – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A & B above. Paul Bayliss handed over a file of issues from 2004 for this alleyway to Craig Keen.

D. Alleyway: Kynance Close to Coronation Avenue – It was reported that the situation had markedly improved during the last 12 months. It was agreed that the situation at this alleyway would be monitored and reviewed once progress had been made at alleyways A and B above.

January 2007

A report is being written for Cabinet to formalise and agree the process for closing alleyways using the powers available in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Feedback on the actions agreed at the October working group meeting are:

- a security audit of the property by the Baker Street to Shardlow Road alleyway has been completed
 - In addition, feedback on actions relating to alleyways from Baker Street to Shardlow Road and Waldorf Close to London Road are
1. the alleyways have a public right of way
 2. Streetcare have been contacted for information about inappropriate behaviour and they have provided no evidence of fly-tipping or inappropriate behaviour
 3. Police Community Support Officers have been tasked with additional patrols around the alleyways and to date they have reported no Anti Social Behaviour - ASB around the alleyways
 4. In December, more than 100 letters and reply paid envelopes were sent to residents in the areas around the two alleyways. The letter asked for residents to report all incidents of ASB to the ASB Team and as yet there has been no responses giving evidence of inappropriate activity.

A further meeting of the Alleyways Working Group will be arranged.

Councillor Banwait asked that the Kynance Close alleyway is included in any future updates.

Response on 14 March 2007

Responses from residents are being collated and a further meeting of the Alleyways Working Group will be held shortly to consider the information provided and other alleyways issues.

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A report is being written for Cabinet to formalise and agree the process for closing alleyways using the powers available in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The report is scheduled to go to Cabinet on 17/04/2007. An update on the report will be provided to the Area Panel at the June meeting.

Actions agreed:

Report back on the outcome of the report to Cabinet to formalise and agree the process for closing alleyways using the powers available in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Report back on outcomes of the Alleyways Working Group

Report back on outcomes of the letter sent out to residents in December 2006.

Update:

The Cabinet report, setting out how Gating Orders will be pursued, will now be presented on 5th June 2007.

Note

21. Ref: 206044 – Tree issues, all wards

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 715485

Issue:

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

Previous key points / action taken:

September 2006 - The Area Panel agreed the following actions:

- Amalgamation of all current and Area Panel 2 'tree management items.
- Referral of future issues of this type into the amalgamated update.
- Establishment of a working group to develop actions on issues of this nature for Area Panel 2.
- Reporting back to Area Panel 2 on a regular basis on actions being taken and progress made.

November 2006 - The resident has been contacted regarding the tree on Victory Road and the tree at the rear of Chellaston Junior School has been removed.

The Tree Management Working Group met on 19 October 2006 to consider tree issues in the area and a number of actions were agreed to resolve issues. Funding was recommended from Area Panel 2 to resolve six tree issues and all six were approved by the Area Panel as part of item 10 on 8 November 2006. These were:

Maple Drive – remove tree. 43 Newbridge Crescent – dismantle, fell and grinding. Fernhill Court – plant five new trees. Breydon Close – thin crown of silver birch. Lime Avenue – thinning. Breydon Close – Crown cleaning the Ash tree.

The panel agreed to a further £500 allocated from the Chellaston ward budget for cosmetic tree work.

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The Tree Management Working Group meeting took place on 4 January 2007. There were no requests to allocate funding to cosmetic tree work. Notes of the meeting appear in appendix 1.1 of this report.

Response on 14 March 2007 :

Discussion of tree management issues has been conducted by email. A list of issues and recommended actions is included as Appendix 1 of the update report for this meeting.

A summary of recommended tree management work along with costs to be funded by Area Panel

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2 is included within the Appendix 4 of the Finance Report for this meeting.

Actions agreed:

To provide an update on recommendations from the Tree Management Working Group.

Update:

No new tree issues have been raised.

Note

22. Ref: 207009 – Protection of hedgerows beside the Canal, all wards- received 13.03.07

Responsible officer(s) for more information:

Alf Bousie, Environmental Services, telephone 715778

Neil Leyland, Planning Officer, telephone 256020

John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, telephone 715485

Issue:

A resident raised concern about the destruction and inappropriate management of ancient and environmentally valuable hedgerows along the canal from Wilmorton to Baltimore Bridge. The resident referred to loss of hedgerows beside the canal due to developments and to inappropriate / poor management being practised including laying and the removal of hedgerow trees for no apparent reason.

The resident went on to enquire whether the Council had a policy for the retention, conservation and appropriate management of ancient hedgerows and if not, whether there were any plans to introduce one.

Previous key points / action taken:

New item

Response on 14 March 2007

None

Actions agreed:

Provide an written update to the next meeting

Update:

The City Council do recognise the special value of hedgerows in the City for their visual, historic and biological value.

In 2003 we commissioned a major survey of the City's non domestic hedgerow resource and identified around 1300 hedgerows, of which 43 % were biologically important and have assisted schemes across the City to plant new hedges and bring others into better management.

The City of Derby Local Plan (CDLP) contains two relevant policies regarding development and hedgerows; E5 which requires the retention, where possible, of features of nature conservation importance, including hedgerows, in new developments.

E 8 seeks schemes which enhance the natural history value of land, including those which enhance hedgerows.

These matters are further discussed in the City's Nature Conservation Strategy 2006 which explains how hedgerows should be incorporated into new developments in ways which link them to the wider network of hedgerows; how new biologically hedgerows should be created and existing ones brought into good management as part of the development process.

In relation to planning applications for the restoration of former canal, these general policies would apply and in addition CDLP policy L9 (which allows for the restoration the canal) requires proposals to "retain and enhance existing planting" (which obviously would include hedgerows) and

an enhancement “of the wildlife value of the canal corridor as a whole”.

We have been active in working with the Canal Restoration Society over recent years in their work to lay and gap up hedges along the canal; including by giving them free hedge plants.

Note and Close