

ITEM 4

Time Started : 7.00pm
Time Finished : 9.30pm

AREA PANEL 5 (ALLESTREE, DARLEY AND MACKWORTH WARDS) 4 OCTOBER 2006

Present: Councillor Richards (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Gerrard, Hickson, Higginbottom, Harbon,
Samra, and Webb

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail	- Area Panel Manager
Sara Allmond	- Constitutional Services Officer
Gemma Barlow	- Constitutional Services Officer
Ellen Bird	- Constitutional Services Officer
John Cadwallader	- Derby Cityscape
Michelle Spamer	- Highways and Transport
Peter Matthews	- Local Manager, Derby Homes

39 members of the public were in attendance.

16/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Travis

17/06 Late Items

There were no late items

18/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19/06 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 July 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20/06 Chairs Report

The Panel received a report from the Chair on current issues and successes within Area Panel 5.

Resolved to note the report

21/06 Presentation on Derby Cityscape

The Panel received a presentation from Derby Cityscape on the Masterplan and the Public Realm Strategy and asked members of the public to complete the questionnaires regarding the Public Realm Strategy.

A resident asked why the £2million housing development on St. Helens Street was not a Cityscape contract and how many companies were invited to tender. Mr Cadwallader explained that the Housing Corporation agreed to fund a £2million development within one mile of the Market Place and this site is within one mile but outside the Cityscape curtilage. 15 companies showed an interest and Metropolitan Housing Trust were the preferred developer. A second best scheme was also funded on the other side of the city centre on Churnet Street.

Resolved to note the presentation and thank John Cadwallader for attending the meeting.

22/06 Petitions

A petition which had been received since the last meeting was considered:

Old Chester Road Traffic Offences Petition

Ms Broughton, one of the petitioners addressed the panel. Residents were concerned about drivers who abuse the one way system between Kirk Street and the Coach and Horses mini roundabout on Mansfield Road. She commented that the problem of drivers going the wrong way down the one-way street was worse at the weekend with people using the local community facilities.

Residents confirmed that Councillor Williamson had visited the site in August to assess the problem and that the Police had taken action as well. A request was made for new signs on the road highlighting the restriction and a narrowing of the carriageway to reduce the likelihood of the road being driven down accidentally.

Richard Smail confirmed that as an immediate short term action the Council had replaced the two original no entry signs with two new illuminated signs and have erected an information sign stating 'no access to Mansfield Road'. Residents commented that the new information sign could not be seen because of the branches from a nearby tree.

Resolved to investigate the petition and provide a response at a future meeting.

The following responses to petitions were received at the meeting:

Petition – Street Lighting on Nottingham Road

The panel considered a report of the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation which responded to a petition received in April 2006, signed by 58 people asking for streetlights to be installed on Nottingham Road.

The report detailed the actions taken to improve the lighting on Nottingham Road, which included the replacement of lanterns in two columns which emit far more light than the old unit, the investigation being carried out into replacing a single lighting column on the bend on Phoenix Street with a twin arm one that has two lanterns.

It was also reported that the street lighting PFI was due to commence in January 2007 and for the first five years of that contract a major replacement programme would take place which would include the street lights on Nottingham Road. Residents asked for more information about the Street Lighting Private Finance initiative and suggested a presentation is provided at a future meeting.

Resolved to note the report and receive a presentation on the street lighting PFI at a future meeting.

Petition – Balham Walk, Mackworth

The Panel considered a report of the Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation which responded to a petition signed by 90 people claiming that the walkway was in a dangerous state of repair and requesting that the walkway be repaired.

It was reported that the footpath had been inspected and was found that there were no defects identified which exceeded the Council's intervention levels, other than a Transco reinstatement. A defect notice was issued to Transco requiring them to carry out repairs.

Judy Kelsall, the lead petitioner expressed her disappointment with the outcome of the report and asked that a Disabled Access Officer from the Council inspect the walkway as many disabled people were unable to use the walkway.

Councillor Gerrard commented that the walkway had a very high footfall and asked that information on what was a high priority be provided to the Panel.

Resolved to refer the petition back to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation for further investigation.

23/06 Update Report

Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager introduced a report, which set out responses to questions raised verbally or in writing at the last meeting.

Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street

A local resident commented that she was under the impression that the consultation was going to take place and she had only found out it was on hold through the Area Panel 5 paperwork.

Agreed to ask that an update is brought to the next meeting

Granite Kerb Stones on Darley Lane

A local resident commented on the Conservation Area Advisory Committee recommendation that a public record should be kept of all salvaged historic highway materials which was being retained for reuse.

Agreed to keep the item open and update on whether the recommendation will be introduced as a new procedure.

Darley Park – BBQ Notices

A local resident raised concerns over the time taken on the investigation as there was now little need for signs over winter.

Agreed to receive a response at the next meeting

Parking Enforcement, Markeaton Primary School, Bromley Street

A local resident commented that the report stated that some restrictions had been revoked and asked that report be brought to Area Panel 5 on those revoked in the area.

A local resident thanked the Council for the work done and reported that the restrictions around Markeaton Primary School were being enforced, but education was needed as even the parents parked in the wrong place.

Shrubs, Broadway

A local resident commented that nothing had been done with the shrubs yet and it was still a hazard. Councillor Hickson confirmed it was the shrubs on Kedleston Road that needed attention, as drivers look right out of Broadway up to the brow of the hill.

24/06 Public Question Time

The following questions were raised by members of the public:

Darley Park Drive Car Park

A local resident commented that parking provided for access to the World Heritage site, such as the car park at the bottom of Darley Park Drive was being used by students parking for the University.

University Noise

A local resident commented that Broadway Park Close was opposite the public footpath and bridge which leads to the University. When there were late night functions at the University local residents were being disturbed by students, this is even though the gate is supposed to be closed at 9pm. She asked that the Council ask the University to ensure the gate is closed at 9pm.

Parking on Penny Long Lane

A local resident commented that University parking on Penny Long Lane was a continual problem.

Parking on Broadway

A local resident commented that the current strategy for university parking was not working and asked that the Council raise the local residents concerns at the liaison meeting.

Councillor Hickson commented that none of the Area Panel councillors attended the liaison meeting and asked which elected members were invited.

Richard Smail reported that Council officers and the relevant Cabinet Member attended the liaison meetings.

Agreed to request that an Allestree and Darley ward councillor be invited to the university liaison meetings.

Police Statistics

A local resident considered that incorrect information regarding police crime statistics was being circulated around Mackworth ward and he asked why.

Councillor Webb referred to the statistics provided at the Police Liaison meeting saying that all types of crime are recorded. He suggested that the Police update the panel at the next meeting on how they collate reported crimes.

Councillor Richards agreed to respond directly to the resident.

Agreed to invite the Police to provide a verbal update on how crime statistics are recorded at the next Area panel meeting.

Ice on Park Farm Car Park

A local resident asked whether anything could be done to improve the

gritting of the Park Farm car park in winter as the car park often became very slippery when icy or snowy.

Councillor Hickson responded that the car park was privately owned but the Panel would put forward the request to the owner.

Bus Lanes on Duffield Road

A local resident asked what measures were being considered to ensure that the proposed bus lanes on Duffield Road and Kedleston Road did not force cars on to the side roads.

Councillor Hickson responded that the idea behind the proposal was to encourage current car users out of their cars and on to the buses, by increasing the reliability of the buses. If once the bus lanes are implemented rat running did increase, measures would then be considered to counteract it. He confirmed that the proposed Kedleston Road bus lane had been postponed until the work around the five lamps area is completed.

Quality of Cycle Track Cobden Street to Friargate

A local resident commented that the quality of some cycle tracks in the city were not of a very good standard, such as on cobbled stones along Friargate. He commented that the route from Cobden Street to Friargate was not safe because of litter thrown onto it by cars and he asked if it could be swept.

Agreed to receive a response at a future meeting.

Statutory Requirements

A local resident asked that the Council ensured it operated within statutory boundaries following a letter being sent out by the Council regarding St Helen's House before the end of the appeal period by the Secretary of State. He asked the Members of the panel and officers to keep an eye on such matters.

Fly tipping on Bridge Street/Lodge Lane

A local resident asked for something to be done about the fly tipping around the scrap metal yard on Bridge Street/Lodge Lane. Councillor Hickson agreed that the footway was used for flytipping and that it had been raised with officers already. Councillor Baxter agreed to raise the issue again with officers.

Agreed to investigate the problem.

Air Quality

A local resident asked whether the air quality monitoring being carried out by the Council included the Five Lamps area.

Agreed to investigate and provide a response to a future meeting.

St Mary's Footbridge

A local resident commented that the cost of replacing St Mary's footbridge was included in the inner ring road maintenance scheme and asked when to work on this was going to commence.

Agreed to provide a written response to the questioner.

25/06 Consultation on the 2006/07 Local Transport Capital Programme for Highways and Transport Scheme

The Panel received a report introduced by Michelle Spamer on the Consultation for the 2007/08 programme for Highways and Transport Schemes. She outlined that officers wanted to improve the way the detailed highways and transport work programme for the 2007/08 financial year was developed and were seeking the views of area panels, as well as other groups and organisations across the city, on what schemes needed to be focused on and what transport schemes or initiatives could be implemented to try and address them. A final programme would be presented to Cabinet for approval in February/March 2007.

She invited the area panel to provide details of problems and/or schemes they felt should be considered as part of the 2007/08 highways and transport programme and submit them to Michelle Spamer by 10 November 2006.

The area panel would consider the list of schemes at the next meeting and identify the five priorities for each ward. Residents and Councillors suggested a number of issues that could be included in the list.

It was agreed to note the report.

26/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

Applications for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of three applications for funding, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the 126 (City of Derby) Squadron ATC towards the purchase of a Landrover – Amount requested £200
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Allestree Bowling Club towards a new pavilion – Amount requested £2,000
- To consider whether to support the application received from the

Allestree Netball Club towards club development – Amount requested £3,540

- To consider whether to support the application received from Highways Maintenance to replace the existing handrail on Well Street – Amount requested £700

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- 126 (City of Derby) Squadron ATC – Grant for £210 towards the purchase of a Landrover. The extra £10 would allow each ward to allocate £70.

Reasons

1. It would improve access for local people to existing services
 2. It would enable residents to participate in their community
- Highways Maintenance – Grant for £700 for hand rail on Well Street

Reasons

1. It would provide a service in response to the needs of local residents
2. It would enable directly benefit people living within the local area

To defer the following applications:

- Allestree Bowling Club – Grant for £2,000 towards a new pavilion

Reason

To enable final costs on the entire job to be calculated.

- Allestree Netball Club – Grant for £3,540 towards club development

Reason

The Area Panel would not be willing to cover staffing costs, so the application needed to be reworked before it could be considered.

27/06 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper

28/06 Arrangements for the next meeting

Agreed to note that the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 7.00pm at Lawn Primary School, Norbury Close, Allestree. Councillor Samra would chair.

MINUTES END