



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 4

28 MARCH 2007

Report of Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

Area Panel 4 Community Issues Update Report

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1.1 Ref: 406028 – Petition - Removal of Bollards Chatsworth Drive, Mickleover - received 29.11.06

Issue: A petition was presented to the meeting requesting the removal of eight bollards on Chatsworth Drive. Chatsworth Drive is a small and relatively new development that is not subject to fast moving through traffic. Two sections of the road have been narrowed for the purpose of traffic calming with eight reflective bollards erected on each section – giving a total of 16. Residents feel that there are more bollards than are

needed and they have an adverse impact on the visual aesthetics of the development. The Council has not yet adopted the highway and residents consider this an appropriate time to request that the developers remove the eight bollards along with other remedial work outstanding on the footpaths.

Action: To produce report for 28 March meeting.

Update: A report in response to the petition appears elsewhere on the agenda in item 6. The report proposes the removal of eight bollards as requested by the petitioners.

Note and close.

Further information:

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715025

1.2 **Ref: 406001 - Petition, Car parking on Uttoxeter Road, Littleover received 18.01.06 and 27.09.06**

Issue: A petition had been received in December 2005 about the difficulty of getting out of driveways along Uttoxeter Road near to the City Hospital. This is because of cars parked by hospital workers, visitors and contractors between 8am and 5pm. There is very little space to manoeuvre and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic travelling at 40mph. Can the Council install double yellow lines as part of the list of improvements already proposed for the next few weeks.

A second petition signed by 87 residents was received in September 2006 requesting car parking restrictions on Uttoxeter Road between Corden Avenue and the City Hospital roundabout on the left hand side as you travel into the city.

The Littleover Ward Councillors agreed to prioritise work to address this issue as one of their priorities for the 2007/08 highways and transport schemes.

Action: Report back on the outcome of the decision at Council Cabinet about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme and an update on progress with the consultation.

Update: The consultation confirmed strong support for the need for no waiting at any time restrictions on Uttoxeter Road and I can confirm that the statutory procedure for introducing such restrictions has commenced. The restrictions will be introduced as soon as possible but I am unable to suggest exactly when this will be as the process varies dependant upon the comments or objections that are received during the periods of statutory and public consultation.

During the consultation in the Kings Drive area there was also much support for a residents' only parking restriction. However, due to the complexity of these types of restrictions, a number of different views were expressed about the precise details of an acceptable scheme. These differing views have all been considered and a basis for the scheme has now been determined. A leaflet will be sent to all residents in April 2007 explaining the outcome of the consultation and the details of the proposed scheme. Providing there is general acceptance, the statutory process can commence.

Note.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.3 Ref: 406020 – Traffic on Haven Baulk Lane, Littleover- received 27.09.06

Issue: A new resident of Haven Baulk Lane raised her concern over the excessively high speed of traffic using Haven Baulk Lane. It made it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road, made it unsafe for children and parents to walk to school and made it unsafe to park your car on the road. She asked the panel if anything could be done.

It was confirmed that this has been a major issue for some time, with petitions and local action groups being set up in the past but with limited action taken. There had been proposals to review the need to develop a scheme once changes to Rykneld Road had been implemented but Rykneld Road had been postponed and it was important to get Haven Baulk Lane back on the agenda.

The issue had been included by the Littleover Councillors as one of their priorities for action in next years highways and transport programme.

Action: Report back on the outcome of the decision at Council Cabinet about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme.

To update on progress with the speed checks

Update: A report appears elsewhere on the agenda in item 7, which outlines the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme as agreed by Council Cabinet on the 20 February 2007. The report states that the traffic calming and footway improvements for Haven Baulk Lane are not considered a priority for 2007/08.

There is an opportunity to secure significant funding for local improvements through the expansion of Heatherton residential development. The timing is dependent upon when the developer seeks planning permission and the start of work on site, but it would be wise to deliver more comprehensive work in the area at that time, to mitigate the transport impacts associated with the new development, alongside any improvements at a more local level.

Derbyshire Police are arranging for the speed checks to be carried out and aim to analyse them in time to provide feedback at the meeting on 28 March. **Note.**

Further information: Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184
Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community telephone 715019

1.4 Ref: 406021 – Dog dirt bins, Haven Baulk Lane Park, Littleover - received 27.09.06

Issue: A local resident raised concern over the large amount of dog waste on Haven Baulk Lane Park. She stated that there is only one sign telling people to pick up dog waste. She asked the Panel for more signs to be erected, to encourage dog walkers to collect the dog waste, and for more dog waste bins to be installed.

The area panel agreed to fund the installation of a dual waste bin.

Action: Update on progress to install new bin.

Update: Grounds maintenance officers are determining the most suitable place the bin before arranging for installation in the next few weeks. **Note and close**

Further information: Ken Richardson, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

1.5 **Ref: 406029 – Corden Avenue and Uttoxeter Road Junction road surface, Littleover - received 29.11.06**

Issue: A resident commented that the tarmac on the road surface around the Corden Avenue and Uttoxeter Road junction was in a poor state and had been due for repair. He asked what could be done to tackle the problem.

Action: Report back on whether the work will be included in the 2007/8 highway maintenance programme.

Update: The carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing of this section of Uttoxeter Road including the Corden Avenue junction is included in the highway maintenance programme for 2007/08. We anticipate the work will be carried out in two phases commencing approximately February/March 2008. **Note and close.**

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Area Coordination Officer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715064

1.6 **Ref: 406019 – Maintenance on Pastures Hill, Littleover - received 27.09.06**

Issue: Concern was raised over two maintenance issues on Pastures Hill. The drains are all blocked, resulting in water swilling down the road and because they are positioned below the road surface they are a hazard to cyclists. Also, during a recent repair the new tarmac appears to have been laid incorrectly and it is now in a poor condition.

Action: Report back

Update: As the drains at Pastures Hill have not been operating well, we have arranged for them to be jetted out. The works will be done before the end of March 2007. **Note and close.**

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Regeneration and Community, telephone 715067

1.7 **Ref: 406024 – Traffic on Stenson Road, Blagreaves - received 27.09.06**

Issue: A local resident raised her concern over the difficulties accessing Stenson Road from Oaklands Avenue. This was not only because of excessive traffic but also because a number of vans are parking at the junction and reducing visibility – while completing work at a house on Oaklands Avenue.

She had mentioned this to the Police and there appeared to be an improvement for about two weeks.

She stated that a mini roundabout had been requested around 2-3 years ago and wanted to know if this would be reconsidered in light of the new housing being built in the area.

Action: Report back on the outcome of the decision at Council Cabinet about the 2007/8 highways and transportation programme.

Will any work under consideration in the programme include the suggestion of a mini roundabout at the Stenson Road Oaklands Avenue junction - in light of the new housing being built in the area.

Update: A report appears elsewhere on the agenda in item 7, which outlines the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme as agreed by Council Cabinet on the 20 February 2007. The report states that Stenson Road and Blagreaves Lane neighbourhood centre improvements do not have any funds available in 2007/08 to progress the investigation, but will be reconsidered 2008/09.

No provision has been made for investigating provision for a mini roundabout at Oaklands Avenue within the Local Transport Plan. **Note and close.**

Further information: Shaun Skelton, Derbyshire Police, telephone 222184
Tony Gascoigne, Traffic Control Engineer, Regeneration and Community telephone 715019

1.8 **Ref: 407001 – Petition – Parking time limit sign in Sunny Hill post office car park, Blagreaves - received 31.01.07**

Issue: A petition had been submitted to the Council on 4 January 2007. The petitioners are supporting the introduction of a parking time limit in the Sunny Hill post office car park to stop the parking of vehicles by residents and customers in the car park for over two hour periods.

Action: To investigate and report back to a future meeting having considered the introduction of a traffic regulation order as a resolution.

Update: A report in response to the petition appears elsewhere on the agenda in item 7. **Note.**

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Regeneration and Community, telephone 716090

1.9 **Ref: 407003 – Road sweepers at Stenson Road flats development, Blagreaves - received 31.01.07**

Issue: A resident wanted to know if the contractor sweeping Stenson Road could be asked to sweep the road outside the rush hour period because when the mud is being cleared from 8.30 to 9am it is causing additional delays for traffic including the bus services

Action: Investigate and report back

Update: A Highways Inspector has visited the site and asked the developer that when they use the sweeper that it is used outside peak hours. If further problems are experienced residents can telephone Derby Direct StreetCare on 715000. **Note and close**

Further information: Malcolm Price, Waste Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716350

1.10 **Ref: 407005 – Path on Sunnydale Park, Blagreaves - received 31.01.07**

Issue: A written question was submitted asking that improvements are made to the path on Sunnydale park that goes from Blagreaves Lane. Where the tarmac path meets the unmade path the area is just mud

Action: Investigate and respond directly by letter to the resident

Update: A letter has been sent to the resident explaining that the problem has been

investigated and that we intend to extend the tarmac area to where the cycle track meets the stoned path, which is at present covered with mud. The contractor will complete the works once the area dries out because in its present state it is difficult to access or physically undertake the work. **Note and close**

Further information: Ken Richardson, Parks Manager, Environmental Services, telephone 716646

1.11 **Ref: 407002 – Planning Applications and developments, all wards - received 31.01.07**

Issue: A resident asked if the panel was aware of the large number of planning developments in the area and the impact it was having. He referred to one example where an application on Blagreaves Lane was requesting that an individual house is demolished to be replaced by a care home. He was concerned about the scale, size and density of the developments. He has held one local public meeting to object to the development and asked if the panel supported the residents.

Action: That the Area Panel, in the name of the Chair Councillor Troup, writes to the local Member of Parliament.

Update: The Head of Development Control reports that the Planning Policy Statement 3 – PPS 3, was published by the Government in November 2006 and comes into effect on 1 April 2007, it replaces Planning Policy Guideline 3 Housing. Among other amendments, the PPS 3 objectives emphasize high quality design particularly in more sensitive sites such as in Conservation Areas. In addition, the emphasis remains upon developing sustainable brown fields sites. The national target of at least 60% of houses on previously developed land remains unchanged and the definition of previously developed brownfield land is unchanged and continues to include gardens.

A letter has been sent to Margaret Beckett MP referring to residents concerns and asking what action the Government will take in response to residents concerns. **Note and close.**

Further information: Paul Clarke, Head of Development Control & Land Searches, Regeneration and Community, telephone 255942

1.12 **Ref: 407004 – Recycling, all wards- received 31.01.07**

Issue: A resident asked how the percentage figures are calculated when reporting the amount of waste recycled and whether the Council knew where all the recycled waste ended up.

Councillor Care reported that the Council is charged for the amount of waste it passes to the recycling contractors, but this is much less than paying to send waste to land fill sites. She confirmed that items incorrectly placed in recycling containers are not included in the weight and percentages of recycled waste.

Councillor Carr referred to the use of Waste Transfer Notices that track the disposal of all waste by being recorded and monitored to ensure safe and appropriate disposal.

Action: None.

Update: An accurate response was provided at the meeting and there is no further information to add. **Note and close.**

Further information: Malcolm Price, Waste Manager, Environmental Services,
telephone 716350

1.13 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report back
Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus	Awaiting details of section 106 agreement	June 2007
Planning Application at East Midlands Airport	Awaiting more information on planning application	September 2007

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	Area Panel 4 community issues update report, background information – available on CMIS
List of appendices:	None.