



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5

1 FEBRUARY 2006

Report of Assistant Director - Community Policy

Area Panel 5 Community Issues Update Report

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1.2 Ref: 504027 – Pedestrian crossing, Blenheim Drive, Allestree – received 02.06.04

Issue: Need for a pedestrian crossing at Woodlands School

Action: Update on Woodlands School travel plan.

Update: Woodlands School has not yet approached the Council to develop a Travel Plan. In these circumstances the earliest time the school would have completed their travel plan will be March 2009, but there is no certainty that this would be the case. Because of the long timescale we would recommend the matter be closed and reviewed should it become an issue in the future.

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

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

Issue: A petition signed by 57 residents was submitted which asked for a risk assessment and action relating to the hazard of crossing the road at the junction of Park Lane and Cornhill, Allestree.

Action: Update on pedestrian crossing proposals

Update: The crossing is being considered for the 2006/07 programme, and we will know by April 2006 if it will be installed.

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

1.4 Ref: 505028 – Parking, Cornhill/West Bank Road, Allestree - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Concern was raised over parking near the bend on Cornhill and West Bank Road junction, Allestree. It was reported that drivers have to go on the other side of the road around the bend, which is highly dangerous.

Action: Report back on results of investigations

Update: A traffic investigation was carried out in December 2004 on a number of issues raised by Councillor Webb, in the Cornhill area. As a result of this investigation it was concluded that:

- at Main Avenue / Park Lane junction the introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions would be progressed. This Traffic Regulation Order is about to go out to statutory consultation stage.
- it is not considered necessary to alter the existing waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Cornhill's junctions with Robincroft Road and West Bank Road. Please note these restrictions were implemented in 1987 and there have been no alterations to them since then.
- the introduction of additional waiting restrictions on Cornhill could not be considered

necessary at the current time. The situation in Cornhill has continued to be monitored. The location has a relatively good accident record with only two recorded personal injury accidents in the last three years, with the causation factors of excessive speed and careless behaviour. The nature of the road tends to dictate vehicle speeds and the occasional presence of parked vehicles tends to help in this respect as drivers show additional caution when passing parked vehicles (and surveys carried out have substantiated this). The parking tends to occur mostly at weekends and in the evenings and therefore it should be concluded that it is mainly the residents or their visitors parking on street.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090

1.5 Ref: 505035 – Tree pruning, Allestree Lane, Allestree - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Concern was raised over a Horse Chestnut tree that is growing just 28 feet from a residents front door. It was reported that there are problems with children standing on top of work vans to get the conkers. She asked if the tree could be trimmed back slightly so that it doesn't bear fruit. They had been told that because they are mature trees that they cannot be cut, but had suggested taking it out, which the resident did not favour.

The panel were also asked whether it is permitted to trim trees back from their side of the garden.

Action: Commercial Services to provide a cosmetic tree work quote for the next meeting.

Update: The Area Panel will consider a request to fund this cosmetic work to trees as item 9 on the agenda on 1 February. The cost of works for crown lifting and thinning by 15% would be £67.50.

Further information: John Booth, Arboricultural Manager, Commercial Services, telephone 715537

1.6 Ref 505043 – Markeaton Park, Hard Standing Extension, Allestree – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident asked why an area of hard standing at Markeaton Park, beside Markeaton Lane, is being extended.

Action: Investigate and report back

Update: Drainage and flood defence works taking place involve replacement of the two overflow weirs leading into the main culverts located adjacent to the Mundy Play Area Car Park.

To complete the work safely, the main entrance to the car park and a substantial area of the car park has been closed. The area closed will be used by the contractor as a site entrance, site compound and work area. A temporary car park has been constructed on the summer grassed overflow car park area with a new entrance off Markeaton Lane. This will maintain pedestrian and cyclists access and provide public car parking for Mundy Play centre and Markeaton Park. The contractor has installed

some signage for the new entrance and routes. As this area is only grass it has been stoned to allow use during the winter months and to provide a means of access to the existing car park that is not being used by the contractor. The temporary entrance and stone surface will be reinstated back to grass on completion of the drainage work.

The work will take approximately six months to complete. As part of the work to construct the new weir wall, it will be necessary to remove the line of large poplar trees located against the wall of one of the weirs, to allow access for piling rigs. This has been agreed with our Arboricultural Section. Propose to close.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

1.7 Ref 505051 – Petition – Removal of Bench on Blenheim Parade, Allestree – raised 07.12.05

Issue: Sergeant Critchley presented a petition, signed by 46 people, on behalf of the local Neighbourhood Watch and local residents. The petition requested the removal of a bench near to the bus stop on Blenheim Parade. The bench is hardly ever used by people waiting for a bus and is the focal point for groups to gather and this has frequently resulted in acts of anti social behaviour.

Action: Investigate and report back

Update: The Police and Anti Social Behaviour Team have reported that the anti-social behaviour will be monitored. They anticipate that the situation experienced by residents should improve as a result of the publicised Anti-Social Behaviour Order and the Section 30 dispersal order. The bench is Highways responsibility to maintain and they have visited the site and note that it needs some repair. The anti social behaviour will be monitored and if there are no further problems, Highways will consider repairing the bench. Should there still be anti-social behaviour problems, consideration would be given to resiting or removing the bench.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance Manager, Development and Cultural Services telephone 715067

Andy Thomas, Head of Service Anti-Social Behaviour, Derby Community Safety Partnership, telephone 256910

1.8 Ref: 504058 – Litter, footway St Benedict School to Broadway, Darley – raised 07.12.04

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

Action: Check for litter and then close item.

Update: We have checked for litter on the footway. No action was required. We did note that there had been some leaf fall. We have swept the footway area from the Broadway through to the edge of the school to clear the leaves. Propose to close.

Further information: Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716352

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

1.9 Ref: 505011 – Speed limit on Broadway, Darley - raised 06.04.05

Issue: A local resident raised concern about the 40mph speed limit on Broadway. He asked the panel if they were aware that the public entrance to Highfields has been closed. The only entrance is by St Mary's school, where there is conflicting traffic. In July 2005 another resident stated that two years ago a proposal was put forward to reduce the speed limit to 30mph, but to date nothing has been done.

Action: It was confirmed that there were no plans to reduce the speed limit to 30mph. Agreed to report back on outcome of a meeting planned in January.

Update: Broadway Action Group – BAG, the Police and St. Mary's School, held a meeting on 19 January. Sergeant Critchley and local councillors were invited. BAG will report the details of the meeting to the appropriate parties.

Further information: Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

1.10 Ref: 505012 – Bollards, Darley Park, Darley- raised 06.04.05

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

Action: To respond to the resident directly regarding the specific issues they raised. Report back to panel on action taken.

Update: Derby Parks have investigated the specific points they raised by the resident. The Grounds Maintenance Supervisor responsible for the park has instructed his teams upon entering and leaving the park to keep these entrances locked to stop the problem of unwanted vehicles.

The entrances will be monitored, and Mr and Mrs Hartle have been asked to inform the Council of any occasions when they see the gate unlocked or bollard out. Propose to close. Propose to close.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

1.11 Ref: 505013 – Petition – Restrictive Parking, North Street, Darley - received 06.04.05

Issue: The lead petitioner stated that problems had arisen since the new housing opened and ten homes are affected in North Street by parking problems. He informed the panel that the residents pay £25 for residents parking, and £50 for a second parking permit, but currently cannot park outside their homes. The petition was therefore asking for a residents only permit scheme.

Action: None.

Update: We have issued an order for the lines and signs to be reinstated. The work should be done by end March 2006. Propose to close.

Further information: Pat Ethelston, Assistant Director - Highways, Transportation and Waste Management, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715043

1.12 Ref: 505026 – Petition – Request for one-way system, Markeaton Street, Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: A petition signed by 63 people had been received requesting a one-way system on Markeaton Street, due to the concerning level of traffic that converge daily on the street. It also referred to the anticipated increase in traffic and parking problems due to the high level of developments in the area, and the proposals to expand Derby University. It also requested that the area be monitored on a regular basis by traffic wardens.

Action: Update.

Update: We are proposing to consult the local residents in Spring 2006 in order to gain their views on the introduction of any traffic management measures, including the possibility of making the street one way. We anticipate that we will be able to report back to the area panel at its meeting on 12 July 2006.

Further information: Neil Palfreyman, Traffic Management Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716090

1.13 Ref: 505034 – Section 106 – Highfields Development, Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: A representative of the Broadway Action Group asked the panel how Section 106 money is calculated, and in particular how much the Section 106 payment was for the Highfields Development. They asked if this payment would be increased now that the application for an increase in units has been made. They asked for detail on what this payment would be used for.

Action: Update on S.106 payment details for Highfield Lane.

Update: The S106 secured 35 affordable dwellings, 10% of all the dwellings to mobility standards, 1.4 of public open space, £1,370 per dwelling for primary education, off-site highway works & £150,637 for junction improvements.

The primary education sum has been paid. It must be spent on primary school facilities in the local area. As the money was only received last year, a decision on how to spend the money has not yet been made.

The highways sum is due two years after the start of development, so has not yet been received. Propose to close.

Further information: Rosie Heath, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255073

1.14 Ref: 505039 – Petition – Well repairs and installation of hand rail, Well Street, Darley - received 12.10.05

Issue: A petition containing 80 signatures, had been received from residents of Strutt's Park and Rivermead House requesting the repair of the well at the bottom of Well Street and the installation of a handrail on Well Street, as they were concerned about the general state of Well Street, in particular the slippery surface and the difficulties faced by everyone who use the route to negotiating the steep hill.

Action: Report back at meeting on 1 February

Update: We are still investigating whether appropriate funding can be found for a repair to the well and establishing the best solution for a handrail. The lead petitioner has been informed of progress.

We hope to be able to have a report available for the next Area Panel meeting on 5 April 2006.

Further information: Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

1.15 Ref 505044 – Markeaton Street University Development, Darley – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident asked what action is being taken against the University and its developers for installing 15 office units and 25 vehicles on the former Sturgess School site without permission. She also asked about the issue of contaminated land on the Markeaton Street site.

Action: Update on Planning Control resolution

Update: Planning permission was granted for retention of site accommodation compound for a temporary period of 16 months on 15 December 2005. The application was submitted by: Norwest Holst Construction Ltd , Clair House, Sir Frank Whittle Road, Derby

Further information: John Stewart, Principal Planner, Development and Cultural Services telephone 255934

Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

1.16 Ref: 505040 – University Parking, Allestree and Darley - raised 12.10.05

Issue: Over the past two years residents have raised a number of issues, concerns and petitions about student parking and traffic around the University of Derby. These include complaints about student parking on Oakover Drive and Amber Road in Allestree, Broadway and Penny Long Lane and around Markeaton Street. Complaints had also been raised about the amount of litter generated on Broadway due to flyers and posters being placed on the car windscreens.

Action: Update on any recent developments.

Update: No further information to add from the Council, Police or University.

Further information: David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025

Inspector Graham McLaughlin, Derbyshire Police, telephone 613131

Neville Wells, University of Derby, Telephone 591962

1.17 Ref 505046 – Bus Stops, Kedleston Road, Allestree and Darley – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident informed the panel that the number 17A bus service has been running for three months, but the bus stops along Kedleston Road still have the out of date timetables. What steps are the Council taking to update these timetables?

Action: Inform the bus company of the out of date timetables

Update: The timetables for the Allestree buses have been amended by the bus operator, Trent Barton. Unfortunately, the new service 17A, which has been operating since September 2005 was missed off the timetable. We made Trent Barton aware of this omission. We will ensure that it is raised with their Marketing Department again. Propose to close.

Further information: Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Coordinator, Development and Cultural Services telephone 715045

1.18 Ref 505047 – New Bus Stop on Sixes Service along A6, Allestree and Darley – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident explained that the Trent Barton Sixes services along the A6 have been rerouted while the bus station is closed. The route starts on Full Street but the next stop is a long way out of town outside the Seven Stars Public House and he asked if an additional bus stop could be put outside the Flower Pot Public House. Although close to road junctions, this is a dual carriageway where the inside lane is of little use, but under current Connecting Derby proposals will be a bus lane.

Action: Inform the Trent Barton bus company of the request

Update: We have discussed this issue with the Trent Barton Route Manager for the Allestree and Sixes services. Unfortunately, traffic conditions, particularly in the evening peak, make it impractical to introduce a bus stop before you reach the Seven Stars pub. The buses would experience difficulty merging into the high volume of traffic around the Flower Pot pub. It is also felt that the suggested location for an additional bus stop would be in too close proximity to the existing stop at the Seven Stars pub. The service used to run from Albert Street and Victoria Street but was withdrawn by the bus operator, and re-routed straight on to the ring road so that the service was able to get out of the town centre as soon as possible to avoid delays for the passengers using the Sixes service.

Connecting Derby proposals do propose a new bus lane from Queen Street to St Helen's Street but to achieve this we plan to widen King Street by taking space away from the central reserve. Propose to close.

Further information: Chris Hegarty, Senior Public Transport Coordinator, Development and Cultural Services telephone 715045

1.19 Ref: 504055 – Litter bins in Knightsbridge Recreation Ground, Mackworth – raised 07.12.04

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

Action: Report outlining location of dual waste bins to be presented to meeting on 1 February 2006.

Update: A report about the installation of dual waste bins in Area Panel 5 can be found on the agenda as item 10. Propose to close.

Further information: Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer, Commercial Services, telephone 716272

1.20 Ref: 505027 – Scout Hut, Leytonstone Drive, Mackworth - raised 12.10.05

Issue: A member of the public raised concern over the empty scout hut, as it is constantly being vandalised by local youths who, on occasions, get inside the building. They asked the panel whether a decision had been taken as to the future of the building, and whether it would be demolished, and if so, what it would be replaced with. They also asked for contact details should they need to report any further damage.

Action: Update on progress.

Update: Cabinet agreed the request for the £20,000 needed to demolish the Scout Hut on Leytonstone Drive on 20 December, as part of the Capital Monitoring Report. Estates will now be progressing the demolition and marketing the site. Propose to close.

Further information: Martin Laidler, Housing Development Manager, Chief Executive's, telephone 255196
Julie Basford, Asset Manager, Chief Executives, telephone 255545

1.21 Ref 505041 – State of Slack Lane, Mackworth – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident raised concern about the state of Slack Lane on the left hand side travelling away from the bridge on Uttoxeter Old Road. He commented on the hollows in the road and damaged drains caused by lorries going to the new houses. He asked what the Council can do before an accident occurs.

Action: None. It was reported that officers are aware of this issue and that inspectors have already visited the site. Whilst the road conditions are not ideal, there are no immediate health and safety risks and any remedial action will be put into the future work programme.

Update: No further information to add. Propose to close.

Further information: John Edgar, Maintenance manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067

1.22 Ref 505042 – Phone Masts, Mackworth – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A local resident asked where the rental income for phone masts installed around Mackworth and on Council owned land goes. He felt that the income for masts in Mackworth should be spent in Mackworth.

Action: None. Councillor Baxter explained that there is no rent charged for masts put in highways land. David Gartside reported that Mobile Phone companies are treated as Statutory Undertakers, like British Gas, and have powers to install their facilities in Highways land and the Council cannot stop them. He confirmed that the masts installed on highways land in Mackworth are classed as public land and therefore no income is received.

Update: No more information to add. Propose to close.

Further information: Richard Smail, Area Panel manager, Policy Directorate telephone 258505

1.23 Ref 505048 – Land on Leytonstone Drive, Mackworth – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident asked if the delays to develop the site on Leytonstone Drive were because of issues with the private road that runs along the side of the site. He explained a bungalow used to be on the site but it has been demolished and the land is now an eyesore, overgrown with weeds and rubbish. Building rubble is also on the private road behind the Humbleton Drive shops. He asked if the site and road could be cleared up.

Action: Investigate if planning application submitted and ownership of land.

Update: Outline planning permission was granted in March 2005 for a residential development of three dwellings - under code DER 05/165. The land was then owned by the applicants JHP Property Development, 5 Camp View Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

The Inspection officer is already aware of the site and complaints and will assess the condition of the land with a view to any action that can be taken under the untidy land legislation.

Further information: Paul Clarke, Group Leader, Development and Cultural Services, telephone, 255935

1.24 Ref 505049 – Public Information Pillars, all wards – raised 07.12.05

Issue: A resident commented that in 2004, Area Panel 5 had received a presentation about Public Advertising Pillars - PIPs that had since been installed in some parts of the city. She explained that an escort agency is being advertised on the pillars and she asked if this was an appropriate use of the space.

Action: Investigate and report back

Update: Public Information Pillars - PIPs are operated and managed by a private company, PIPs Ltd. And the content of the adverts is PIPs Ltd's responsibility. We expect them to exercise discretion and good taste, and to conform to the standards set by the Advertising Standards Authority. Wherever a phone number or web address is given this is checked. Wherever PIPs Ltd has been unsure about a particular advert they have contacted the Council. We have had no problems with advert content until this recent incident regarding the Bond Girls escort agency advert was brought to our attention. We immediately asked PIPs Ltd to remove the posters, and they will not take escort agency adverts again. When they checked the matter they found the agency had changed ownership without PIPs Ltd's knowledge, and that was when the web content had changed. The small profit on these adverts has been put back into providing and installing replacement posters, which are part of a community safety campaign warning against the dangers of binge drinking at Christmas. The Council does not expect similar problems to occur.

Further information: Richard Williams, Head of City Development and Tourism, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716370

1.25 Outstanding issues

Issue	Outstanding action	Date to report
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None.		

PROPOSED ACTION

2.1 To consider and note the report.

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Background papers:	None.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Area Panel 5 community issues update report, background information