

**AREA PANEL TWO – UPDATE REPORT  
FOR 16 MARCH 2005  
MOORHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRACKENS LANE**

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**1. Ref: 204028 - Parking at Alvaston Library - received 07.07.04**

Issue

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the car park at the rear of Alvaston Library. There was a lack of lighting and many potholes on the car park.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

It was reported that the Council has now agreed that lights will be installed at the rear of the Library. These will be paid for by the owner of the building but will add charges to the rental paid by tenants, including the Library and the Housing Office. The work was expected to be done by the end of December.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Bill Reed confirmed that this work had not yet been done.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

This work has now been undertaken and the lights are working satisfactorily.

Responsibility

Fran Renwick, Assistant Head of Library Services, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716610

Bill Reed, Area Panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

Councillor Paul Bayliss

**2. Ref: 204043 – Dropped kerbs, Newbridge Crescent - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A resident reported that in March she was assured that dropped kerbs would be installed on the crescent.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Mick Watts visited Mrs Nixon in March 2004. Dropped kerb requirements on Jubilee Road, which has a junction with Newbridge Crescent, were looked at. 12 dropped kerbs were identified and incorporated on the dropped kerb programme. Funding for dropped kerbs has been reduced this financial year. It is expected that it will be two years before the kerbs will be dropped. A request for an increase in funding has been submitted, and we are awaiting a decision.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

It was not possible to indicate at this juncture when the drop crossings at Newbridge Crescent would be carried out.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

There is as yet no additional information about the extent of the programme or the likely date for implementation of the agreed drop crossings

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064  
Mick Watts, Access Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255925

### 3. Ref: 204044 - Council's Tree Policy - received 03.11.04

#### Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the Council's review of the tree policy. He stated that the Council only seem to be interested in it for insurance purposes, and not how it actually infringes on people's lives, and as a result will not help the general public.

#### Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has now completed its work and its was considered by Council on 21 December. Cabinet has asked the Director of Commercial Services to respond to the ideas suggested. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting for members of the public who wish to see it.

#### Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A member of the public commented that although the original tree policy was well written, it unfortunately was not always carried out, and he hoped that the council will have due respect for the trees.

Another resident asked if this would delay tree pruning.

Another resident stated that whenever he had asked for work to be done, he had been informed that there was no budget available.

Mr Ramsden expressed that he hoped the 'suckers' are removed as they ultimately kill the tree. He went on to explain that one tree on Boulton Lane had around 40 'suckers' that had not been dealt with.

#### Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss explained that he understood that Cabinet are looking at formulating a policy, and asked the residents to send comments to Councillor Hickson as soon as possible, as the policy is currently being costed.

In response to a resident, he confirmed that this would not delay tree pruning. He also confirmed that there was a budget, but it may not be sufficient to the amount of tasks on the list.

Councillor Bayliss asked that the resident write to the council informing him of the exact location of the effected tree.

#### Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

#### Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

A report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

#### Responsibility

David Romaine, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, telephone 255598  
Councillor Bayliss

**4. Ref: 204045 – Nottingham East Midlands Airport - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A member of the public reported that at an area panel 4 meeting it was arranged for a representative from the airport to attend a meeting to discuss the flight paths, and noise elements. She asked that this be made available to area panel 2.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

It was reported that Bill Reed was attempting to organise attendance at the meeting on 16 March.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A member of the public raised concern that as yet, no presentation had been given by the airport, as it would be difficult for the public to have their comments fed into the Council during the consultation period, if they are not going to attend the meeting until March.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss explained that they had asked a representative from the airport to attend for quite some time.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

A representative of the Airport will attend the meeting.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501.

**5. Ref: 205001 – Jitty – Waldorf Close - received 12.01.05**

Issue

Residents have requested the closure of the jitty between Baker Street and Waldorf Close

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Mrs Cox informed the panel, that she had received a letter prior to Christmas from Councillor Burgess suggesting she attend this meeting. She has attended tonight as requested, but unfortunately Councillor Burgess was not at the meeting, and the item did not appear on the agenda. She has also received another letter regarding the wrong footpath. She wants the footpath closed.

Mrs White informed the panel that she is registered blind, and so cannot attend all the meetings. She stated that Councillors have visited her regarding this jitty, and have received a petition with signatures from all on Waldorf Close and Baker Street. She asked that the Council write to the instigator of the petition, as it is not the jitty between Shardlow Road and Waldorf Close, it is actually the one from Baker Street that goes behind the Blue Peter. She stated that over the last 12 months, the police have visited her premises, which she has spent over £2,000 on security for it, and as a result, the only light at the back of Baker Street is her own, which is constantly costing her money. She said that the jitty needs to be closed. It is not a shortcut, and is not marked as a public footpath. The lady explained to the panel that she had stepped it out in her ordinary walking steps – from Baker Street to the pavement by the Blue Peter – to go through the jitty is another 52 steps. The panel were also notified that there is a large amount of rubbish dumped in the jitty, and that she has seen a letter from the Council saying that this petition had been thrown out.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss agreed to raise this as an issue now, and assured the lady that a response would be given. He asked that the copies of the photos be given to the officers.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

Two developments are expected on this matter.

Firstly, it has been noted that the Government are proposing to introduce legislation which will permit the introduction of gates and gating orders on jetties such as this one. This legislation is in its early stages, but would be the solution residents are seeking to this issue.

Secondly, officers have agreed to write to a limited number of residents who would be those directly affected were the closure to take place, to assess whether there is any significant support for it remaining open. If the level of support is small, it may be possible to proceed with an order.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

Ray Brown, Senior Planning Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255024

**6. Ref: 205002 – Parking, Brackens Lane – received 12.01.05**

Issue

A member of the public asked if it was an offence to park on the pavements, with particular regard to the lay-by on Brackens Lane, near to the Hairdressers. She asked why shops are being permitted to paint markings on the tarmac, when it is fronted by a public lay-by.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Another resident stated that the land does belong to the shops.

Mr Ransford stated that there is only a 20 minute wait on the layby – Lady's hair cannot be done in twenty minutes. People are parking on the pavements that belong to the shops.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss agreed to get an officer to look at it.

Councillor Wynn stated that the shops are not able to do this, and it is totally illegal – there should be no access there, and it looks that it has been marked out illegally.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Inspector Gascoyne stated that it was not illegal to park on the pavement, unless it was causing an obstruction.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The highway, in front of the shops, ends at the back of the footway. The area paved with slabs and marked out for customer parking, in yellow, are on private land. Access to these parking spaces can legitimately be gained via the dropped kerbs.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064



**7. Ref: 205003 – Traffic issues, Goodsmore Bridge – - received 12.01.05**

Issue

Concern was raised regarding the traffic that is being diverted onto Goodsmore Bridge, as a result of the works being carried out by Severn Trent on Stenson Road. The public were concerned that the bridge may not take the weight, as there is a 7.5tonne limit on the bridge. The panel were asked if they could look at this. It was also noted that the traffic lights on Wilmore Road were also causing problems.

Another resident informed the panel that a Council Van – number 815, was parking on the bend, which resulted in the bus to go on the other side of the road, which was extremely dangerous.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Mr Mullarkey suggested that two sets of lights are installed, one at the end of Wordsworth Avenue on the junction of Sinfin Lane, and the other set on Stenson Lane. He stated that during the rush hour particularly, vehicles cannot get onto Sinfin Lane to move around. This was supported by another resident.

Another resident informed the meeting that they had in fact e-mailed the Councillors during the week about this issue. He also asked who had authorised the road closure on Grampian Way. In response, Mr Mullarkey stated that there was a very dangerous situation outside Redwood School, secondly the residents of Redwood Road asked for it as it was only meant to be an access only road. However drivers ignored that and used it rather than Grampian Way. The bollard is inconvenient.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

With regard to Goodsmoor Road Bridget, Councillor Turner confirmed that the weight limit is environmental, to protect the residents of Littleover.

Councillor Jackson agreed that there was some very bad traffic planning in that area at the moment, and agreed that the traffic lights on Grampian Way are also causing problems.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Dhamrait agreed to have a have a meeting with the resident

Asked the residents to take this to the Sinfin councillors.

Councillor Bayliss asked that the traffic engineer look at this.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

We have continued to monitor the traffic and the process of the Severn Trent Water works in Stenson Road. The signals on Goodsmoor Bridge have been adjusted slightly to avoid possible conflict on the bridge and all of the signal equipment has been checked to ensure that it is working correctly.

It is understood that Transco works are holding up progress. Transco will not complete their work until around March 21. This means that the estimated completion date for the Severn Trent Water will be around May 9. This will mean that the closure will be extended.

Both the Council and STW have been trying to push Transco to work faster. We do have some formal powers that we could use, but in the specific circumstances on Stenson Road using these powers could actually slow things even further. STW are in a better position to apply pressure as they are paying a substantial sum of money for Transco to divert their apparatus. At present all we can do is wait.

The good news is that STW' contractor will be trying to make up lost time - currently approx 5 weeks - so when Transco are out of the way it is expected that STW would make good progress.

A schedule of works, and potential disruptions, in the area over the next few weeks will be available at the area panel meeting.

Please contact Nigel Brien on 715106 if there are any additional concerns or questions.

<b>Responsibility</b>
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Councillor Dhamrait

Michelle Spamer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Nigel Brien, On street operations manger, telephone 715106

**8. Ref: 205004 – Area panel meetings – - received 12.01.05**

Issue

A member of the public stated her disappointment that yet again, area panels 1 and 2 had been double booked, and asked that this is prevented in the future.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss explained that were possible this does not happen, but due to some venues having long standing bookings, they cannot always accommodate the area panels on the desired dates.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The double booking occurred because of the need to consult residents at all five panels on the Council budget proposals before the meetings of the Cabinet and Council which would debate the proposals. Regrettably this means that panels are likely to be double booked in January most years.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

**9. Ref: 205005 – Elvaston Castle Development – - received 12.01.05**

Issue

A member of the public raised concern over the proposed private development at Elvaston Castle, and the effect it would have on the residents of Alvaston and the surrounding areas. They asked the Council reflect their opinion.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss explained that this is not within the City Council's area, as is therefore an issue for the County Council, and as a result the City Council cannot do anything about it.

Councillor Wynn stated that it was regrettable that there are plans for the castle to be semi privatised, and agreed that it should be totally open to the public. He explained that he knew nothing about the issues being considered by Derbyshire County Council. He went on to explain that the City Council cannot influence this issue, and therefore the views of the public should be directed to the County Council.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

As stated at the meeting, Elvaston castle is the express responsibility of Derbyshire County Council. The City Council will be consulted on any planning applications submitted by or to the local planning authority in the area – South Derbyshire District Council – but otherwise the only route for residents concerned about these proposals is to write to the County Council.

Responsibility

Stephen Meynell, Chief Estates Officer, Property Services, telephone 255557

**10. Ref: 204007 – Petition, High volume of traffic using A514 – received 14.01.04**

Issue

A petition was received suggesting that traffic volumes on the A514 were excessive and asking for action to be taken.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

This matter has been referred to the Council's Cabinet and will go to the January 18 meeting. We will report back to the Area Panel once Cabinet has made a decision.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A member of the public asked if the Council were likely to have any specific liaison about the amount of HGVs on the urban roads off the A514.

With regard to the Bridge a resident stated that it was the canal bridge.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The request for a weight limit on the A514 was referred to the Council Cabinet by Area Panel 2. A report, outlining the issues was presented to Cabinet on the 25th January 2005.

The report recommended that the request for a weight limit be refused at the present time.

Cabinet deferred a decision on the matter and asked for additional details to be reported to a future cabinet meeting. In particular Cabinet asked for details to be provided about the financial and legal implications of introducing any restriction and also for information which would indicate when the T12 link road (A50 to Wilmore Road) would be constructed.

It is anticipated that a further report will be presented to Cabinet on the 15 March 2005. A verbal report on the outcome of that meeting will be given to the Panel.

Responsibility

David Gartside, Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715025.

**11. Ref: 204026 – Petition, Installation of bus shelters – Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane - received 05.05.04**

Issue

A petition was received requesting the installation of a bus shelter on Wragley Way and Deepdale Lane.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

The shelters are due to be installed next financial year, but the programme has not been drawn up yet.

The Adshel contract is currently under negotiation – for the whole of the city. The shelter on London Road/Traffic Street will remain where it is until an alternative site has been identified and approved. One option, as suggested by Mr Mullarkey, for the shelter to be relocated on the opposite side of London Road, is under consideration. However, alternative suggestions from residents for relocation of this shelter on a main arterial route would be welcomed. These would then be considered by Adshel.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A resident stated that the bus shelter located referred to in the updates was incorrect, and stated that the shelter outside the DRI, near the Royal Crown Derby needs to be moved to the opposite side of the road.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The location identified has now been added to the list for a bus shelter. The timescale is dependent upon funding.

Responsibility

Sean Marshall, Public Transport Engineer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715048.

**12. Ref: 204027 – Petition, Nursery provision, St Peter's Church Hall, Chellaston - received 05.05.04**

Issue

A petition was received concerning the increase of traffic, as a result of the plans for a nursery at St Peter's Church Hall.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A meeting is to be held in the new year to monitor the issues at this location. A date when Mark Todd MP and other parties can attend has not yet been arranged.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

There has been no date notified for this meeting

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501  
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**13. Ref: 204049 – Petition – Request for a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking near to Andrew's Fish and Chip Shop, Chellaston - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A petition signed by over 500 local people was received requesting a lay-by parking or other form of short stay parking in close proximity to Andrew's fish and chip shop in Chellaston.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A report appears elsewhere on the agenda which states that no action would be taken.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

The lead petitioner handed a paper to Bill Reed, together with photographs of the area.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss asked that an engineer relook at this for the next meeting.

Councillor Liversedge reported his support for this, and stated that the parking at the back of the shop was not sufficient, and agreed that something has got to be done, otherwise, regrettably, the business will close.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Traffic engineer to relook at this, and provide an update at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

A site meeting has been held between traffic engineers and Mr Ionnades. Further investigations are still on-going. We will report back as soon as they are completed.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064



**14. Ref: 204050 – Petition – Installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of lighting, improved surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston to improve the safety for pedestrians, cyclists and those living or working alongside Green Lane, by reducing the fear of crime.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A report appeared elsewhere on the agenda which stated that no action would be taken.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

A member of the public reported that people are not using Green Lane due to the large amount of dog dirt, and the lack of lighting. He stressed that it urgently needs dog waste bins installed.

Another local resident suggested that in Alvaston, they now carry out a dog watch patrol, which has cut down the level of dog dirt in the area. They informed the meeting that if the person who dog has fouled is known, they receive a letter stating that they have been watched. They also suggested that the Derby Telegraph could perhaps help with this, by promoting this work.

Another resident, stated that due to the location of Green Lane, a public patrol would be very difficult.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Wynn reported that one of the issues that hasn't really been touched on is the way that Green Lane has changed in character with the opening of the bypass. He stated that a lot of the pedestrians to Elvaston Castle are channelled to Green Lane. He supported what the resident had said. He confirmed that as an area panel they had agreed the capital provision for dog dirt bins in the area, which are desperately needed. Unfortunately no funds for the provision were available, and he acknowledged that this was a total disgrace, and hoped that the provision can be reaffirmed for the bins through the area panel funding.

With regard to the lighting, he informed the meeting that there is a nature area there, and so we want children to access it, but while it remains in this state, then they will not. It is a public hazard that needs to be addressed.

With regard to the figures stated, Councillor Wynn proposed to the panel that in principal if the £10,000 for lighting and surfacing cannot be found through mainstream budget, that we look to the area panel funds to cover this.

Councillor Blanksby commented that something needs to be done to prosecute the owners of the dogs who are constantly fouling the footpaths.

Councillor Jackson stated that it was unfair that only one bin had been allocated to Boulton, and that was on Field Lane, when there were two allocated on the green near Manor Road, which is only a small area.

Councillor Turner explained that the bins had been allocated unfairly, as he understood that the amount of bins allocated, would equal approximately five per ward.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005
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Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005
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The request for dog bins has now been included in a list presented to the Director of Commercial Services for possible inclusion in next years programme.

An application for funding for the lighting and surfacing is in preparation.

Responsibility
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Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

Rab Singh, Senior Lighting Technician, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715047

Bill Reed, Area panel manager, telephone 258501

**15. Ref: 204051 – Petition – Installation of central refuge and improvements to road layout, Raynesway and Alvaston Street - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of a central refuge and improvements to the road layout of the junction between Raynesway and Alvaston Street. This would improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and car users.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

The investigation is not complete. We will report back to the March Area Panel Meeting.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

A separate report appears on the agenda

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

**16. Ref: 204052 – Petition – Installation of dog dirt bins, Alvaston - received 03.11.04**

Issue

A petition was received by the panel requesting the installation of dog dirt bins on Green lane, Elvaston Lane playing field and the field to the rear of St Michael's and All Angels Church. The installation of the bins would allow the hygienic and effective disposal of dog dirt, and improve the cleanliness of footpaths and play areas.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

The budget for this year has already been allocated and there are no funds to meet this request. It will however be added to a list of similar requests which will be looked at again should additional funds become available.

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

None.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Bill Reed stated that he very much hoped this would be in the programme for next year.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

As noted above, this location has been included in a list submitted for inclusion in next year's programme.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, Principal Landscape Assistant, City Parks, telephone 715778

**17. Ref: 205006 – Petition - T Mobile Phone Mast, Shelton Lock – - received 12.01.05**

Issue

A petition was received, from the residents of Shelton Lock regarding the proposed site of a mobile mast, outside the Esso Station. People are worried about the possible risk of explosion, and radiation.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

New item

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

It was reported that this is the third attempt by T Mobile to erect a mast in the area.

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Councillor Bayliss agreed to refer the petition to Planning Control Committee.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The planning application submitted in June was refused. There has been no application since then.

Responsibility

Paul Clarke, Planning, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 255935

**18. Ref: 205007 – Petition – Dog waste bins, Fullens Lock - received 12.01.05**

Issue

It was noted that a petition had been received regarding dog waste bins for Fullens Lock.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

Council policy is for bins to be used for litter and dog waste. It is therefore proposed that this bin is moved further away from the children's play area to mitigate the problem.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, telephone 715778

**19. Ref: 205007 – Petition – Dog fouling, Flatts Path - received 12.01.05**

Issue

It was noted that a petition had been received regarding dog fouling at Flatts Path. The petition asked for the path to be widened and for dog fouling to be prevented.

Action reported at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Public response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Council response at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Actions agreed at the meeting on 12 January 2005

Updates on agreed actions to feedback to the meeting on 16 March 2005

The Dog Wardens have visited the site on a number of occasions since the start of December 2004. To date they have not been able to apprehend anyone committing an offence. 'No Fouling' stencils have been applied to the pathway.

A meeting took place at the site on 5 January. There was some fouling present on land adjacent to the pathway, and one dog walker was witnessed allowing his dog to foul on the land, although he did clean up afterwards. A number of courses of action were agreed:

- it was agreed that some monitoring with a view to issuing fixed penalty notices for owners failing to clear up after their dogs. It was agreed that this would take place in the evening.
- the Dog Wardens would visit the adjacent schools and hopefully arrange some kind of poster competition for the children with some of the posters produced being displayed along the pathway to get a message across from the children to dog walkers.

The area of land in question belongs to Chellaston Infant School. Discussions are ongoing between the Infant and Junior school to both widen and straighten the path and to exchange two small plots of land in the process. This would result in the majority of the area being transferred to the Junior school. However, no funding has been identified for the work.

Responsibility

Alf Bousie, telephone 715778  
Steve Allwood, Education Service, telephone 718890