

# ITEM 8

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN  
WARDS)  
WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2005**

## **MINUTE EXTRACT**

**22/05 Public Question Time**

### **Temporary Bus Lane – Allenton**

A member of the public asked how temporary the bus lane in Allenton was. She had seen three accidents since its installation. David Gartside responded that this bus lane was not working effectively because motorists were not respecting it. He commented that the bus lane if respected could provide some advantage to bus users without affecting other motorists. David went on to say that traffic problems, particularly on the A514, were going to get worse and something had to change. The Council were trying to encourage people to change their behaviour and make buses more attractive than using their own cars. The idea was that the more people that use the bus, the less cars there would be on the road, which would result in less congestion.

Councillor Liversedge commented that he disagreed and that the bus lane was not a help, and the timing of the traffic lights were also a problem and that they should be removed.

Councillor Blanksby stated that he agreed with what David had to say about public transport and that it was the only way traffic problems could be addressed. To overcome issues there had to be radical solutions. The Traffic Team were trying to prevent gridlock in the City. Different ideas had to be trialed. The bus was the main alternative in Derby to the car and having bus lanes gave people, using the bus an advantage. All alternatives had to be considered in Derby. Councillor Wynn added that the solution was not to remove the traffic lights as the traffic was growing all the time. There was also an issue with pedestrians trying to cross roads at busy junctions. The payback may take a long time, but people had to make life choices, such as where they live and work and most of this was based on having the use of a car. People had to start thinking of the future. He stated that if the Council wanted to promote bus services they had to look at all issues around this, one of those being accessibility. Investment needed to be put into this.

Councillor Bayliss suggested that if the Area Panel were unhappy with the bus lane in Allenton they could recommend that Council Cabinet remove the bus lane.

Members voted on this issue – four were for the removal of the bus lane, two were against the removal of the bus lane and six members abstained from the vote.

**Agreed to recommend that Council Cabinet remove the bus lane in Allenton.**