



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL THREE 22 JUNE 2005

Report of Director of Development and Cultural Services

Petition – Home Zone

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition has been received from residents of Cameron Road concerning a number of complaints about the Home Zone on Cameron Road.

The petition was in letter form and contained seven signatures.

A number of issues are raised in the letter and each item will be dealt with in turn.

- 1.2 The petition referred to the safety and visibility of protective barriers which have been erected around the trees and requested that the barriers are made more visible. Mr Thoreson, the lead petitioner referred to an incident in which he hit the barrier in his vehicle because the barriers cannot be seen. The improvements to the street lighting on the Home Zone has increased the illumination of Cameron Road enormously and it is considered that the trees and tree protectors are highly visible and do not require further illumination. The changes in the road layout have been designed to ensure the Home Zone is self-enforcing and vehicles are driven at appropriate speeds.
- 1.3 It has been requested that signs are erected informing motorists of who has priority on the street. The principles of the Home Zone are that motorists perceive that they give informal priority to other road users and that the street is a shared space. Those in vehicles have every opportunity to assess if another vehicle is coming toward them and whether they need to wait in one of the 'passing places'. The passing places provide ample space for vehicles to pass. Motorists using Cameron Road have ample opportunity to see when another motorist is approaching and to decide whether to give way to the approaching vehicle. It is accepted that road users will need to alter their behaviour when using streets within the Home Zone. However, I am pleased to report that it is noticeable that all those using the Home Zone are accepting the change and there have been no other concerns raised about this issue.
- 1.4 The lack of parking on Cameron Road has been queried. The layout of the parking within the Home Zone has been altered as part of the design of the street layout. During the extensive consultation that took place to enable the Home Zone to be designed, it was very evident that adequate parking provision for residents was a key issue. For this reason parking surveys were carried out before the final design to establish parking demand on Cameron Road. Although the overall number of roadside parking spaces has decreased the final design has provided spaces that exceed the measured demand. However, all roadside parking is available for all road users and spaces cannot be guaranteed specifically for certain households.

Two applications for disabled parking bays were received from the City Council's Social Services department. Both applications were felt to warrant the provision of marked bays which have duly been marked on site. No other applications have been received.

- 1.5 Concerns have been expressed about vehicles not giving way at the junction of Cameron Road and Brunswick Street. The junction of Cameron Road and Brunswick Street has not changed and vehicles on Brunswick Street must still give way to vehicles on Cameron Road. It is recognised that the give way road markings at this junction require attention and an instruction has been issued for this to be carried out.
- 1.6 The petition also commented that officers have not contacted Mr Thoreson or returned telephone calls when asked to do so. Officers do contact residents when messages are left and an officer did speak to Mr Thoreson on the telephone. It was explained to Mr Thoreson that all the issues raised in the petition would be dealt with accordingly once the petition had been received.

PROPOSED ACTION

2. As with all traffic management or accident prevention schemes, it is necessary to allow a period of time for road users to become familiar with the changes that have been introduced. However, it is important to note that the Home Zone Coordinator has reported that the comments that she has received have been essentially positive. Nevertheless, officers will monitor the situation on Cameron Road on a regular basis and will take action where it might be considered necessary in order to maintain or improve safety.

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Background papers:	None or list
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