

**AREA PANEL FIVE – UPDATE REPORT
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WALTER EVANS PRIMARY SCHOOL, DARLEY ABBEY DRIVE**

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1. Ref: 503017 - Five Lamps junction – air quality – raised 05.02.03

Issue

Concerns were raised on the increase in stationary traffic around the Five Lamps junction and the effect this was having on air quality. It was suggested that air quality monitoring was needed as a matter of urgency.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A full report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A member of the public questioned why the figures reported to Cabinet in April, had changed to those presented at the Panel Meeting.

A resident drew attention to the statistics for Duffield Rd annual mean. Even if the weather conditions did affect this there should be cause for concern. On some days the emissions are very much higher.

Another local resident asked why monitoring wasn't taking place at the bottom of Duffield Road / King Street. She explained that it was particularly hard to breath outside of the shops there in the daytime, as the air quality has deteriorated, allegedly from vehicles waiting at the lights.

Another member of the public questioned why the report only covers one pollutant, nitrogen oxide. She asked if the other pollutant levels should be looked at close to petrol stations.

A resident informed the panel that, when she attended the exhibitions, she had asked what the projected increase in traffic would be and the implications on pollution. She was told that it is estimated that there will be no increase – she asked the Officer at the Panel Meeting what he thought of this response, and whether they should be looking at future projections.

One member of the public asked how much the diffusion tubes, and testing costs. He informed the panel that he would like to have a tube installed in his front garden to test the air quality.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Julian DeMowbray explained that the 42.9ug/m3 stated to cabinet was an annualised figure for the Council House monitoring site, not the Five Lamps sites.

He went on to explain that there are very limited resources, and they do have to cover the whole city, but accepted the comment about the King Street monitoring.

With regard to the report only covering one pollutant, he explained that the report considers the three main pollutants that affect Derby. They have to concentrate on hot spots, as they do not have the resources to look at all pollutants across the whole city. He also reported that they had never found benzene levels near petrol stations to be in breach of standards.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

To respond directly to the residents regarding the actual statistics reported.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

There have been no supplementary questions asked about this issue since the last meeting, and replies were given directly to residents at or after the meeting.

Responsibility

Julian DeMowbray, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, telephone 715228

2. Ref: 503035 – Parking at Markeaton Primary School – raised 02.07.03

Issue

A member of the public raised an issue regarding the problems of parking on yellow zig zags outside the school, and on Bromley Street. She contended that the existing street markings were not enforceable and she suggested that parking be prevented from 8.30am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It was reported that the traffic orders on roads to the south of Broadway, including Bromley Street are currently being reviewed. As part of the broader project we will look to introduce traffic orders to back up the existing school keep clear markings at Markeaton Primary School, subject to the consideration of any objections. Because of the need to concentrate on other priority work we are not able to progress this work immediately. We aim to complete formal consultation with statutory bodies by the end of the financial year

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

Council officers met the Police on site on 17 November to look at the area generally, and with particular reference to this issue. A further update will be presented at a future area panel meeting once proposals have been drawn up.

Responsibility

Ian Butler, Senior Engineer, Accidents and Projects, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715021
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064

3. Ref: 503051 – Walking routes into the city centre – received 08.10.03

Issue

It was reported that footpaths into the City Centre were not safe. One example was near the Seven Stars Public House where there were no kerbs and, because of an uneven surface, flooded when it rained. The second footpath mentioned was underneath St Mary's Bridge where the lighting and policing needed improving, with a surface crossing from the inner ring road to Queen Street.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It was reported that the subway, bridge and footpath under King Street are an adopted highway and therefore the council's responsibility.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Concerns were raised over the trees being preserved, and the current problem with rats on the underpass. A resident explained that the rat problem had been reported to the council, but she was told that the land did not belong to them.

A member of the public questioned the statement of St Mary's Bridge, and asked for clarification. Another resident asked if they were referring to the St Mary's Footbridge. It was reported that residents have continually asked for the subway to be closed, and one year on, this has not progressed. The Panel were asked that any plans for the subway should be brought back to the area panel for discussion. Residents had not requested CCTV or lighting, and it would be useful if the people who are making decisions about the subway would talk to the people who are more familiar with the problems.

A number of residents stated that they had not been successful in contacting the responsible officer.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Repton informed the panel that a number of people would like to see the subway closed, and it has since been agreed that it is the Council's ownership, and therefore would like to progress this.

Councillor Gerrard invited local residents to speak to the responsible officer – Duncan Inwood. He stated that if they could not contact him, they should forward this to their local councillors to pursue.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Bill Reed to make sure that the responsible officer responds – regarding rats and the subway.
Julian DeMowbray to look into the issue of rats.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

Action has been taken with regard to vermin and this matter should now be under control. The Section 106 agreement between the Council and the developers has now been signed. This will ensure that the surface crossing is funded, together with improvements to the subway, consisting of lighting, renovation and CCTV cameras. In addition the developers will pay for 10% of the units to be 'mobility units' and for improvements to landscaping and open space. This agreement will come into effect when the development commences. Closure of the subway could only take place if the right of way were diverted or removed. This is a complicated procedure and is unlikely to be successful in the courts.

Responsibility

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

Julian DeMowbray, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, telephone 715228

4. Ref: 504002 – Traffic on Park Farm precinct – received 20.01.04

Issue

Members of the public were concerned about the volume of traffic around the Park Farm Precinct and thought it was very dangerous, especially on Birchover Way and Oakover Drive. It was most difficult during the mornings and afternoons at school times, with buses sometimes parking in the middle of the road due to parked cars.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It was reported that a number of parking issues in Park Farm are being looked at in their totality. In order to progress this it has been agreed that a meeting between all interested parties including the access officer, highways officer, the Park Farm centre management, the Police and the head of the local school, will be held at Park Farm within the next few weeks.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

A meeting was convened by Councillor Webb on 18 November. A verbal report will be given to the Panel meeting.

Responsibility

Nicola Jagers, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074
Inspector McLaughlin, Divisional Police Headquarters, telephone 613131

5. Ref: 504015 – Alcohol Free Zone, West End side Derby – received 31.03.04

Issue

Councillor Repton asked the panel to write to Stuart Leslie to give this serious consideration, that the area be considered as an alcohol free zone.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Police Inspectors are considering the need for Alcohol Free Zones across the City and will respond to the Council with their suggestions.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A resident asked if they would make the first stage of this process for two years only, as an interim measure.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

To take this back to the Council's Licensing Committee.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

The legislation under which zones are introduced makes no provision for temporary designation, and it is thus not possible to pursue this suggestion.

Responsibility

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501
Stuart Leslie, Legal Division, telephone 255450

6. Ref: 504020 – Concrete Bollards, Prince Charles Avenue – received 02.06.04

Issue

Need for bollards to stop vehicles driving over paved pedestrian areas.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It was reported that it is possible to access the area in front of the co-op from a number of places, therefore a large number of bollards would be needed to fully prevent access. This would be both costly and visually very intrusive. There is adequate parking available in the car park and at the roadside.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Gerrard informed the panel that Securicor are driving their trucks straight over the slabs, which is causing damage. He suggested that if they could persuade them to use the rear entrance of the Co-op, then they may not need to proceed this.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

A letter has been sent to the Co-operative store manager who is taking the issue up with her Head Office. No reply had been received at the time of writing this update.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Highway, Maintenance, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, telephone 258501

7. Ref: 504022 – Speed limits on Broadway – received 02.06.04

Issue

Speed limit on Broadway

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A response to a request to reduce the speed limit on Broadway from a 40mph restriction to a 30mph restriction was reported at the last Area Panel meeting. The location of St Mary's School was taken into consideration at this time and a 20mph restriction would not be appropriate for the reasons given.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A member of the public explained that this was not the end of the matter. He informed that panel that this issue had been followed up with Derby Action Group since the school opened. There is a serious problem with parents parking on the hatch roadway signs, in the middle of the road, and turning into the school. In the afternoon there are people waiting in this area from around 2 pm until the gates open at 2.50 pm. He went on to explain that the parents have a very aggressive attitude to the concerns of the residents. They think they should tarmac the playing fields so that parents can park there.

Following discussions with the Council and School, he has now taken this matter up with the Police, who carried out a survey the previous week whilst issuing parking tickets. The officer carrying out the survey was appalled by what was happening, and as a result has written a report to his seniors and to the Council with recommendations. He asked the panel to follow this issue up.

Another member of the public explained that from a cyclists point of view, 40mph is high, and should be reduced to 30mph.

Another resident explained that a lot of the parking problems at Leylands disappear in October. It is worse in September when the new students start at the university. They have no respect for the parking conditions, and as a result the buses have to park in the middle of the road to let people off. He asked if the Police could do anything about it.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Inspector McCloughlin confirmed that he had received the report from Steve, which also measures ten other locations. He agreed to update on this issue.

Councillor Webb suggested that if the action is done by Safe Routes to School in conjunction with the Police, then there may be success, but this will take time. He explained that it took four years with Portway School, but substantial improvements have been made.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Inspector McCloughlin to look into this issue, and provide an update at the next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

St Mary's have established a school travel plan forum and they have produced an 'action plan'. There is nothing further to add from the forum meeting.

Responsibility

Nicola Jagers, Traffic Manager, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 716074

8. Ref: 504027 – Pedestrian crossing, Blenheim Drive – received 02.06.04

Issue

Need for a pedestrian crossing at Woodlands School

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

An initial assessment and a traffic count will take place in the remainder of this financial year. The programme for works of this nature has been committed until next financial year. Hence an assessment will determine whether the location can qualify for inclusion in next years programme.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

No work has taken place on this proposal to date for the reasons indicated at the last meeting

Responsibility

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

9. Ref: 504033 – Darley Park Concert – received 21.07.04

Issue

It was requested that, during the Darley Park Concert, there could be parking restrictions on Broadway. Restrictions had previously been implemented, but never enforced, and residents wondered why this was. Another issue raised in relation to the concert was the litter left behind afterwards.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

It has been confirmed that Park Rangers are on site the morning following the Concert and that the Park is completely cleared of rubbish by the end of the day following. This was the case this year. Recycling bags were provided last year, but the experiment was unsuccessful and was not re-continued this year. 4,000 bags were distributed among 30,000 people, and all bags and residual rubbish were cleared the following day.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A local resident stated that the litter had been cleared well, but informed the panel that the traffic was particularly horrendous on that day. She was concerned that North Parade was a conservation area, and asked whether there should actually be a build up of traffic there, as it is being used as an entrance to the concert.

Another resident asked that the country code of practice be promoted in the leaflets promoting the concert.

Another resident explained that two years ago it was suggested that a park and ride service be used for the concert – could this not be explored.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

To take the park and ride service suggestion forward.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

This suggestion will be considered as part of the planning for next years event.

Responsibility

Dawn Dagley, Parks Liaison Officer, telephone 716272
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 71 5064

10. Ref: 504035 – Pedestrian Crossing, Mackworth Estate – received 21.07.04

Issue

A pedestrian crossing was requested across the A52 between the Mackworth Estate and Markeaton Park as it was extremely dangerous, especially for children crossing.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A review of police injury collisions on the length of Ashbourne Road from Prince Charles Avenue to the Ring Road reveals that there have been no collisions involving pedestrians in the last five years. Pedestrian facilities exist close to the junction of Prince Charles Avenue and at Markeaton Roundabout. However these facilities are not controlled and care needs to be taken when crossing at these points. Controlled pedestrian facilities exist on the other three arms of the roundabout but it is recognised that this is a less direct route to the park.

We will carry out a site visit to make an initial assessment of the need for a crossing. This is likely to take place in October as the signals team has two vacancies and there is a backlog of investigations for crossing requests. It should be noted that funding for new pedestrian crossing requests is not available during the 2004/05 financial year, as all funding has already been allocated to outstanding requests. Once we have completed our investigations we will report back to the panel.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Webb asked the Panel if this was being done with any improvements by the Highways Agency at Markeaton Island. He raised concerns that if a crossing and new road goes in, then existing crossings may be lost.

Bill Reed explained that there may be a possible underpass at this junction, but this would not effect any short-term decisions, and vice versa.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

It has not been possible to address this issue in the timescale anticipated because of staffing difficulties. It is anticipated that an initial assessment will take place before Christmas.

Responsibility

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

11. Ref: 504039 Bus service through Morley estate – received 21.07.04

Issue

A report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management was considered, which gave details on a proposal to re-route the bus service, currently running through Morley Estate.

It was reported that a number of problems with the current route had been causing a serious problem to the bus service, run by Arriva Midlands. Due to the width of the roads, parked cars narrowed them further, making it difficult for buses to gain access and had even caused some damage to cars. This affected the reliability of bus times, causing more customer complaints.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

The consultation exercise that was undertaken by Mr Simon Lysaczenko is acknowledged, but the consultation was limited in its scope, and finding a traffic management solution for the area would involve extensive consultation throughout the Morley estate. Any traffic management scheme in the area would also require significant levels of capital funding. The issues will be considered for inclusion in a future year of the Local Transport Plan's capital programme. The priority for such funding will depend upon how the proposed traffic management scheme would contribute to the wider objectives of the Plan, for example in improving accessibility and in enhancing safety.

The report to the last Area panel identified the problem of bus accessibility problems, caused largely by parked cars, and to an extent by the problems of opposing traffic flows along narrow streets. Arriva Midlands have so far not confirmed a date for any changes to the route of their service 28. If they do contact the City Council, the Area Panel will be informed immediately.

Bill Reed, Area Panel Manager, informed the meeting that from 31 October 2004, this bus service would be moved to Cheviot Street and Slack Lane. He apologised to residents for this news, but explained that as a private company they do have the right to change their services, given the appropriate notice, irrespective of any traffic solutions that might / might not be appropriate in that vicinity.

If traffic management changes in the area are to be pursued, it will only be after an investigation by the Council.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A number of residents were extremely concerned about this, and explained that nothing had been said to them or any of the action groups. They asked whether the bus company would have to ask the Council's permission to run a bus service on these roads.

Another resident asked if the Council should stand up and fight for this.

Another resident asked the panel that although they are a private company, and therefore the council cannot dictate the bus routes taken, do the Council have to grant planning permission for any new bus stops / shelters?

Another resident acknowledged that some residents did respond to the councillor's consultation, but Arriva did not acknowledge any local residents and their views.

One resident questioned the leaflets on Morley Estate, as he did not receive anything

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Higginbottom explained that she too was very disappointed with this news. She explained point 18, which referred to the consultation exercise, stating that this information was not brought to the last meeting.

Bill Reed explained that a representative from Arriva was present at the last meeting. They have been in discussion with the Council, and are familiar with the report that was brought to the meeting. They do have the right to take their decision. With regard to the acknowledgement in the update, it is referred to in the update, to point out its limitations.

Councillor Baxter asked if any traffic management schemes had been pointed out to Arriva prior to their decision.

Councillor Gerrard informed the meeting that Arriva have not even informed the Councillors

Councillor Higginbottom informed the residents that they had carried out local consultation with residents on the Morley Estate, by posting out leaflets asking for a response. These responses were taken to Arriva, who have clearly ignored them. She explained that she was disgusted by the decision, and agreed to get together to see if the residents of Morley Estate can be supported with the 28 bus. Councillor Gerrard confirmed that the leaflet was delivered to residents on the bus route street.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

The diversion of route 28 from Stepping Lane/Slater Avenue to Slack Lane, and Cheviot Street has been verbally confirmed by Arriva to the city council in early July. However, we did not receive the change to the service registration confirming the intention to run along Slack Lane until after the deadline for getting written updates prepared for the area panel minutes. This is why a verbal update was given at the meeting on 6 October.

The new route is proving to be more reliable, and is well used at the bus stops it serves along Slack Lane and Cheviot Street. Whilst many residents have poorer access to the bus, others have gained. There is no prospect of reinstating service 28 as the council has no control over a commercial decision. Complaints from local residents and members will, in the short term, make no difference to the decision by a bus operator over a commercial bus route.

The whole issue of accessibility to the bus network is being reviewed by the council, as part of the preparation of the next Local Transport Plan, which will guide the council's transport investment up to 2011. What we have to do is look at how people can gain effective access to bus services through the provision of improved walking routes, or where the walk is too far or difficult, through the funding of smaller demand responsive vehicles. This however costs a lot of money to run, and these costs have to be considered by the council within their overall priorities. A recent consultation exercise on the LTP has shown accessibility to be a problem in some parts of the city, and these areas will need to be looked at carefully to see how money can be effectively spent to best secure access to facilities. Commercial bus operators are focussing more and more on the high volume routes, and service 28, when running through the narrow streets within Morley estate, was losing customers due to its poor reliability, and in the long term could have become unviable to run. Arriva recognise the problems that the change has caused, but have the best interests of the majority of their customers at heart, by ensuring the bus continues to run and provide a frequent, reliable service for the majority of people.

Responsibility

Peter Price, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034
Bill Reed, Area panel manager, Policy Directorate, telephone 258501

12. Ref: 504040 Written question – Darley Abbey bus service– received 21.07.04

Issue

A resident asked what plans were in hand to improve the bus and other transport facilities as part of the World Heritage site.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

The demise of the former Darley bus service has been well documented through Area Panel 5 minutes. Briefly however, the primary reason for Trent Barton deciding to withdraw the bus was the fact that levels of usage were too low to sustain a commercial operation. Under the terms of the Transport Act 1985, the City Council as transport authority has a duty to consider whether to provide revenue support. There are currently no plans to upgrade the level of service that is provided through the diversion of service 17 through the village, as revenue funds are not available to meet the high costs involved.

Derby City Council does not have any powers to control the routes which operators choose to run commercially. The operator of the former services has confirmed it does not intend to resurrect the service. We are talking with bus operators about ways to secure better bus services throughout the city. We are also seeking views of Trent Barton on whether they could divert any of the existing commercial bus services that run along Duffield Road.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

One resident explained that the facilities in the area need to be considered, and needs to be related to the imminent closure of the post office on Duffield Road.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Repton raised concern about the impact of the bus company's refusal to supply a service to the area, followed on by recent news that the PO proposed closures. He explained that they do have the help of MP Bob Laxton, to try to remove the PO closure threats.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

There is nothing further to add about the bus service provision to Darley Abbey. Plans for the World Heritage Site do include discussion about the transport implications but there are no proposals at this stage. Details can be seen on the web site <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/news/2000/aug/ENV1556.pdf>

Responsibility

Peter Price, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715034
Bill Reed, Area panel manager, telephone 258501

13. Ref: 504044 – Developments, Chester Green – raised 06.10.04

Issue

A resident from Chester Green raised concern about the amount of development in the area, and asked for clarification of what 'low rise' means.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

To forward to planning department, and provide a response by next meeting.

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

There is no definition in Town Planning law of this term. However it is usually taken to refer to buildings on a domestic residential scale, of no more than two or three storeys.

Responsibility

Duncan Inwood, Planning Services, telephone 71 5926

14. Ref: 504045 – Pedestrian Crossing, Chester Green – raised 06.10.04

Issue

A local resident raised concern over the warning lights prior to the pedestrian crossing on Chester Green. He explained that they had only been in action for two days, and already cars were skidding up to the pedestrian crossing. He asked the panel if anything could be done to improve the location of the warning signs / lights.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

A local resident raised concern over the warning lights prior to the pedestrian crossing on Chester Green. He explained that they had only been in action for two days, and already cars were skidding up to the pedestrian crossing. He asked the panel if anything could be done to improve the location of the warning signs/lights.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

Temporary signs are in place and we have issued a press release to highlight the changes. The facility is relatively new and motorists will become more familiar with the new road layout in a short time. The signals also have a safety factor built into the timings so that there is a delay between a red signal for traffic and the green man starting. We will however continue to monitor the situation and will consider improving the advanced signing if necessary.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 71 5064

15. Ref: 504046 – Garages, Darley Abbey– raised 06.10.04

Issue

A member of the public questioned whether the nine Council garages adjoining the car park west of Darley Abbey in Darley Abbey village are being used effectively, as local residents had been informed that there was a waiting list for the garages, when in fact some were not in use, and repairs were taking a long time to be done.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

New item.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

This matter has been investigated. It is understood that significant repairs to some garages, including the removal of asbestos roofs, are needed, and this has prevented their being let. Repairs are to be made before the end of the financial year. A verbal update will be given at the meeting to supplement this information.

Responsibility

Theresa Whyte, Derby Homes, telephone 717840

16. Ref: 504047 – Rat Running, North Parade – raised 06.10.04

Issue

A resident of North Parade informed the panel that he had handed in a video showing rat running on North Parade last June, showing over 500 cars passing an hour. He still was awaiting a response.

The Council had published figures at the exhibitions about the Connecting Derby proposals both in December and July which demonstrated that in all but one case, rat running had reduced. These figures were contested by the member of the public.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

A response has been sent to the resident who took the video. The reply thanks him and confirms that his video has been viewed. However, counts have been made on the relevant roads have shown that there is no increase in the volume of traffic passing his residence.

Responsibility

Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 71 5064

17. Ref: 504048 – Heritage Matters, Darley Abbey – raised 06.10.04

Issue

A representative of Darley Abbey Heritage Group explained that a meeting had been held in October 2003 with Councillors Jones, Burgess and Beech about heritage matters in Darley Abbey. It was reported that one suggestion was that there should be a hard footpath installed through Darley Abbey. Is this still proposed?

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

There is no plan to develop a surfaced footpath through Darley Abbey.

Responsibility

John Edgar, Highway Maintenance, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715067
Michelle Spamer, Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination Officer, Development and Cultural Services, telephone 715064
Dawn Dagley, Parks Services, telephone 716272

18. Ref: 504051 – Improvements to walking routes into the City Centre – raised 06.10.04

Issue

A resident on Friar Gate, informed the panel that a marvellous job had been done to the pavements, but this was only from the Markeaton Island to Uttoxeter Road. He asked that improvements be made to the pavements, particularly near Roman House, as it is appalling.

He also explained that the street lighting on Friar Gate is above the level of trees, and asked if they could be slightly pruned.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

We are aware that the footway outside Roman House is not good, but we understand that it is intended to reconstruct this footway as part of the Connecting Derby project. At the moment we are awaiting a decision regarding the additional funding that we have asked for to complete Connecting Derby. We have submitted a Planning Application for the completion of the project which will be considered in January. This will then go to government for approval and a decision will be made as to whether a public inquiry will be held. Providing that we then get approval and the funding it is programmed that the works in this area would commence in March 2007 and be complete by September 2007. We hope to obtain monies from Townscape Heritage Initiative to cover the footway works from the Varsity to George Street early next year.

Responsibility

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

19. Ref: 504052 – Park Farm Shopping Centre – raised 06.10.04

Issue

An Allestree ward resident asked the council if they could put pressure on the private landlord who owns the Park Farm Shopping Centre development. The car park has no lighting, and is quite dangerous in the evening.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Councillor Webb explained that a meeting will be taking place to talk about all the issues relating to the Park Farm Shopping Centre, as a whole site solution. He informed the residents that the Park Farm Hotel has already been sold, and therefore the council cannot enforce anything on to the owners.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

This issue will be discussed at the meeting arranged by Councillor Webb for 18 November.

Responsibility

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

20. Ref: 504038 – Petition, Pedestrian Crossing, Brackensdale Avenue – received 21.07.04

Issue

The Panel noted a petition that had been received from residents of Mackworth requesting a pedestrian crossing be provided on Brackensdale Avenue. The reason was that the road served a school, and was near a small shopping centre and Kingsway Retail Park, and there was currently a heavy amount of traffic passing through daily.

Action reported at the meeting on 6 October 2004

We will carry out a site visit to make an initial assessment of the need for a crossing. This is likely to take place in October as the signals team has two vacancies and there is a backlog of investigations for crossing requests. It should be noted that funding for new pedestrian crossing requests is not available during the 2004/05 financial year as all funding has already been allocated to outstanding requests. An existing School Crossing Patrol operates on this site. Once we have completed our investigations we will report back to the panel.

Public response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Council response at the meeting on 6 October 2004

None.

Actions agreed at the meeting on 6 October 2004

Updates on agreed actions to feedback at the meeting on 1 December 2004

To close

Responsibility

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