

# ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.35 pm  
Time finished : 8.55 pm

## **AREA PANEL 4 (BLAGREAVES, LITTLEOVER AND MICKLEOVER WARDS) 28 JUNE 2006**

Present: Councillor Skelton (Chair)  
Councillors Allen, Care, Carr, Hird, Marshall and Troup

Derby City Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue  
Service Officers:

Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Richard Smail	-	Area Panel Manager
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Nick O'Key	-	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Steve Medlock	-	Head of Parks Traffic
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Inspector Henderson	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Simon Longley	-	Assistant Director Children and Young People
Mike Moore	-	Project Development Officer

23 members of the public were in attendance.

### **01/06 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones and Winter

### **02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

### **03/06 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **04/06 Minutes**

**Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 4 meeting held on 29 March  
2006 be confirmed as a correct record**

### **05/06 Chairs Report**

The Panel considered a report providing an update of current activities,

progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 4.

## 06/06 Petitions

### To Receive new Petitions

There were no new petitions.

### To Consider Petitions Received Since the Last Meeting

There had been no petitions received since the last meeting.

### Responses to Petitions Received

There were no responses.

## 07/06 Area Panel 4 Community Issues Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at previous meetings. The report included details of the issues raised, the proposed actions and the progress to date. The following issues in the report were discussed in detail:

### **Petition - Skateboard Park Request - Littleover**

Councillor Care asked how the response would be sent to the lead petitioner as she considered that they would be disappointed with the proposal of a mobile park. She considered that there should be a clearer policy on how to allocate possible sites.

**Agreed to inform the lead petitioner of the response and report back to the next meeting on the progress to develop a Council policy.**

### **Petition – Car Parking on Uttoxeter Road – Mickleover**

Councillor Care reported that although it had been hoped that a resident would be able to attend the meeting, the Residents Liaison Group was taking up the parking issue at a meeting with the hospital. It was considered that hospital staff were parking on Uttoxeter Road. It was considered that issues might improve when the Council took on parking enforcement on 1 July 2006.

**Agreed to keep the item open for further information.**

## 08/06 Public Question Time

### **Temporary Street Signs and Adverts – All Wards**

A member of the public raised concerns about the number of signs on the highways and asked what the policy for the removal of temporary signs was. The resident considered that there were too many 40mph repeater signs on Stenson Road and felt that the more signs that were put up the less notice people would take. He asked what could be done to stop the amount of flyposting in the city, including Armadillo, Weight Watchers and nightclubs.

Councillor Care responded that Armadillo had recently employed a new manager and that they had been slow to take down their poster. She stated that if they did not comply with the request to remove the signage they would be prosecuted. It was highlighted that it would be the flyposter, not the company being advertised, that would be prosecuted.

Councillor Troup commented that the Disabled People's Advisory Committee were keen to introduce a no tolerance policy on A Boards on footways, and was supported by the Council Cabinet Member.

**Agreed to confirm the road traffic signs policy.**

**Damage to Bendall Green roads, paths and grassed area – Blagreaves**

A member of the public raised concerns about the pathways and roads around Bendall Green being damaged by contractors working for Derby Homes. Although some repairs had been carried out, they were considered inadequate and others had still not been completed.

Councillor Skelton responded that she had asked the highways section to look into the problems and take the appropriate action.

Councillor Troup agreed to take the issues up with Derby Homes.

**Parking on Jackson Avenue - Littleover**

A member of the public raised concerns about cars and coaches parking at school drop off and pick up times. He considered that the congestion would mean that emergency services would be unable to get down the road. It was suggested that double yellow lines could be introduced to reduce the hazard.

Nick O'Key agreed that it was a continuous problem but that the Fire Service was limited with what it could do. He stated that posters could be put up and cars leafleted as a short term measure and that the scheme had been successful in other areas.

Councillor Hird stated that the same problem occurred outside Ravensdale School on Devonshire Drive in Mickleover.

**Agreed to investigate the possibility of double yellow lines.**

**Traffic Issues – All Wards**

A member of the public suggested that, as there were so many public questions relating to highway and traffic issues, a highways officer should attend a future meeting of Area Panel 4.

**Agreed to invite a highways officer to a future meeting.**

## 09/06 Millennium Wood

Steve Medlock gave a presentation outlining the history of the Millennium Wood site and the current issues affecting the development. He explained the city perspective relating to parks and that all parks gradually decline over time and the funding needed to address this is not provided by the Council. External funding was sought and the Council identifies match funding. Some funding was made available from Section 106 agreements and next year Derby Homes would provide some additional funding for some public open space near to Council owned housing.

It was noted that work on Millennium Wood could start with some consultation in 2007/8 that could take forward ideas for the following year. It was noted that while it would be possible to complete some small improvements to the wood it would involve using funding that is needed as match funding that will attract larger sums in the future.

Residents asked if access could be improved to the site. It was considered that without access from Oaklands Avenue the site was underused and unsafe. In addition there were requests for improvements to seating and lighting. Concern was expressed about parking for the wood and the chances that it could be built on.

**Steve agreed to explore the idea of permissive routes and report back to a future meeting of the Area Panel. The panel thanked Steve for his informative talk.**

## 10/06 Area Panel Review Progress Report

The Panel considered a report from the Director of the Community Safety Partnership updating the Panel on the progress of the Area Panel Review.

**Agreed to note the proposals to pilot changes to the operation of Area Panels 2 and 3 as a result of the Area Panel Review.**

## 11/06 Ivy House Special School Relocation to Derby Moor Community Sports College

The Panel received a presentation from Simon Longley about the relocation of Ivy House Special School to Derby Moor Community Sports College. It was reported that Ivy House was currently housed in an unsuitable building and it had been hoped that rehousing could take place, but was dependant on funding. Funding in excess of £7 million had now been received to develop a new site for Ivy House. The plan was not to merge Ivy House and Derby Moor together but to provide the benefits of being on the same site with a full range of peers.

It was reported that Council Cabinet had made a formal proposal in May 2006 to take the relocation forward. There would be a two month period for objections and the proposals would be considered by the School Organisation Committee, or the adjudicator if no agreement could be made. After these processes planning permission for the development would be sought.

A number of residents raised their concerns about the impact of additional traffic and parking in the area as a result of the relocation.

It was acknowledged that there were traffic and congestion issues at the site at school starting and closing, but the relocation would not impact on the area as much as residents perceive. The children attending Ivy House would be transported to and from home by special vehicles that would go straight onto the site and would not be parking outside the gates. In addition the starting and leaving times would not be exactly the same as existing students.

**Resolved to note the presentation. The panel thanked Simon for his presentation.**

## 12/06 Derbyshire Police

The Panel received a presentation from Inspector Henderson of Derbyshire Constabulary, in which he detailed the current statistics for Area Panel 4 for the last 6 months.

**Agreed to note the presentation**

## **13/06 Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service**

The Panel received a presentation from Nick O'Key of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue giving an update on the services Derbyshire Fire and Rescue service had been undertaking.

**Agreed to note the presentation**

## **14/06 Outturn Report: Area Panel 4 2005/06**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of the Derby Community Safety Partnership advising that in 2005/06 Area Panel 4 was allocated a budget of £22,000. The Panel had had an additional budget of £3 carried forward from 2004/05. The Panel also had £561 returned from projects under spending their allocation, making a total budget of £22,564 available to allocate to projects during 2005/06. The Panel allocated £21,622 giving a carry forward budget of £942 to allocate to projects on 2006/07.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## **15/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07**

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership was considered which set out details of one application for funding, which had been received:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group for serving the elderly in the community. Amount requested £970.

**Agreed to award funding to the application in the following way:**

- **Blagreaves Neighbourhood Care Group – granted £970**

## **16/06 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts**

A briefing from the Primary Care Trusts was considered.

Residents and the panel were disappointed about the closure of the Phlebotomy – blood – Clinic at Derby City Hospital. They noted there was also a service at Pear Tree Clinic.

**Resolved to note the Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trust**

## 17/06 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Agreed to appoint the following chairs for the 2006/07 municipal year

Date	Ward	Chair
Wednesday 27 September 2006	Littleover	Councillor Care
Wednesday 29 November 2006	Mickleover	Councillor Jones
Wednesday 31 January 2007	Blagreaves	Councillor Troup
Wednesday 28 March 2007	Littleover	Councillor Allen
Wednesday 27 June 2007	Mickleover	Councillor Winter

Minutes End